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My work provides a place for reflection on our ecosystems as it relates to the cyclical nature of decomposition and recomposition. The entire world, including ourselves, participates in a constant cycle that we as humans have tried to undermine. Our misstep, that does injustice to the whole system, is a grave error, and we must reflect and observe the alchemy that is life and death in order to begin the process to restore symbiosis. To this end, my work invites you to sit, observe, and reflect on the decomposition and recomposition of matter. From the seat, you can reflect on how the new grows from the disintegration of the old. This is one of the most basic and vital processes in our world because it is the basis that all life is built on.

*Equivalent Exchange*, 2022

Wood, Plants, Soil

Dimensions variable

Image: *Equivalent Exchange* (detail)