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***Nestled (Fruit and Tree)***

14" x 16" x 16"

Low fire clay, glaze, wood, latex paint, lint, nylon  
\$500

**Mary Elkins**

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**Bio**

Mary Elkins is a ceramic and fiber artist who focuses on memory, motherhood and domesticity. She grew up in Jonesboro, Arkansas and studied ceramics at U of A in Fayetteville. Mary has her MFA in Craft/Material Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University. A stay-at-home mother and caregiver to three kids (ages 11, 10 and 6), she works in her home studio in her backyard in Van Buren. There she keeps all her family's worn out clothes for future pieces, her clay and her kiln. Making art is how she processes daily life, especially as her family grows. Occasionally she teaches 3-D Design at UAFS.

**Artist Statement**

I have loved ones fighting cancer and living with Alzheimers. As a result, I have been focused on the appeal of the expected. Creating an object that belongs to a particular space has been my way to manifest hope via art making. In the past I would always start from an object and sort out where it belongs. Containers feel expected and focusing on them is my way of trying to control my surroundings.

