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*Lei-tex*

latex gloves

“The theme of this piece is glorifying the mundane and utilitarian.

Latex exam gloves, the sole materials used here, are nothing if not sterile and functional. To that end, they are discarded after each use. Contrary to this, necklaces tend to be something precious. Something stored in a decorative jewelry box, worn on special occasions, and passed down from generation to generation.

By deconstructing and re-representing elements of these gloves in the style of a Hawaiian lei, they are completely transformed.

The bland color now seems peaceful. And once in the shape of vibrant and beautiful flowers the synthetic seems natural. In this representation, I hope to make apparent how beautiful the protection provided by this product really is.”

*\*exempt from competition*