

We need our possessions to make survival possible. It is part of our evolution. Without things, we feel vulnerable. Our sense of ownership emerges incredibly early. Winnicott writes, **"It is not the object, of course, that** *is transitional. The object represents the infant's transition from a state of being merged with the mother to a state of being the relation to the mother as something outside and separate*"



We discovered a bidirectional way in which we connect with objects. This displays the diverse and transversal nature of care that we carry around with us, hidden in our pockets, bags or wallets. We should celebrate these microcosmos of care.

(Dunne & Rabby, 1999)

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Practitioner Research



Nadia Lee Cohen "Hello, my name is…"



Julie Hollenbach and Robin Alex McDonald "Feelings, Objects, Altars"





Establishing Research Tools



Connecting with Carriers



Develop and Display





"to take a photograph is to participate in another person's mortality, vulnerability, mutability. precisely by slicing out this moment and freezing it, all photographs testify to time's relentless melt."

— Susan Sontag, On Photography





What are you carrying with you today that represents or has to do with care for you?

Would you tell me the story behind it?



Visiting studios for participants







After the development of the pinhole camera images we found that some pictures were slightly overexposed and it wasn't clear as to what the objects were. We made the decision to illustrate on top of the original images as a means to document and honour the "Caring" objects with the audio describing them overlayed in the final video. We can see that there is room for improvement in our technique and knowledge of this moving forward. However, the use of the illustrations still fits the original aims of a considered means of documentation.



Introductions and getting moun E Meeting two 3 Meeting One 3 to know each Others intrests. Methods Sharing research and establishing / of pinhole a direction to move we established Gathering camera Refiningan idea resources and ashared intrested in forward towards to focus researchon small acts of Care research Tutorials and Sharing Moving forward Meeting to bring ideas with peers to see where Building our documentation up possible With feedback and Changes need to be made method. -> pinhole Challenges with creating a Consent Camera approaching people form for participants and revaluating the Questions we're going to ask -> organic Approaching participants Conversations in our respective and comfort Studio's and To do = produce and for mula fina, engaging in interveiws. presentation of images and stories. develop images.

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