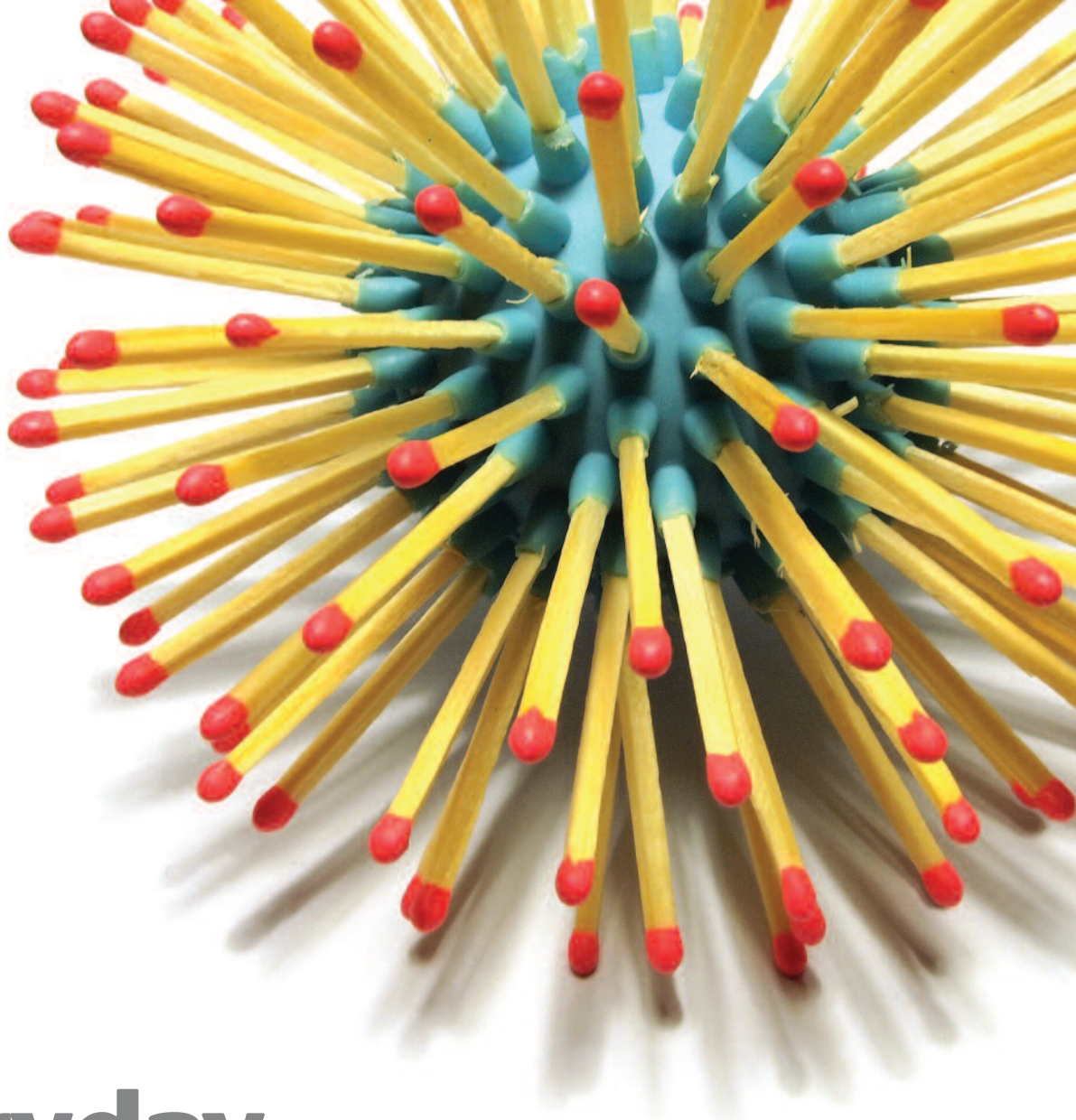




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Cover image: Fire ball



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Jason Taylor is an established designer who has worked on many diverse projects and commissions. He has exhibited and sold his range of lighting and furniture around the world, in art galleries and museums, as well as high street shops and design outlets, such as The Conran Shop.

He works with everyday items or 'readymades', and loves tinkering with them to combine, adapt and transform them into new designs. In late 2011, Jason set himself the mammoth challenge of using mundane household objects found in pound shops, hardware stores, but mostly his own home, to create a new piece of work every day of the year, throughout 2012.

He has found the process fun, exhilarating, frustrating and confusing in equal measure. Whilst at first glance, most of these objects appear to have no function, being pieces of pure humour and whimsy, he hopes that some will provide the starting point or creative spark for his next great design classic.

Featured here are all 366 items created by Jason throughout the leap year of 2012. We hope you enjoy them!

'Everyday Objects' is a 20-21 Visual Arts Centre touring exhibition.
For further details about the exhibition, please call 01724 297076.



Foreword

Since my degree in 1999 I've enjoyed the challenge of transforming familiar objects into other things, giving them a new function and sometimes even a new life. However, after the initial idea, it can take me a long time to develop and resolve them into final products.

The main reason for deciding to make something every day was to be more productive and generate new ideas. Initially, it was only going to be a personal project and I never intended to share the results. As I got into the project, I started to share the results on Facebook and received supportive feedback, which led to the blog at everydayobject.wordpress.com. It started conversations and spread around the internet, giving me the impetus to carry on but it also added more pressure to what I was creating...

The project became habit forming and, if I didn't do anything else creative in a day, at least I would have my object to create. Sometimes the ideas would start with a play on words or a pun but I think the more successful ones were born out of playing and experimenting with processes, often leading to surprising results. The project also gave me the opportunity to return to ideas that I had not completed or explored fully in the past.

This project enabled me to concentrate on the elements of my work that I enjoy the most; the generation of ideas and experimenting with objects. I found this very liberating and beneficial to my practice, allowing me to concentrate on the more creative and sculptural side of my work.

Quality is normally better than quantity but in this case it has served me well. Often, I will have an idea but then spot problems with it and not have the confidence to see it through, putting it on the back burner. Setting myself this challenge meant I had to stop making excuses and just do it, and that's when exciting discoveries and opportunities can arise. For me it was about trusting my abilities but also having fun in the moment.

Jason Taylor



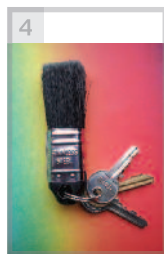
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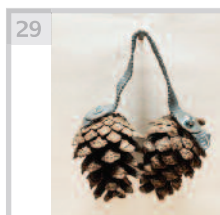
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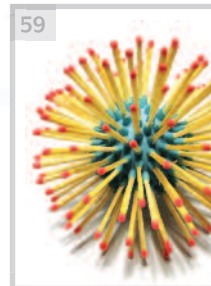
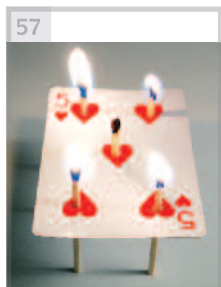
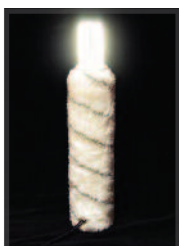
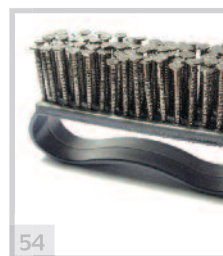
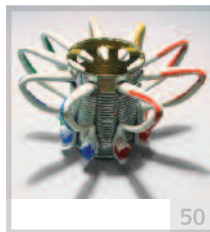
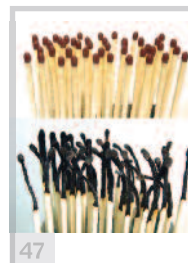
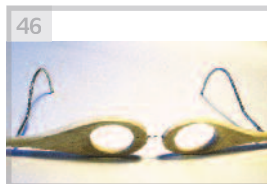
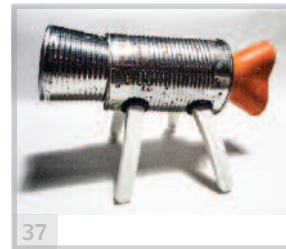
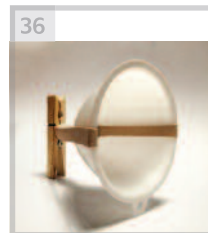
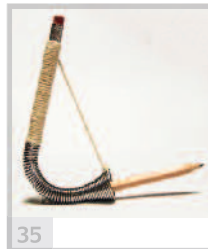
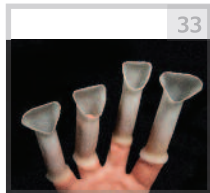
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“I used 12 pencil rubber
holders (ferrules) to
make a new, pretty but
useless pencil”

January

- 1 Hand-warmer
- 2 Forty four yogurt pots
- 3 Brush hanger
- 4 Brush keyring
- 5 Tuna pan
- 6 Yogurt pots vase
- 7 Milk mop tops
- 8 Pencil club
- 9 Inside-out crisp packets
- 10 Screw salad
- 11 Clothes up peg
- 12 Fizzy can cut
- 13 Sponge fingers
- 14 Dusters and roses
- 15 Hook binder
- 16 Rose fingers
- 17 Not so
- 18 Plunge sinker
- 19 2p or not 2p
- 20 Phone warmer
- 21 The pencil of pencils**
- 22 Pencil curve
- 23 Safety pencils
- 24 Brush pencil
- 25 Pencil brush
- 26 Scrub sweep
- 27 Pegson
- 28 Screwball
- 29 Pine pair
- 30 Handle bands
- 31 Floaty light

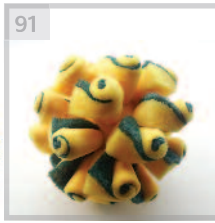
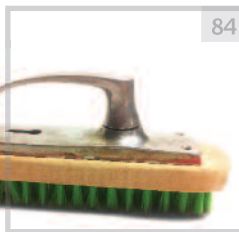
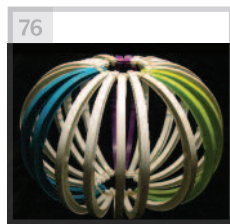
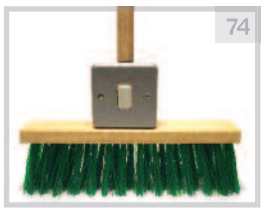
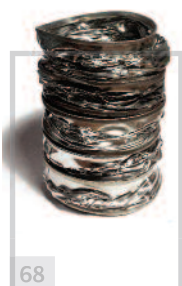
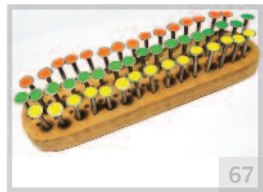


“After melting loads of pens
over a camping stove I thought
about glass blowing and then
tried to make sure I didn’t
breathe in...”



February

- 32 Balloon handle
- 33 Milk handles
- 34 Brush brush
- 35 Tense pencil
- 36 Funnel trap
- 37 Pushme pullyou
- 38 Muller Blumen
- 39 Hot blown biro**
- 40 Tree hangings
- 41 Kindling flat-pack
- 42 Just the tip
- 43 Penned in
- 44 Plaque plaque
- 45 Bread bag
- 46 Spoon specs
- 47 Brush match
- 48 Pen cil
- 49 Tin-can-tankard
- 50 Nine handles
- 51 Rock float
- 52 Match roll
- 53 Peg bites
- 54 Nail brush
- 55 Light roll
- 56 Muller light
- 57 Heart fires
- 58 Float bolted
- 59 Fire ball
- 60 Strike six

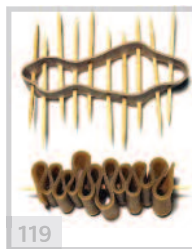
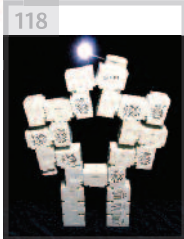
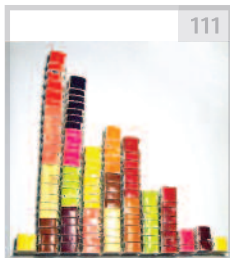
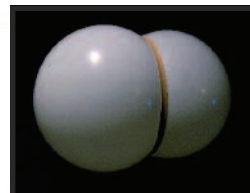
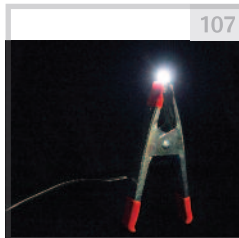
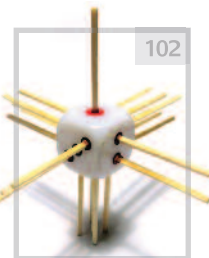
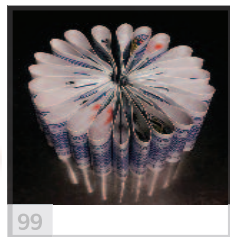




“Not pretty but I’m
liking this balance
between concept and
function... Also one
more squeeze and
the bulb gets it”

March

- 61 Spray ray guns
- 62 **Light sealant**
- 63 Whisk torch
- 64 Electric scourer
- 65 Bungee shock
- 66 Hooked
- 67 Painted nail brush
- 68 High five can
- 69 Unplugged
- 70 loops
- 71 Second hand can
- 72 Soap roller
- 73 Plug stack
- 74 Electric brush
- 75 Wrist clips
- 76 Handle sphere
- 77 Kindle log
- 78 Fire starter
- 79 Record punch
- 80 Going down the toilet?
- 81 Cheese duster
- 82 Cocktail grater
- 83 Dust ball
- 84 Door brush
- 85 Halogen horn
- 86 Hole eraser
- 87 Fire ball starter
- 88 Mop up
- 89 Elastic mop
- 90 Brush mix
- 91 Sponge ball

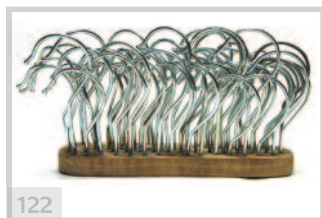


April

- 92 Water light
- 93 Fork candle
- 94 Spray light
- 95 Glove horn
- 96 Shuttle brush
- 97 Jar Jar links
- 98 Spinge
- 99 Card cheat
- 100 Watering can
- 101 Electric candle
- 102 Match dice
- 103 Can dle light
- 104 Chutney tower
- 105 Mug plug
- 106 Pie lamp
- 107 Clip on
- 108 Mop dyed
- 109 Yogurt light
- 110 safety eyes
- 111 Yogurt stats
- 112 Colour and curves
- 113 Yogurt colour wheel
- 114 Tin can meet**
- 115 Balloon belt
- 116 Cotton cocktail
- 117 Handle cotton
- 118 Transformer
- 119 Wave bands
- 120 Cotton brush
- 121 Can belt

“I’m weirdly quite proud of this one, despite being made with Sellotape... Round becomes flat becomes round... (It was later welded and used in a sculpture in a project called Junkstop.org)”





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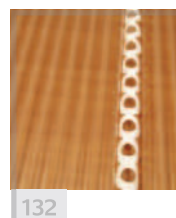
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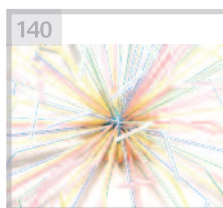
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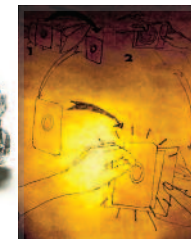
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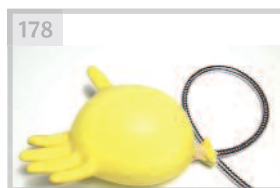
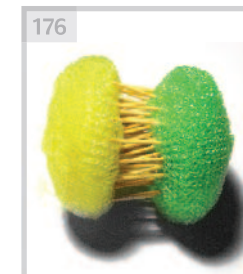
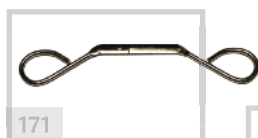
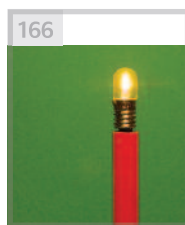
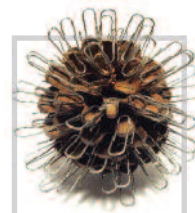
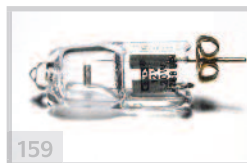
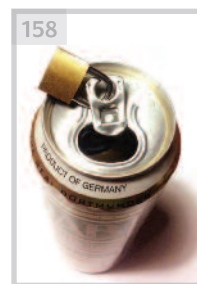
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May

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| 122 Hook store | 133 Tubes in tubes | 144 Take away art |
| 123 Clipped | 134 Beer issue | 145 Foiled and crumpled |
| 124 Matchy | 135 Strawberry basket | 146 Light bag |
| 125 Ball and socket | 136 Squid yogurt | 147 Canfan |
| 126 Banana hanger | 137 Inside issue | 148 Pepsi pear |
| 127 Balloon joint | 138 Worry au lait | 149 Peg bone |
| 128 Light cakes | 139 Training brush | 150 Yogurt stat wheel |
| 129 Cake shades | 140 Sucks | 151 Pepsi light |
| 130 Travel sponge | 141 Balloon spoon | 152 Fire plant |
| 131 Cup cakes | 142 Cork clam | |
| 132 Strong straw | 143 Can't opener | |

“It’s a mash up
of ‘Yogurt wheel’
with ‘Yogurt stats’
(repeatability again
but with colour)”



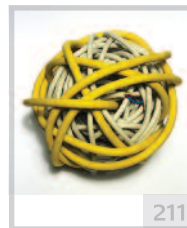




“LED bulb with earring back. (I really like when small interventions can transform an object)”

June

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| 153 Banana boat | 168 Table tennis mat |
| 154 Cake match | 169 Fruit shoot dude |
| 155 Jubilee clips | 170 Kindle camera |
| 156 Clip frame | 171 Scissor |
| 157 Brush key | 172 Safe plug |
| 158 Beer lock | 173 Dice hooked |
| 159 Ear light | 174 Dude saver |
| 160 Cen pan | 175 Match stock |
| 161 Decanstructed | 176 Scourer sticks |
| 162 Pen topped | 177 Sponge fingers 2 |
| 163 Adult pacifier | 178 Glove up |
| 164 Pine clips | 179 Pencil arrow |
| 165 Pencil clip | 180 Yogurt spiral |
| 166 Idea pencil | 181 Yogurt melt |
| 167 Tagged together | 182 Line challenge |

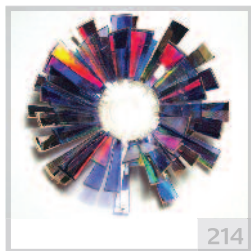


“Another play on words but with the notion that you could turn off the candle with the switch”



July

- 183 Staple team
- 184 Yogurt donut
- 185 Lego pens
- 186 Match strainer
- 187 Medicine straw
- 188 Pebble case
- 189 Line art
- 190 Two strain
- 191 Medicine half
- 192 Smoking trap
- 193 Sore point
- 194 Smooth rough
- 195 Knot nut
- 196 Kilner lights
- 197 Hinge hook
- 198 Yogurt hamster wheel
- 199 Lids round
- 200 Penny tweezed
- 201 Safety candle
- 202 Hard Lolly
- 203 Uncurtain
- 204 Yogurt spray
- 205 Digital analogue
- 206 Video tape can
- 207 Light candle**
- 208 Secret pen
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- 211 Wire ball
- 212 Solar garden light
- 213 Can stand



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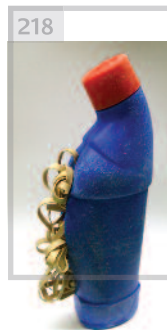
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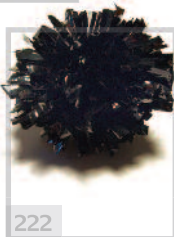
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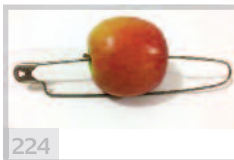
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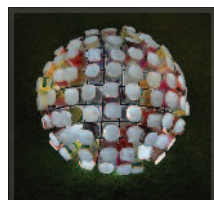
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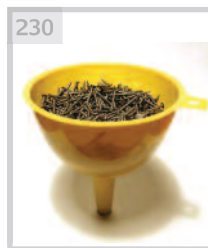
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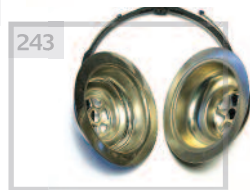
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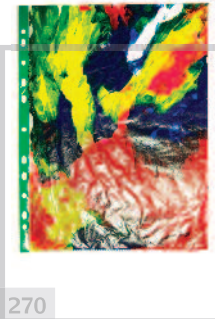
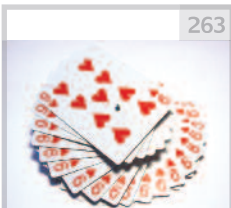
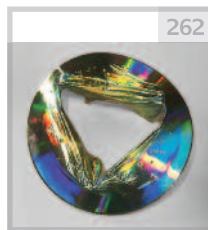
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August

- 214 Mix CD
- 215 Credit cut
- 216 Ear plug phones
- 217 Mat cut
- 218 Bottle guts
- 219 Can handles
- 220 Bottle can
- 221 Vinegar cocktail
- 222 Pom pom video
- 223 Ball point
- 224 Safety apple
- 225 Plug nuts
- 226 Rose tinted
- 227 Solar yogurt
- 228 Out tube
- 229 Beer sticks
- 230 Nail funnel
- 231 Vinegarcil
- 232 Lamp stand
- 233 Sandpaper, scissors
- 234 Can curl
- 235 Table (tennis) light
- 236 Hook drivers
- 237 The thirty nine keys
- 238 Poptails**
- 239 Sponge pod
- 240 Corn drain
- 241 Rose tin
- 242 Frameless
- 243 Ear plugholes
- 244 Burn pills



“Cocktail sticks and a bit of bubble wrap - an example of when an object informs you where to put other objects...”



September

245 Toilet tissues

246 Grate can

247 Unhung

248 Legless

249 Tin lid magnets

250 Dusted

251 Folded roll

252 Unflexible

253 High voltage salt

254 Lamp holder

255 Fruit pillow

256 Fountains

257 9 x 9

258 Half dried

259 Mr Pen

260 Melted hexagons

261 Birthday meltdown

262 CD burn

263 Is this your card?

264 Sponge toast

265 Emergency glove

266 Cup inside

267 Note to self

268 Curl comb

269 Untitled

270 Sleeve art

271 Sun glasses

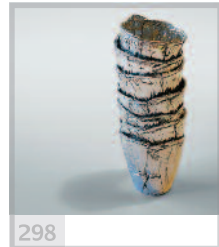
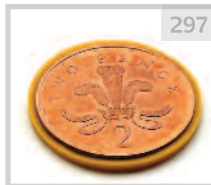
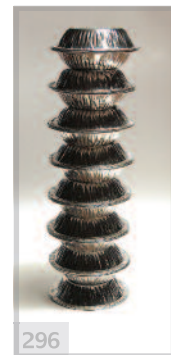
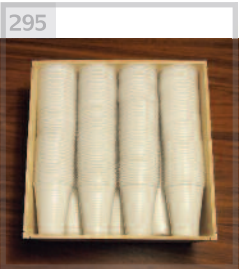
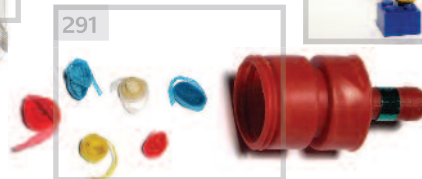
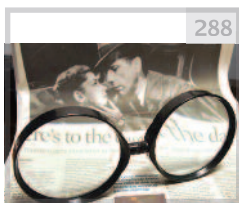
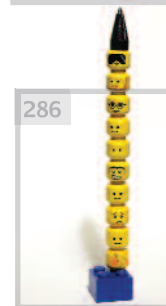
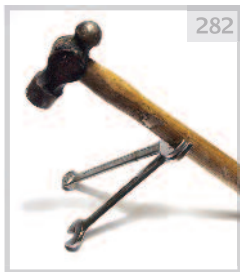
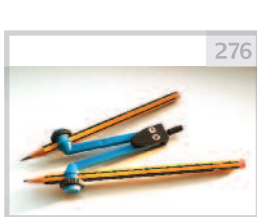
272 Paint dispenser

273 Magnets Nuts

274 Ball born



“So I’ve always quite liked the edging on yellow dusters - it’s what identifies it. So here it is by itself... I was also going to show the remains, but I couldn’t identify it...”

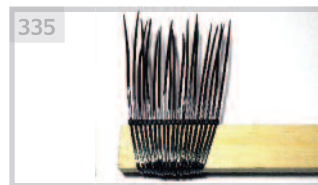
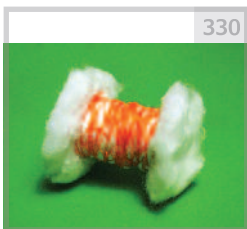
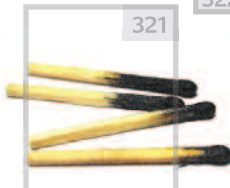
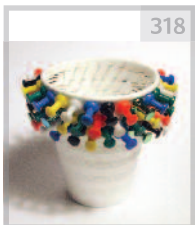
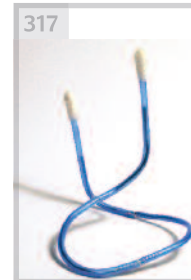
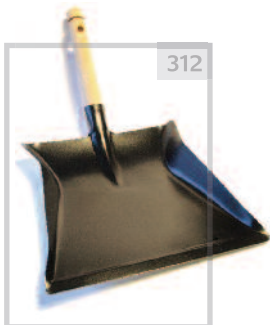
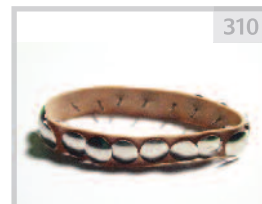
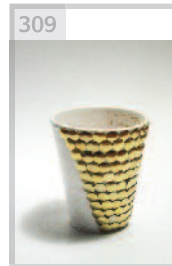


“I’ve nearly run out of these...
I think they work more as a placebo”



October

- 275 Scrub spoon
- 276 Compassed
- 277 Pilot light
- 278 DVD extras
- 279 Tee bag
- 280 Music sticks
- 281 Bubble wrap
- 282 Hammer stand
- 283 Fuse stand
- ~~284 Play pills~~
- 285 Syrup bike
- 286 Many heads are better
- 287 Jotter plotter
- 288 Magnifying glasses
- 289 Assorted wall plugs
- 290 Tape tower
- 291 Anticlimax
- 292 Ring of cups
- 293 Shot bands
- 294 Plastic bands
- 295 Cups contained
- 296 Foil case stack
- 297 Money protection
- 298 Foil cups
- 299 Cup foiled
- 300 Tin foil can
- 301 Wine spoon
- 302 Plunger weapons
- 303 Roll dots
- 304 Natural travel sponge
- 305 Pencil idea

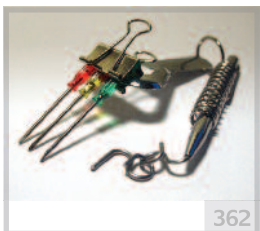
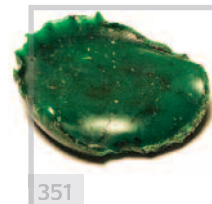
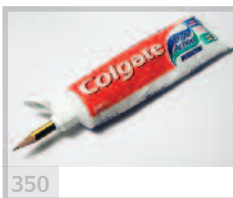
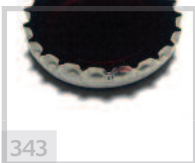
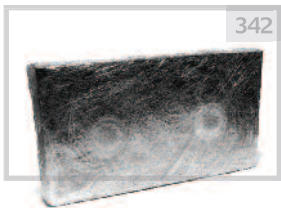




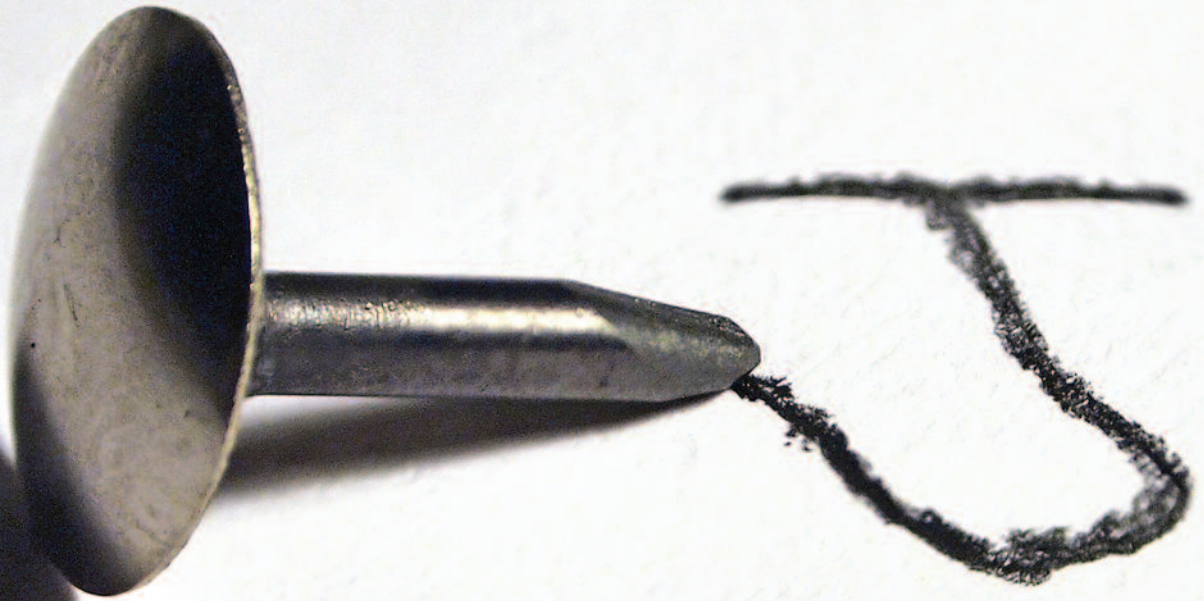
November

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| 306 Candle(s) | 321 Safety matches |
| 307 Tooth brush | 322 Pinned round |
| 308 Razor melt | 323 Battery prize |
| 309 Pin cup | 324 I wondered lonely |
| 310 Wrist pins | 325 Ten thin rolling |
| 311 Inside cups | 326 Cable spinner |
| 312 Dust shovel | 327 Elastic reel |
| 313 Cut and paste table | 328 Portable ruler |
| 314 Egg spring | 329 Cotton shots |
| 315 Bucket and paste table | 330 Cotton reel |
| 316 Bucketstool | 331 Sink tangle |
| 317 Cotton buddies | 332 Tissue refund |
| 318 Notice cup | 333 Real reminder |
| 319 Colour wheel | 334 Bottle opener |
| 320 Chalkboard table | 335 Cable tied stick |

“I shortened a tape
measure to the size
of ruler – it’s the future”



“Serious play... replaced pin with lead
from a pencil to complete the pun”



December

336 Tie brush
337 Money for old rope
338 Melted maze
339 Christmas cutters
340 Play war
341 Real 3D
342 Cling film
343 Juice top
344 New rope
345 Chalk roll

346 Chalk broke it off
347 Roll tall
348 Tape 2 tape
349 Fire spray
350 Pencil paste
351 Top 2 top
352 Christmas clean
353 Mini brush
354 Melted measure
355 Matching drawers

356 Peg plug
357 Find the lady
358 Clove lights
359 Calendar candles
360 Beer handle
361 Marble display
362 Connected cracker contents
363 Sharp pencil
364 Pencil protection
365 Drawing pin
366 Two warm

Jason Taylor - Curriculum Vitae

Teaching

Tutor, Cheadle and Marple college; 2007 - Present

Adobe Photoshop Classes.

Lecturer, Tameside college; 2006 - 2009

Diploma, GNVQ 2 and BTEC Foundation in Art and Design.

Lecturer, Liverpool Community College; 2000 - 2003

BTEC Foundation in Art and Design - 3D specialism.

Experience

Junkstop, New Mills – funded by the Arts Council; 2012

Lead artist on a creative recycling project providing workshops and sculptures for festival.

The Art + Play Project, 20-21 Visual Arts Centre, Scunthorpe; 2011

Worked in Pre-schools to develop work for an interactive touring show.

The Conran Shop, London, France, New York, Japan; 2009-2010

Made and supplied The Grater Light to The Conran shops worldwide.

MasterClass workshops, Manchester Art Gallery; 2008

Delivering workshops to schools in the Manchester area.

Quest, Arts Council Project, 2007

Working in UK and Holland with 2 manufacturers - BGB engineering and Smith of Derby to develop new ideas.

Project Manager, Liverpool & Manchester Design Initiative; 2001-2004

Managed and Designed temporary shopping events in Manchester. "Make Me" - an annual programme promoting North West based Designer and Makers.

Vickers Shipbuilding & Engineering Ltd, Barrow-in-Furness 1988 - 1992

Fitter and Turner Apprenticeship.

Education

PTLLS - Teaching award.

Master of Enterprise in Art and Design,

2006 Manchester Metropolitan University

BA (hons) 3D Design, 1st Class,

1999 Manchester Metropolitan University

Residences

Working Title, Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth; 2011

3 week residency creating work for an exhibition.

Setting Up Scheme Artist, Manchester Metropolitan University; 2002 - 2004

Placement on artists' development scheme with the Arts Council.

Value Judgements exhibition, Liverpool; 2000

Residency at Homepage store.

Commissions

Recycled Plaque, Wasteworks recycling centre, Manchester

Unveiled by Hazel Blears MP, 2008

Furniture, Igloo Regeneration, Manchester

Grippy Table launched at 100% Design 2006

Cow Parade, Siemens, Manchester - 2004

Designer and Project Manager for 'Keep on Mooving' - a giant cow/hamster wheel sculpture.

Scottish PR Awards, Carnyx Group - 2002 & 2003

Designer and maker of the award.

Selected Exhibitions

Everyday Objects – A 20-21 Visual Arts Centre touring exhibition; 2013

Working Title, Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth 2011.

Art + Play – A 20-21 Visual Arts Centre touring exhibition; 2011 - 2014

Strength in Numbers - Art Gene, Barrow 2010 - solo show.

Manchester Art Gallery, 2009 - 2011

Waste Not, Want It. The Hub Centre; 2008

100% Design. Earls Court. London; 2007

Plastic Fantastic, Turnpike gallery, Leigh; 2006

Manchester City Art Gallery; 2005 - 2007

Designers Block, London and Milan; 2003

Ironic Iconics, Mid Pennine Arts, Burnley; 2001

Challenge of Materials, Science Museum, London; 1999



I'll be back...