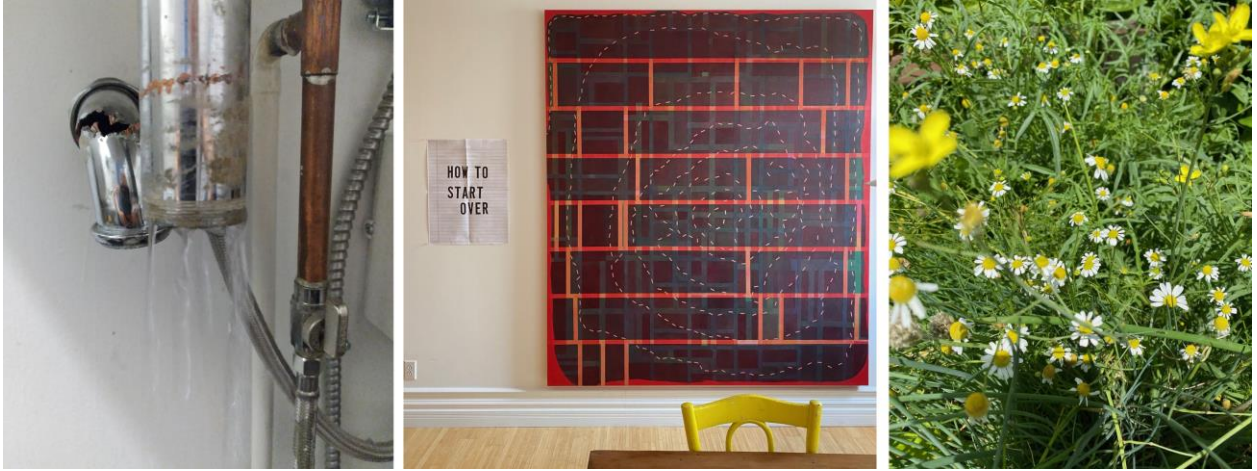


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Ashley Culver on *Leaking Logic*



Ten Things that Make a House a Home

1. Friends know where to drape their coats when visiting.
2. Cooking eggs, I am familiar with how my body fits into the architecture so when I reach for a flipper to poke the yolk it is a dance of ease.
3. Our body replaces our skin cells along with various other cells, shedding them in the process so our DNA surrounds us.
4. Objects have accumulated filling the space, finding their place and forming a self-portrait of the inhabitant: bookshelves with books, refrigerator door with magnets holding postcards, cupboards with dishes and couch cushions with unintentional treasures of buttons and loonies.
5. I have stood on every square foot and sneezed in each room.
6. Lentils fall in the crevice between the stove and counter.
7. We hang a photograph of ourselves from that summer we took a cross-country road trip and when we walk by it we say, 'This is us, we live here.'
8. The chamomile houseplant on the windowsill has died and re-emerged year after year. Again and again, with their yellow round pistils.
9. One longs to lay their head here.
10. After watching a few how-to videos on YouTube and borrowing a wrench from our next-door neighbour, my love fixes the leaky shower faucet.