Play with a tabletop full of household and found objects provided by the gallery staff. Make a whirly gig and stage them, then film it with provided cameras for our archives. How is your work similar or different from Robin Mandel’s? Ask each other about the pieces you are making. What happened before and what might happen next?

Visit our Freedman Kids Library

Ask at the desk to look through our collection of art books just for kids. Get cozy in the corner and curl up with an art book while you are at the gallery.

Project 5

Take a look and examine these playful works and make some of your own.

Try this at home:

Choose an ordinary household object and create a drawing of it without lifting your pencil.

Draw for 30 seconds without stopping.

Get a piece of string and drop it on a piece of paper. Trace the lines made by the string.

Repeat until the drawing is done.

Related films and web sites:

robinmandel.net • www.rubegoldberg.com • www.youtube.com/watch?v=U82eWpFxsSs

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Welcome
TO THE ROBIN MANDEL EXHIBITION

Robin Mandel works with kinetic sculptural installations and photograms. Mandel stages “happenings” that verge on performance art – held in a theater where we can suspend our disbelief and accept his alternate realities. His work examines objects from everyday domestic life. These objects, through repetition of movement and humor, stand for and point to the simultaneous frailty and absurdity of life.

Project 1
CUT A CUP, EAT A BROOM

Go on a scavenger hunt and gather information around the gallery. See what you find. How is this space different from other spaces you have seen? Take a closer look and describe what you see. Write your comments and questions on post-it notes and stick them right next to the artwork. Play a game of I SPY to identify materials and ideas in the artwork and write that down too.

Project 2
ADD IT ON

A collaborative project of concrete poetry. Grab a pillow and have a seat around the suitcase of words. Pull them out and play with them on the floor to create your own poems. Add on to an existing poem or start your own.