During this unique time, when we cannot be together in public spaces, the definition of “public” art has been transformed.

Creating “public” art to share with our neighbors can help us express how we are feeling, help uplift one another, and bring our community together to heal.

The Colorado Springs Public Art Commission is issuing a fun and creative challenge to residents: Create your own “public” art to share with your neighbors and the greater community.

The following pages are meant to help guide you through your artistic process. Be creative, express yourself, be safe, and have fun!
Your “Public Art” should be art or performances that can be seen from the street by pedestrians, or those driving by.

Examples are:
- Chalk art on your driveway or sidewalk
- A theatrical or musical performance from your driveway, front porch, patio, or balcony
- Hanging objects and art pieces from your trees, bushes or balconies
- Window art
- Signs of inspiration, solidarity and thanks
- Painted rocks
- Creative décor
- Yard sculptures
- Night time light shows
- Yarn art

Join your community in creating artwork for the “First Saturday” of each month: August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5.

Get creative in September for Neighbor UP! and have your artwork ready for Arts Month in October!

Collaborate with your neighbors on creative and appropriate themes like patriotism, whimsy, color, healing, inspiration, and solidarity.
Share your Public Art At Home creative process, photos and videos on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with hashtag #cospublicartathome and @cityofcos

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Spread the word! Please share the Public Art at Home challenge with your own social media network, neighbors, HOA, schools, community centers, and friends. We are all artists!
Share your art with the greater community!

Email Michael.Montgomery@coloradosprings.gov to add your address to a Google map for the challenge. Your name and personal details will not be included on the map, but your address will so that people can drive by and check out your beautiful artwork.

Remember to maintain proper social distancing when viewing art and performances. Follow all guidelines provided by local, state, and federal authorities.
El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs Public Art Commission will be nominating participating Public Art at Home artists for the “Commissioner’s Choice Award”!

The county has chosen “Patriotism” as the theme for the award. We ask those wishing to participate to use that red, white, and blue, and be as patriotic with your artwork as you can be.

We hope to display images of the winner’s artwork in the El Paso County Centennial Hall building.

Be sure to post your artwork to social media so you can be nominated for the award.