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### **Rose-petal pink plastic**

Pink plastic shopping bags have been among Maren Hassinger's key materials for more than 30 years. According to Mary Jones, who interviewed Hassinger in 2015, the artist's apartment brims with them. Sometimes she puts love notes inside them. Sometimes she hangs them in trees. Once, in 1982, she went to a blighted Lynwood neighborhood, where houses had been torn down to make room for a freeway, and, wearing a suit of pink plastic, replaced trash in a park with trash she'd painted rose-petal pink. Now, at the Landing, a large circle made of her inflated pink bags fills a back wall. It looks both cheap and seductively voluminous, the bags all bulging in different ways. The installation is part of a group show, "Signifying Form," featuring work by black female artists in Los Angeles. The oldest sculpture dates back to 1935, though most of the art has a weathered maturity that makes it hard to think of the works in terms of new and old. *5118 W. Jefferson Blvd., West Adams; through June 3. (323) 272-3194, [thelandinggalleries.com](http://thelandinggalleries.com).*