

# CHALLENGE 1: Space

When you hear the word space, what comes to mind? For some, it's personal: an emotional space or a creative space. For others, it can be physical: a crowded space or outer space. It's also an element of art that can help us think about the area surrounding the subject of a photograph.

## MATERIALS

A device to take pictures with (Camera, smart phone, or tablet)

A home you have permission to take a photo looking into

A Model or subject to photograph

## EXAMPLES



KEVIN COOLEY, COVID NIGHTS



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## STEPS

### Vocab

- **Portrait** - a painting, drawing, photograph, or engraving of a person, especially one depicting only the face or head and shoulders.
- **Self Portrait** - a portrait of an artist produced or created by that artist.
- **Silhouette** - the dark shape and outline of someone or something visible against a lighter background.

### Elements of Art

- **Line** - Can be vertical, horizontal, curved or jagged. Examples: roads, sunsets, bridges
- **Color** - Using warm or cool colors to set a mood
- **Texture** - how a surface feels (rough, smooth, wet or dry, soft or hard)

- **Shape**- shapes are generally flat, two-dimensional objects that can be characterized by their recognizable shape (circle, square, star, figure). They can be geometric or organic.
- **Space**- Either negative or positive space can be used to make a statement

#### Shoot

- Go outside of your home and look for a window that you can see into easily
- Take test photos during the day with your subject in the window to see how much of the person is visible
- Brainstorm activities for your model to be doing, and how you would like them to pose
- Go back outside right after the sun sets to take your final images
- Turn the lights inside of your house on
- Test out different poses and angles

#### Tips

- Make sure you are focusing on the person inside of the room
- If you are shooting on a phone tap the illuminated room and the person to focus on them and set the exposure to the inside of the house
- If your pictures are coming out too dark, try taking your photos earlier in the night, right before the sun sets!

## SHARE

Upload your photos and tag MOPA on Instagram @MOPASD.

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## SELF PORTRAITS IN YOUR ROOM

Your space reveals a lot about who you are. How you decorate and arrange your room at this point in your life will look different in 10 years and probably looks drastically different from when you were really young.

We are going to take self portraits in our space to portray this moment in our life.

## MATERIALS

A device to take pictures with (Camera, smart phone, or tablet)

Your bedroom

A tripod or a family member that is quarantined with you to hold your camera (optional)

## EXAMPLES



JULIE BLACKMON, CHASE



JULIE BLACKMON, TAKE OFF

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- Go to a space where you spend a lot of time and that is important to you. Look around, do you need to move certain things in or out? Do you need to do a quick clean, or is having that chair full of clothes a part of you?
- I chose to go to my desk area. This is where I paint my nails, do my makeup and work on my computer. I took out makeup that I use most often and arranged it in front of the mirror.
- I then took a brush and started posing in the mirror. My goal was to not be able to see my phone in the picture. I liked that you could see different parts of my hand and the brush in the sides of the mirror.
- I tested out lots of different angles and poses to get my final images

### Tips

- Test out the self timer! On iPhones all you need to do is click the timer button at the top of your photo screen and choose three or ten seconds, push the shutter button and get in position!
- Set up your shot, and then ask a family member to take the picture for you
- Put your device on a tripod or stand to help hold it up
- Take a lot of pictures! The more you take the more options you have.
- Try different angles, like worms eye view, birds eye view, and eye level