



CREATING A HOME ALTAR

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Home altars or *ofrendas* are personal expressions of who people were in life. Traditional altar items include images of a deceased loved one(s), their favorite objects and food, and are sometimes decorated with marigolds and *calaveras*. Museum Teaching Artist Tina Villadolid created a personal version of a home altar on her mantelpiece. Images of its elements are below to hopefully inspire ideas for your own *ofrenda*.



Objects that represent where your loved one is from



Votive candles, sage, cedar, or Palo Santo smudges



Objects from nature that are meaningful for you



Animal spirits



Objects that represent family or history



Handmade or handwritten cards that speak to your loved one's memory

