**Artist Habits of Mind**

1. **Develop Craft**
   - Learning to use tools and materials.
   - Learning the practices of an art form.

2. **Engage & Persist**
   - Learning to take up subjects of personal interest and importance within the art world.
   - Learning to develop focus and other ways of thinking helpful to working and persevering at art tasks.

3. **Envision**
   - Learning to picture mentally what cannot be directly observed, heard or written and to imagine possible next steps in making a piece.

4. **Express**
   - Learning to create works that convey an idea, feeling or personal meaning.

5. **Observe**
   - Learning to attend to visual, audible and written contexts more closely than ordinary “looking” requires; learning to notice things that otherwise might not be noticed.

6. **Reflect**
   - Learning to think and talk with others about one’s work and the process of making it.
   - Learning to judge one’s own and others’ work and processes in relation to the standards of the field.

7. **Stretch & Explore**
   - Learning to reach beyond one’s supposed limitations, to explore playfully without a preconceived plan and to embrace the opportunity to learn from mistakes and accidents.

8. **Understand Art World**
   - Learning about the history and practice of the art form.
   - Interacting with other artists and the broader arts community.

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