

**Sophia Allison**  
**Artist Statement**

“Made from handmade and watercolor paper, my sculptures loosely reference natural elements inspired by mountainscapes, minerals, rocks, and gems. The sculptures capture and remap both physical and emotional geographies that are formed intuitively through exploring variations of the material process.

The geometric sculptures are created from watercolor paper and wood. I paint the front and back of the paper with acrylic paint mixed with dirt from my garden and glitter. I dry the paper on crinkled plastic bags that once removed create the terrain-like textures. I then hand-cut angular and grid-like shapes and assemble them like puzzles onto wooden skeletons.

For the geodes, I create paper pulp from blended recycled materials along with acrylic paint, glitter, and other elements. While damp, I cast the pulp on a half-dome mold and once dry, I build the interior with painted watercolor paper, glitter, and Epsom salt.”