

## BUILDING A HOME

*Building A Home* is a series of works that explore what it means to construct a place to call home. Most of us start and end the day in a structure. This structure, designed to hold people, meaningful things, and memories, is a place where I feel in control and properly oriented in space and time. From the outside, a house appears as a sturdy and strong structure, but with one peep into the attic, you can view many of the parts that keep the home physically together, even down to the studs and screws. To me, this makes a home feel more vulnerable and perhaps, more impermanent.

From a young age, I was taught about the idea of the American Dream from plastic building blocks, wooden logs, and tinker pieces. If you can build it, then you can attain it. The use of child construction toys serves more than just nostalgia, but reflect on the delicacy it takes to create a place to call home from scratch that will last for years to come. There is this feeling you get as a child that you built something strong, but the impermanence of the structure appears when it is easily knocked over.