



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

ThinkersPress, Chicago, Illinois

Introduction

These artworks are made with my children, while they are at school, while they sleep, on a work break, in-between jobs and school, on the off chance that I have childcare, and sometimes while doing the laundry.

They are used while eating dinner, making dinner, washing the dishes, taking and giving showers and baths, doing laundry, helping with homework, having conversations, or any other way you like.

Jessica Mueller Mother & Artist

> "Women artists have long been advised to choose between motherhood and a serious career in the arts, and criticized for raising kids badly if they managed to do both."
> -Christa Donner

For my mother, my children, and all mother/artists.

"For most of history Anonymous was a woman." -Virginia Wolf

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What's in the Box

Material Specifications

muslin

terry cloth

acrylic

cotton

nylon

acrylic ink

paper

lint

a. napkins mw81.7

b. cloth dish towel mw81.8

c. paper dish towels mw81.9

d. washcloths mw81.10

e. acrylic words mw81.11

f. dirty laundry mw81.12

g. curtians mw81.13

Additional Materials Needed

Curtain rod

clothes line

clothes pins

push pins

household

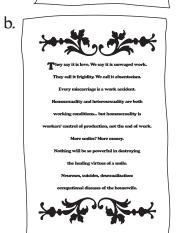
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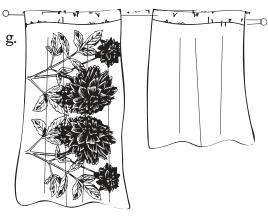


They under frigidity. We under a work.
They under frigidity. We under a work.
They under frigidity. We under a work accident.

Every miscarriage is a work accident.

Working conditions... includes the workers' control of production, not the end of work. More under More memory to work the state of production, and the end of work. More under More memory to work the state of the sta

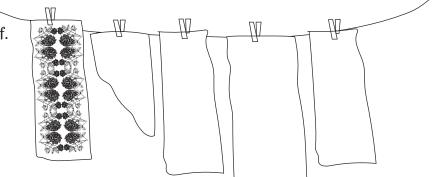






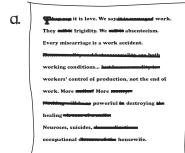


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How to Guide

Your new Mother Work/ds can be configured in anyway you see fit. The purpose of the following guide is to demonstrate basic functions and display options for the products.



It is love
We say work
They, frigidity
We, absenteeism
Every miscarriage is a work accident
Working conditions...
Workers' control of production, not the end of work
More
More powerful, destroying healing
Neuroses, suicides

Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Roll or fold
- 3. Place at dinner table for use

Maintenance:

Occupational housewife.

Cold wash on gentle only

Tumble dry low



They say it is love. We say it is unwaged work.

They call it frigidity. We call it absenteelsam.

Every miscarriage is a work accident.

Homosexuality and heteroexuality are both

working conditions... but homosexuality is

workers' control of production, not the off work.

More smilles? More money.

Nothing will be so powerful in destroying

"Though we have the courage to raise our daughters more like our sons, we rarely had the courage to raise our sons like our daughters." -Gloria Steinman

Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Place in kitchen
- 3. Use

Maintenance:

Cold wash on gentle only Tumble dry low



Option 1 Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Locate a place to display items (for example: drape over the kitchen sink, hang on hook or oven handle, empty space on wall)
- 3. Use push pins as needed

Maintenance:

Hang dry

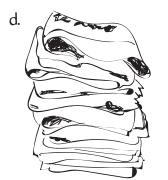
Do not avoid tears

"Maintenance Activity reconfigured as integral and representable value of a form of work ordinarily thought to be best accomplished when it goes unseen."

-Joanne Martin

Option 2 Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Rewet
- 3. Add soap
- 4. Wash dishes
- 5. Rinse
- 6. Remove access water
- 7. Hang dry



Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Place in bathroom or linen closet
- 3. scrub values in or experiences off, gently wipe away

Maintenance:

Cold wash on gentle only Tumble dry low

"The most valuable of all social capital is that invested in human beings and of that capital the most precious part is the result of the care and influence of the mother, so long as she retains her tender and unselfish instincts."

-Alfred Marshall, Principles of Economics (1980)

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Option 1 Steps:

- 1. Carefully remove from box
- 2. Locate space for display
- 3. Use push pins as needed

Option 2 Steps:

- 1. Carefully remove from box
- 2. Use as prop

Maintenance:

If not left on display return to box
Dust as needed
Wipe clean with microfiber cloth
Item is extremely fragile, handle with care



Option 1 Steps:

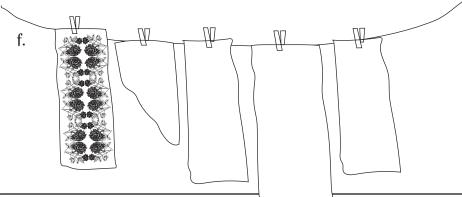
- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Locate space for display
- 3. Use clothes pins, clothes line and push pins as needed

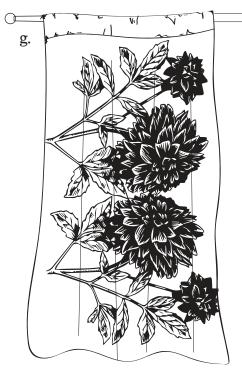
Option 2 Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Soak in dirty laundry water
- 3. Hang dry
- 4. Repeat steps 2-3

Maintenance:

If not left on display return to box. Hang dry. Do not avoid tears.



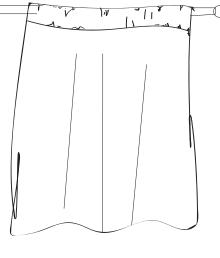


Steps:

- 1. Remove from box
- 2. Iron or steam out wrinkles and creases
- 3. Locate a common space in your home to hang
- 4. Insert curtain rod
- 5. Install curtain rod hardware (unless using tension rod)
- 6. Hang curtain
- *Tie backs optional

Maintenance:

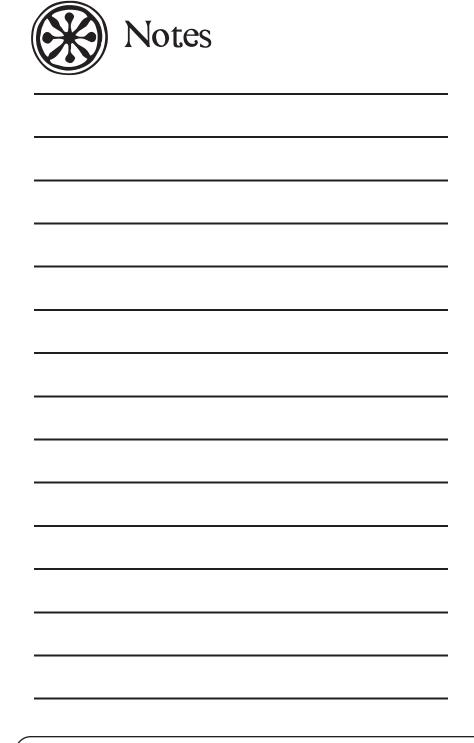
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"If women wish the position of the wife to have the honor which they attach to it, they will not talk about the value of their services and about stated incomes, but they will live with their husbands in the spirit of the vow of the English marriage service, taking them for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honor, obey." This is to be a wife." -Wives' Wages, New York Times, August 10, 1876

Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Solution
1. Children, spouse, friends	Invite questions
ask questions	Talk with your children, spouse, and/or
	friends
2. Children engage with	Observe
Mother Work/d in	Invite questions
unexpected ways	Ask questions
	Talk with your children
3. Spouse takes issue with	Talk with your spouse
or does not understand	Ask and invite questions
content	
4. You begin to notice	Write down/record your work/ds
your own Mother	Make your own Mother Work/ds
Work/d	Order custom artworks by emailing
	motherworkd@gmail.com
5. Embroidered pieces	Let it
start to unravel and snag	Cut thread to slow unraveling
	Order replacement
6. You no longer want	Pass on to another mother
or need your Mother	Be sure to include this manual
Work/d	Or return to ThinkersPress



How To Share Mother Work/d

- 1. Give kit to friend or family member
- 2. Email your own Mother Work/d to motherworkd@gmail.com for custom pieces and/or for inclusion in the project.
- 3. Return to ThinkersPress for possible exhibition opportunities

Product Warranty

All Mother Work/d is fully guaranteed for 9 months. Reasonable ware and tear is expected and encouraged, but is not covered by the warranty. Closely inspect upon receipt. All products are handmade, some inconsistancies are expected. Do not disgaurd worn out items. Email motherworkds@gmail.com for return instructions.

What is not covered? Tears, snag, stains, broken word, and damage caused by pets.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR MOTHER WORK/D.

WARNING! To reduce the risk of injury, do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.

WARNING! Choking hazard, keep away small parts away from young children.

WARNING! May cause adverse reactions. Exercise caution if using with children, spouse, friends, and while taking medication.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

"Defining oneself as a mother or as an artist (or both) is a cultural abstraction. They are iconic and static narratives. To be perfectly honest, sometimes I think I am solely a teacher, a crafter, or a dotty administrator. But regardless, I want to be able to choose and change who I am AND to be able to play with how others frame me."

-Michelle Grabner

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