

The Tree of My Family

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Using recycled copper wire I sculpted a realistic representation of a tree. Inspired by the artists I researched I used a range of materials and techniques to resolve my finished artwork. Using mod podge and paint over the armature of the leaves to create a membrane for the leaves. The swing was created using nails with copper wire wrapped around them.

As a part time electrician using copper wire as a medium was something I had experience with. Copper is easily mailable and I really like the colours and textures you can create with it. For sculpture it is perfect as it can support itself and can continue to be moved and added to.

This tree represents a lot of my life, it speaks of my family and the fullness and vibrancy within in it. It represents the growth of myself in a literal and metaphorical sense the swing is a token to my innocence from childhood and the fact that I am now an adult and am no longer a child with the care free world of play and the ever present support offered from my parents.

They still support me but my decisions and the results of them are now mine to own.