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Embellished Foil Adornment Inspired by René Amado

Racine-based photographer and teacher, René Amado has been engaged in lowrider culture in one way or another throughout his life. The image below, *Madre Santa*, is a part of a body of work by Amado that highlights lowrider cars, bikes, and community through photography and video. Featured in RAM's exhibition, *Low: René Amado*, this piece gives a glimpse into the powerful narratives underscoring how objects and images can address personal and community development, tradition and innovation, and creativity and aesthetics. Take inspiration from these bright, bold colors and images to create your own hanging embellished foil adornment.



René Amado
Madre Santa, 2023, printed 2024
High-gloss metal print
40 x 30 inches
Courtesy of the Artist
Photography: Courtesy of the Artist

Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- White or clear glue
- Food coloring
- Black permanent marker
- Hole punch or scissors
- String
- Paint brush
- Toothpick



Instructions:

1. Wrap your piece of cardboard in aluminum foil creating one smooth side.
2. Use a permanent marker to draw designs and create patterns on the foil.
3. Mix a small amount of food coloring with white or clear glue for as many colors as you want to add to your foil adornment.
4. Paint the colored glue over the foil in thin layers. The permanent marker designs will show through when dry.
5. While your art is still wet, use a toothpick to draw patterns in the glue.
6. Punch or cut holes in the top of your adornment and add a length of string to hang your art!

