

fem·i·nin·i·ty  
/ ,femə' ninədə/  
*noun*

1. qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of women.  
"she alternated between embracing her femininity and concealing it"

mas·cu·lin·i·ty  
/ ,maskyə' linədə/  
*noun*

1. qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of men.  
"handsome, muscled, and driven, he's a prime example of masculinity"

The feminist movement and the push for gender non-conformity was the main inspiration for my work. Additionally the ideals set onto the young of how their bodies should look and how they should present inspired my work.

I was heavily inspired by my own experience as a woman. I wished to explore research of gender fluidity and the toxic traits that may come from masculinity and femininity alike. The Guerrilla Girls, Botticelli's "Birth of Venus," Franco/Flemish School's "Justice" and other works inspired the piece.

I wished to represent two ideas, one being the "male gaze" and the other how real femininity should be perceived. I hope to show that standards set by the patriarchy are anything but inspirational, and that true femininity lies beneath and within us all. I painted two wooden boxes and cut out old newspapers to lay onto both. Then I printed out works by artists and sexist quotes by famous men. I put my favorite pieces and created a small museum in one of the boxes. With the other, I created a collage of inspiring quotes, cut outs, and made miniature room-like decor to scatter over the bottom of the box. I covered the floor in moss and painted an ocean to the side. I then carved an image out of linoleum and used different colored paint to cover the sides of the box.

*MASCULINE EYES: YOU'RE TOO LOUD*

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