

Not Just Kidspace | MASS MoCA



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Are you here with kids? Explore MASS MoCA through found objects! This self-guided tour takes approximately one hour. Follow your visit to our galleries with art-making in Kidspace.

FOUND OBJECT: A natural or human-made object not originally intended as art that an artist has transformed into an artwork.

Start on the first floor in [Explode Every Day: An Inquiry into the Phenomena of Wonder](#). Explore Charles Lindsay's *Field Station*. This mad scientist's studio contains real, fake, and absurd scientific objects. What objects would be in your science or art laboratory? Head to the Tall Gallery to view Tom Friedman's three-story artwork, *The Wall*. Friedman cast in plaster objects that we use every day. Even though they are all one color, we are still able to recognize the objects. Next, walk through Rachel Sussman's *[Selected] History of the Spacetime Continuum* to the last room of the exhibition. You will find rubber bands sitting on the window sill. Take a closer look and carefully touch the art (without removing any objects)—these "rubber bands" are made out of glass.

Take the freight elevator or stairs to the second floor to see [Alex Da Corte: Free Roses](#), and enter the red and white striped room. Watch Da Corte's *Chelsea Hotel No. 2*. Da Corte manipulates food so that this familiar object becomes strange. Follow the neon glow to his *Lightning* in the big room (careful only to walk on the hardwood flooring and not the carpet squares!). Similar to when the tornado transported Dorothy and Toto to Oz, *Lightning* represents a house struck by lightning, where all the objects and rooms in the house have been unhinged.

For the last stop, head back to the lobby and take the stairs or elevator near the museum store to [Kidspace](#) on the second floor. In *Here Comes the Sun*, Federico Uribe repurposes materials that you may use every day (such as books, colored pencils, CDs, sneakers, and scissors) into colorful animals and environments. Notice animals that are next to each other. What do you think they are saying?

Now it's your turn to be the artist! Drop by the Kidspace ArtBar to create your own art made of found objects. (The ArtBar is open weekends and school breaks, including all summer).