

For my final project I wanted to explore how Metropolitan areas affect people and the environment. As a person who grew up in an extremely rural area, I was interested in metropolitan areas because of my limited exposure to these areas growing up. I found in my research constant mentions of how people form smaller communities within these massive urban areas. I wanted to learn more about how these smaller communities function and decided to create my own small community particularly focusing on how the people within these communities are affected by the stress of the surrounding metropolitan area.

I wanted to construct a colorful and lively piece that showed multiple aspects of a small community (ex. houses, shops, a park, and apartments). First, I decided to paint recycled drink cans to make them look like buildings, and I used the pop-tabs and wire to make tiny people that could live in the town. After Patrick helped me source a broken mini-fridge, I used cardstock and green felt to create grass and streets. Then, I added details with small items made with watercolor paper, wire, and beads. The buildings were hot-glued into the fridge for stability, and the other smaller pieces were staged. I wanted to use trash in my piece to add to the message of how metropolitan areas affect our environment and increases in consumerism and waste production.

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