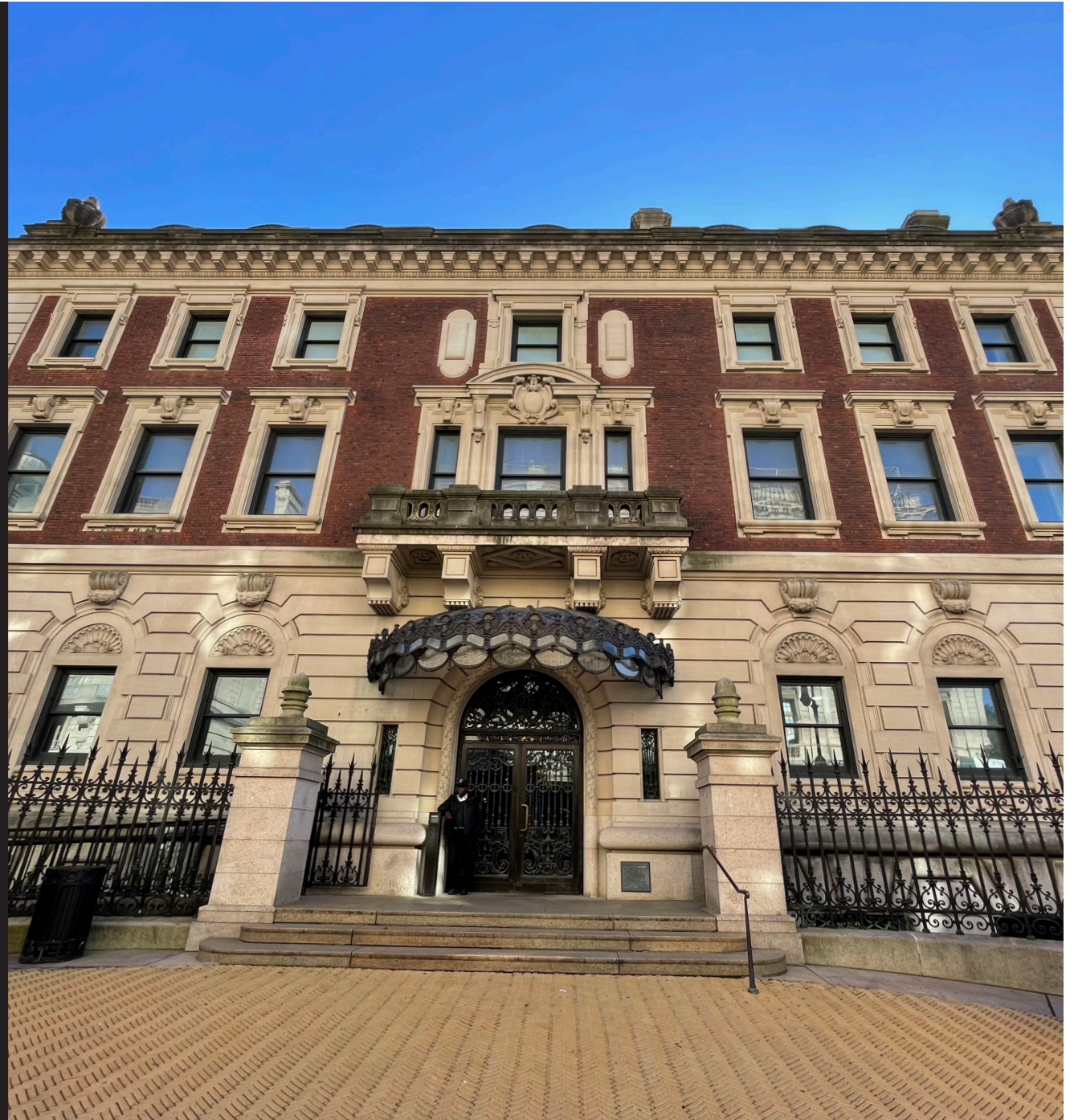
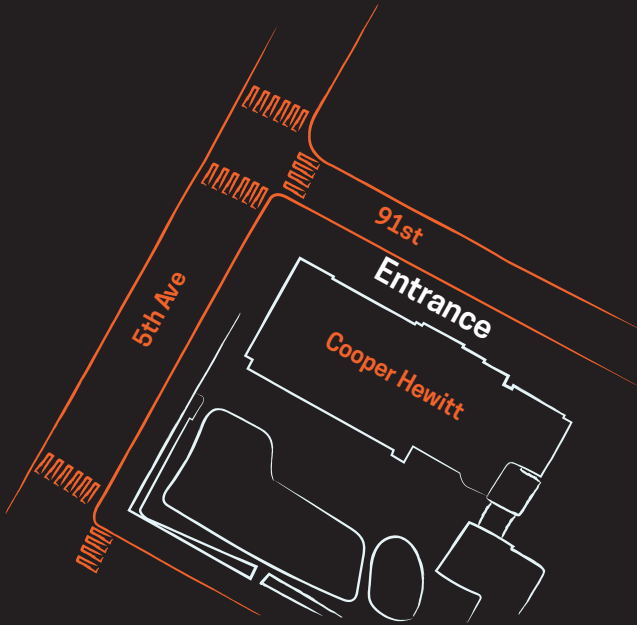


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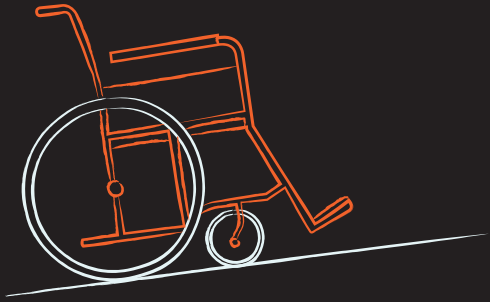
**Cooper Hewitt
Smithsonian Design Museum**



I am going to visit
Cooper Hewitt,
Smithsonian Design
Museum located at
2 E 91st Street between
Madison and 5th Avenue.



I will go up the **steps** or **ramp** located to the **left** of the stairs and go through the big front door.



I will also see **security guards** around the museum. Security guards are at the museum to make sure we are **safe**.



If I am carrying a bag, a security guard may check inside it, and they will give my bag back after they are done.



When I enter, to my right is the **coat check**. If I don't want to wear my coat, I can ask,

"May I please check my coat?"

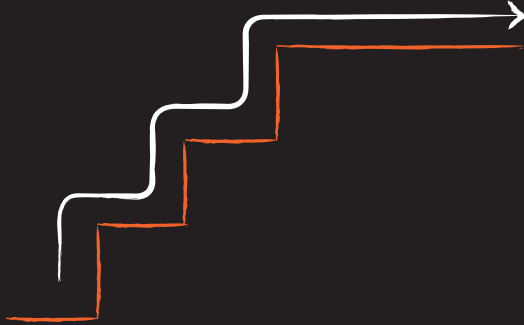


The staff member will take my things and hand me a **ticket**.



I need to hold onto this ticket and give it back to get my coat before I leave the museum.

After, I can go up a few
stairs...

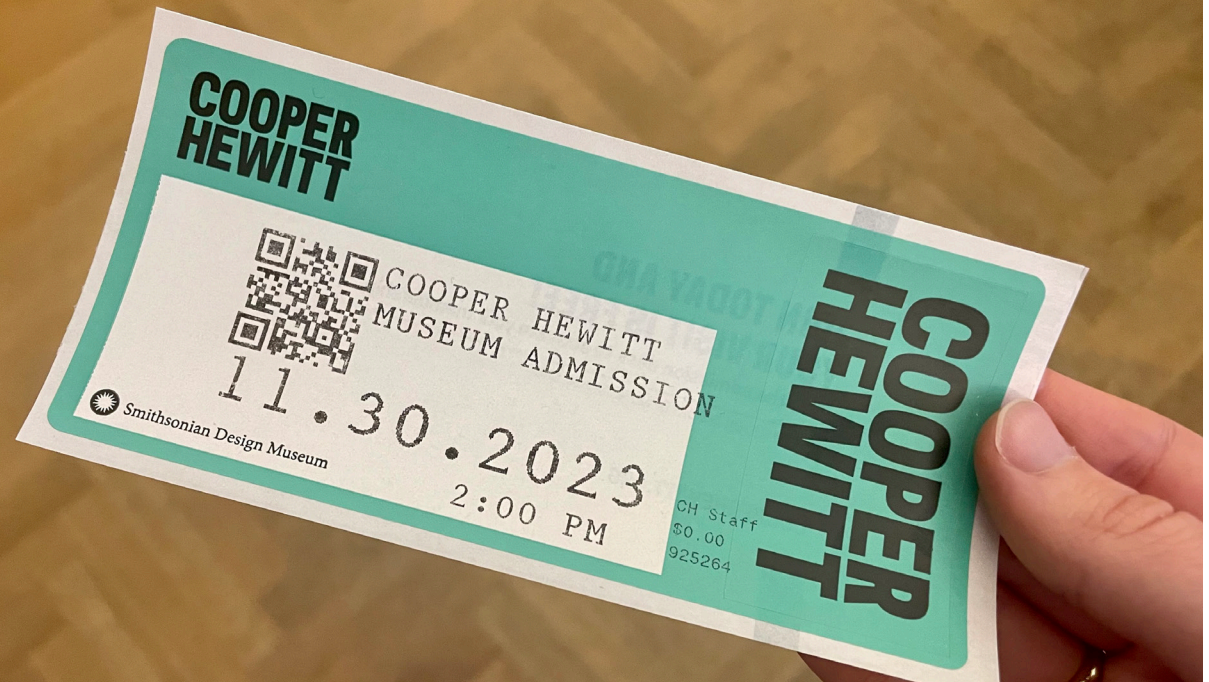


Or take the
elevator to the
Great Hall. The
elevator is
located to the
left of the coat
check.



To my left in the Great Hall is the **Visitor Experience desk**. If I have an online ticket, I can show a staff member.

If I don't I can ask, "**Can I buy a ticket?**"



I can ask the Visitor Experience desk any **questions**.

"Where is the bathroom?"

or

"Which gallery should I visit first?"



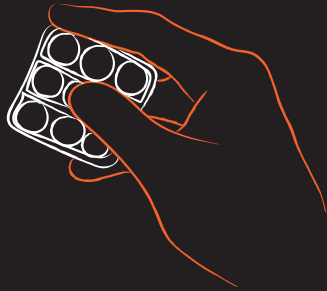
I will get a Cooper
Hewitt **sticker** to put on
my clothes.

I can wear the **sticker**
anywhere on myself. It
shows I have paid for a
ticket.



At the **Visitor Experience desk**, I can ask, “**Can I have a sensory support bag?**”. The bag has fidgets and earplugs.

I can keep this bag and take it home after my visit.



I can also ask, “**Can I check out a pair of ear defender headphones?**”



I must **return** these headphones back to the Visitor Experience desk at the end of my visit.

I can take the
stairs...

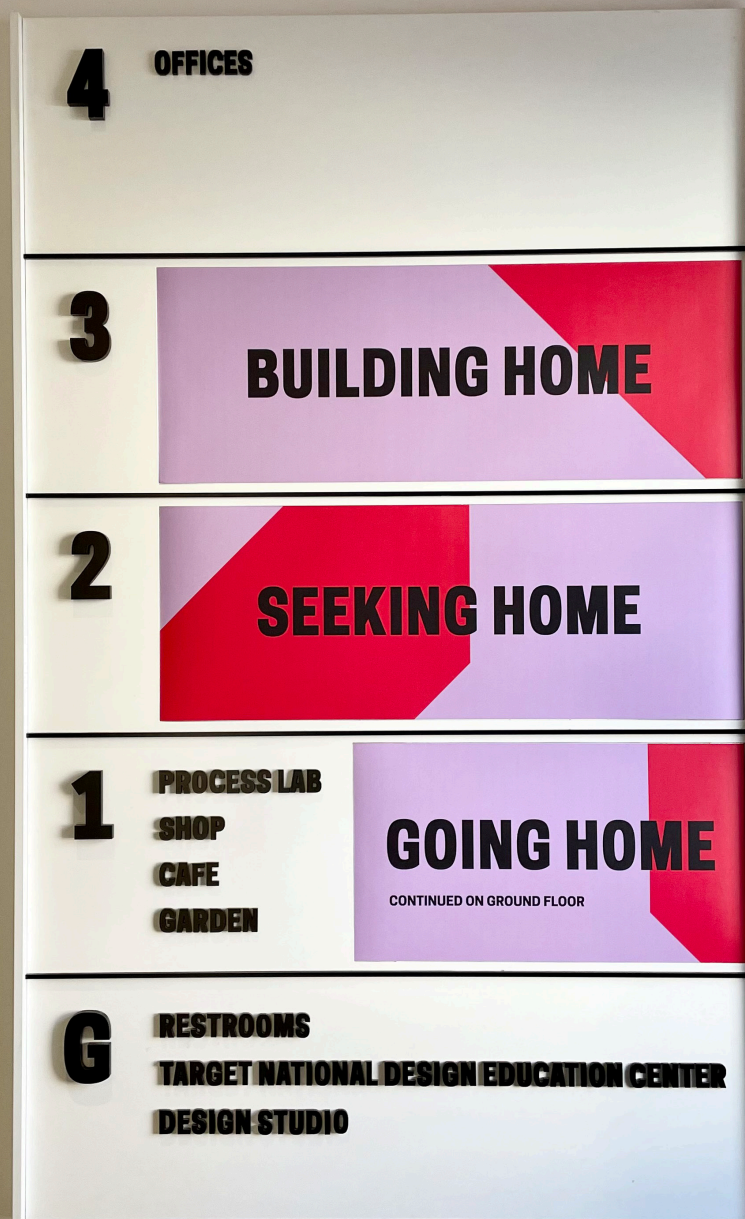


or the **elevator** to the ground
floor, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.



I can check the **sign** in the **stairwell** to see what is showing on each floor.

I can also see if a gallery is **closed**, which means I cannot visit.



Each floor has a large **wooden valet** where you can find a **brail map** of the floor and **large print labels**.



There are areas in the museum that **I can only look at.**



There are also areas in the museum that **I can look at and touch.**



If I can **touch** an object, I
will see **this symbol** or a
sign telling me to touch it.



Please Touch & Explore

Feel free to explore the Mobile Refuge Room
as if it were your home.



For me, a basket is a container or a
vessel that holds everything. It can hold
food, it can hold physical objects, but it
also can hold memories.

—TDJ



Traditionally, we used willow and cattail
but because of the climate change those
died off, because of the water depleting. I
was really fortunate to have a teacher that
taught me willow. There was one tree in
my father's village that was still there. I
picked there once, but then the drought
came in and killed (the last) of them. Now
we only use yucca and beargrass.

—TDJ

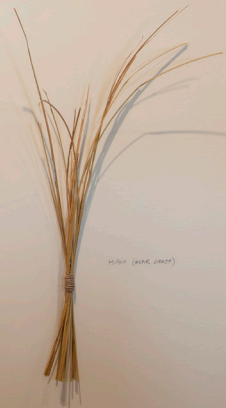


Yucca (Yucca elata)



I made a promise to my teachers to
teach.

—TDJ



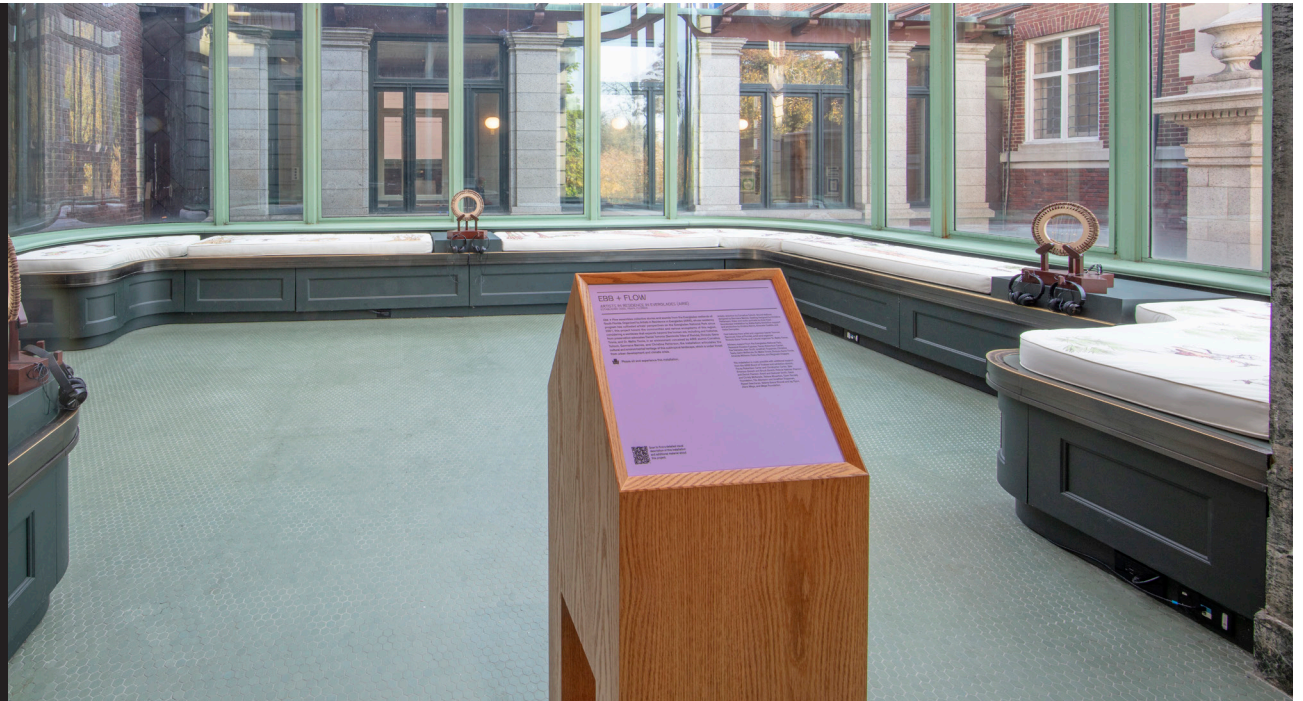
Yucca (Yucca elata)

If I don't see the touch
symbol, it means **I cannot
touch** and this is only for
looking.

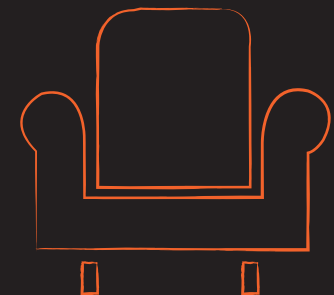


Many parts of the exhibit
are room installations.

I can **read** about the
installation on the **vertical
wooden pilar** next to it.



The **pliar** will have a
chair symbol, telling me
I can sit down on
furniture.



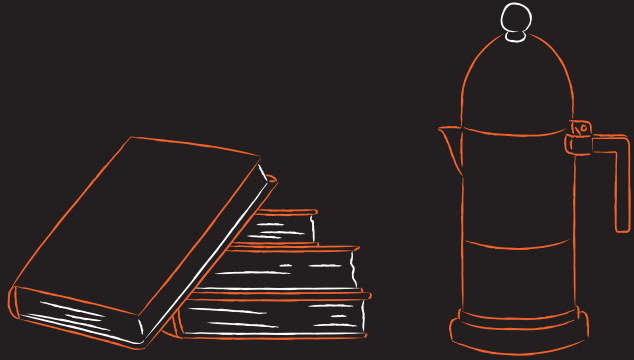
There are **restrooms** by the **Cafe** and on the **ground floor**.

By the **Cafe**, there are single stall, all-gender restrooms.



On the **ground floor**, there are men's and women's restrooms with many stalls as well as a single stall, accessible restroom for all genders.

The **loudest** and **brightest** areas of the museum are the **gift shop**...



the **cafe**, and the **seating area** between them.



If I need a **quiet break**,
I can go to the
conservatory on the
first floor...



GIVE
ME
A SIGN



or the area
below the
grand
staircase in
the **Great Hall.**



If I need a break
somewhere I can be
loud, I can go to the
garden...



or the **ground floor!**



I cannot have food or drinks in the galleries.

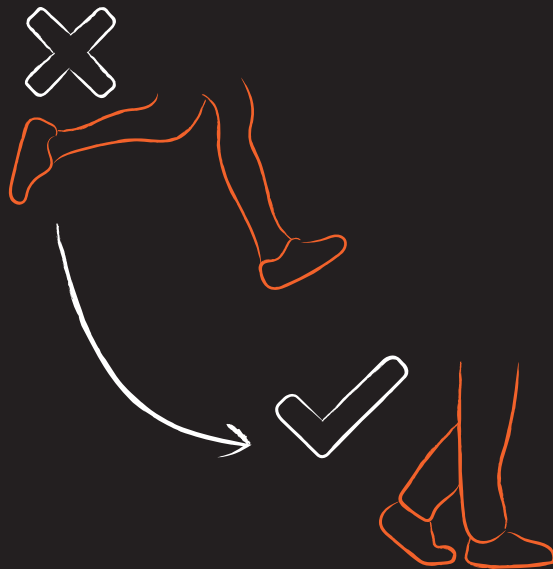


If I am hungry or thirsty, I can go to the cafe or garden to eat.



There are other people who are visiting the museum.

I should remember to be **respectful of others** and my surroundings. I should **walk** when I am inside and use **indoor voice volumes**.



Before I leave, I should go to the **coat check** to collect my belongings.



If I borrowed **ear defender headphones**, I should return them to the **Visitor Experience desk**.

