Laure Tixier

Plaid Houses (Maquettes)
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**Felt Like Home**

Laure Tixier (b. 1972) explores relationships between humans and the built environment. Plaid Houses, a series of diminutive maquettes, or sculptor’s models, recall childhood blanket forts while referencing dwellings from around the world.

**Take a closer look**

Inspect the hand stitching that joins felt walls and roofs. Survey how these soft structures sit and sag.

**Something to talk about**

These works evoke personal associations with domestic architecture. Which of Tixier’s houses reminds you most of your childhood home? Which would you prefer to live in today? Why?

**In her own words**

“These architectures are bodies with felt skin.”

**Who knew?**

The word “plaide” in Scottish Gaelic means blanket.