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Informant:

Shannon Meyer (me) is a junior at Utah State University majoring in Computer Engineering. She was born and raised in Salt Lake City. While she was in her teenage years, she would travel a lot with her family and with a church bell choir

Context:

This collection was started when Shannon was in middle school. Her middle school around Halloween and Valentine’s day would have a booth set up where they would send chocolate or rubber ducks to your friends in the school. Shannon got a duck from a friend and decided to try and collect all the ducks the school was selling. She did that all three years she was in middle school. It turned into a joke for a little bit until she started telling people to give her ducks as gifts and started collecting them for her collection as she traveled.

Text:

These are the ducks that Shannon has collected. There are 170 ducks at the time this project was collected.
Texture:

It doesn’t matter who gives the ducks, the goal here would be to collect as many interesting ducks as possible. She wants many unique ducks. She is very proud of her ducks. Whenever someone she knows travels, she asks for a duck as a souvenir. There is a duck from Germany, New York, Houston Canada, and many more places. She prefers the ducks to be rubber, and not stuffed or glass or anything else. The ducks must resemble a rubber duck and not just be a rubber bath toy. There is a rubber fish in the collection but she only has that because it was a gift. She often uses the ducks as decoration around her dorm room and stores the rest in the wooden structure shown in the pictures.

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