

Kalliopi Monoyios

# Patterns of Consumption

ACTIVITY CARD



Kalliopi Monoyios, *Gyre*, folded single use plastic packaging, 2019.

## FIND

Plastic is a term we use for an array of materials made up of chains of repeating molecules. It is found in clothing, housewares, toys, medical devices, vehicles, and infrastructure. It coats our walls, transports our water, encases our food, fills our cavities, and even prolongs our lives.

**FIND** something in this exhibit you didn't know is made from plastic.

## IMAGINE

Artist Kalliopi Monoyios uses single-use plastic food wrappers in her artwork. By creating beauty from a commonly used material that society treats as disposable, she questions the perceived value of plastic. Despite issues caused by its long afterlife and environmental toll, plastic is a unique material that makes modern life efficient and comfortable.

As a work of fine art, or a treasured heirloom such as a quilt, plastic becomes something treated with admiration, like a precious resource.

**THINK** about all of the things in your life made from plastic.

**IMAGINE** how far in your day you could get without needing something that is plastic.

**ASK** yourself if there is another material you could use to replace it and whether that replacement is something you would use many times or just once?