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Toy Blocks :]
Wooden boxes, acrylic paint, buttons, fabric, paper, gold foil, paint markers

For my final project, I created 4 cubes. This project was inspired by my anxiety and how it affects every aspect of my life, like my art. I started posting my art online for fun years ago, and quickly got roped into the competition of how many likes, followers, etc. you can get. Even after changing online personas and accounts, the competition was still there. But this time I was kind of winning? Which is even scarier. The feeling of thousands of eyes watching your every move, setting your bar even higher so you don't let them down. And even then, it's hard to see people as more than numbers. Have you ever tried to picture tens of thousands of people in a room with you? I remember how irrationally scared I was to go back to in person school, just because I thought people might recognize me, even though I've never shown my face online. All this being said, I love posting my art online. People you've never met putting you on a pedestal really boosts your self-esteem.

On the flipside, people seeing my art can be incredibly embarrassing, so I hide my self-indulgent art a lot. It's uncomfortable when people look me up and down, and I can't decipher what they think about me, but it's so much worse when it's my art instead. I know a lot of artists make art that aims to make the viewer uncomfortable, but my project was made to make myself uncomfortable. I collected over 60 digital drawings I've made in my time at Oxbow and I collaged them together on these cubes. The drawings are mostly self-indulgent doodles, to make myself happy, that I wouldn't otherwise share in person, so I hope you enjoy.