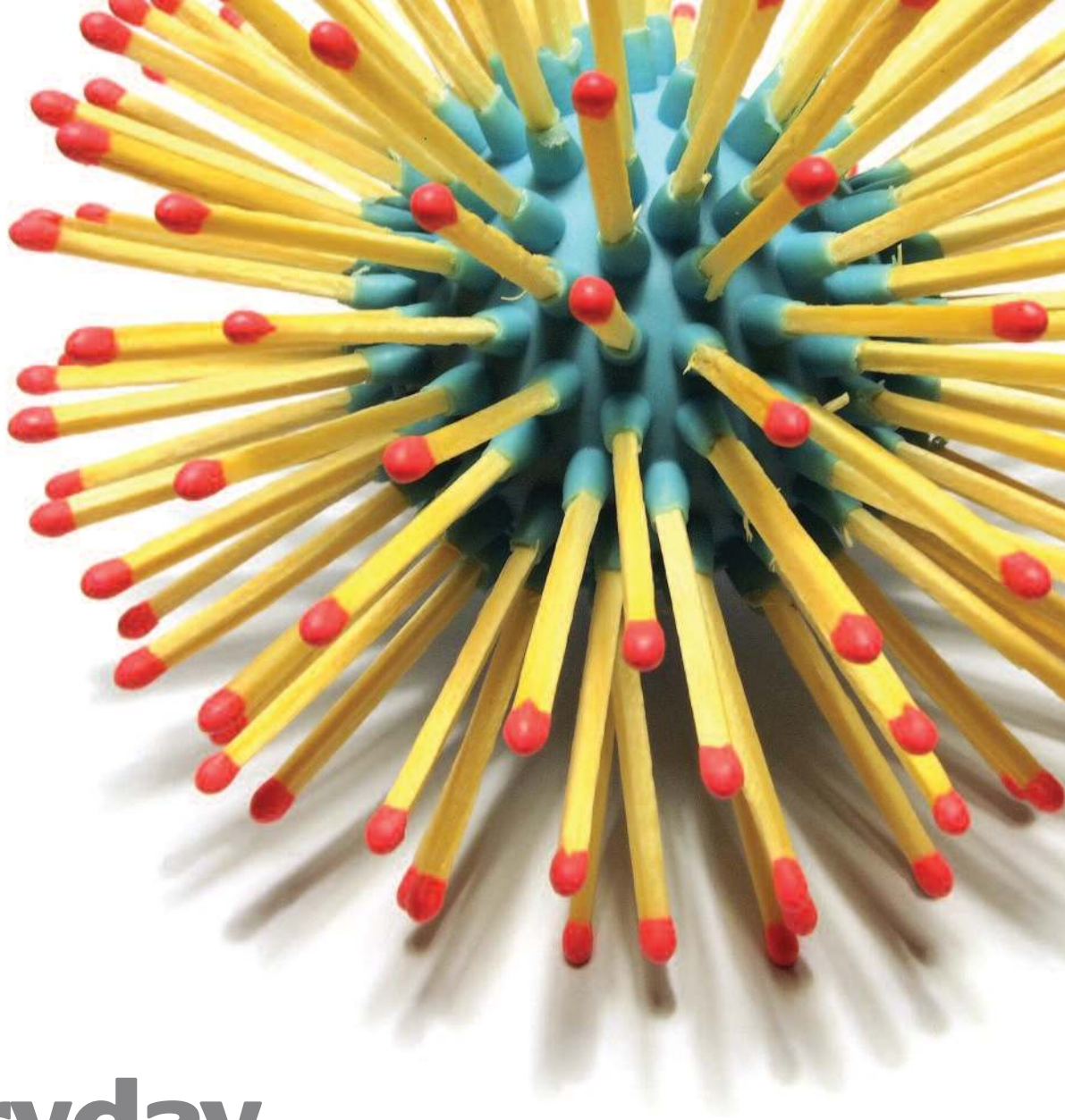

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Jason Taylor is an established designer who has worked on many diverse projects and commissions. He has exhibited and sold his range of lighting and furniture around the world, in art galleries and museums, as well as high street shops and design outlets,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

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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
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31 Floaty light

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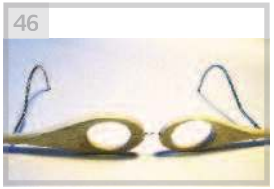
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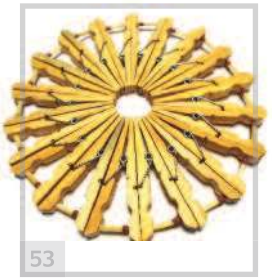
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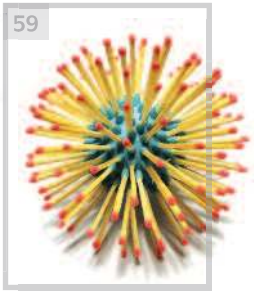
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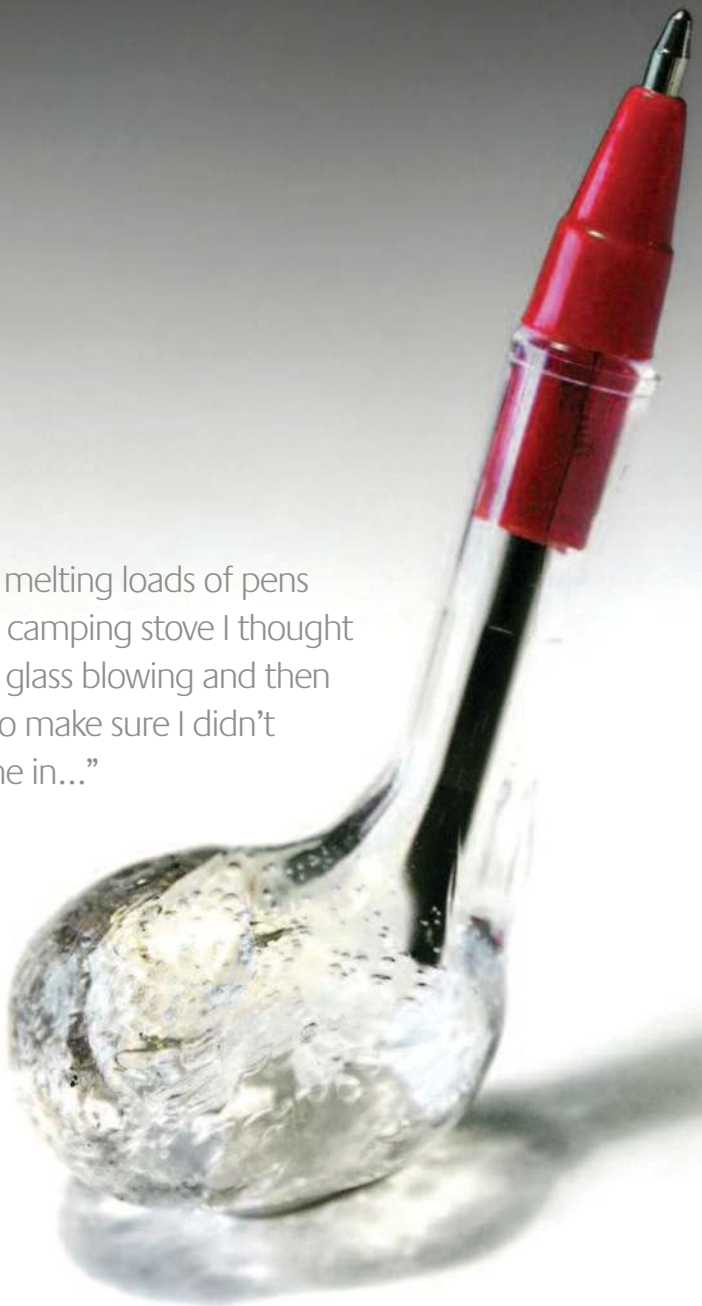

"After melting loads of pens over a camping stove I thought about glass blowing and then tried to make sure I didn't breathe in..."

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

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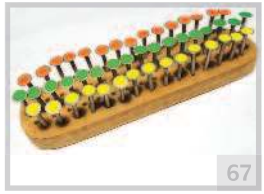
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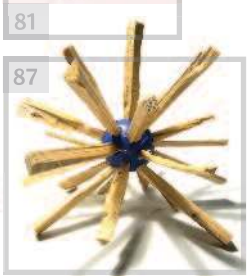
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March

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

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

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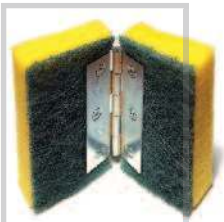
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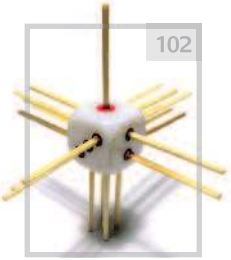
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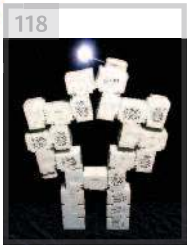
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April

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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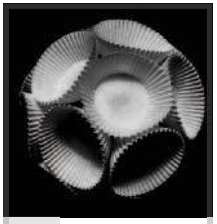
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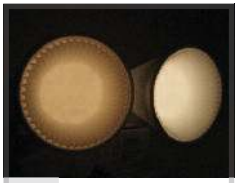
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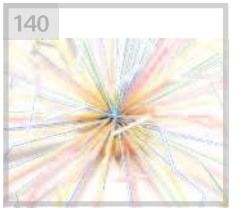
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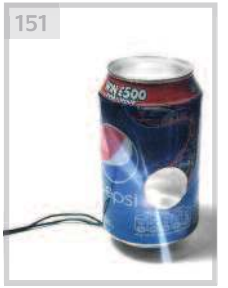
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May

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

"It's a mash up of 'Yogurt wheel' with 'Yogurt stats' (repeatability again but with colour)"

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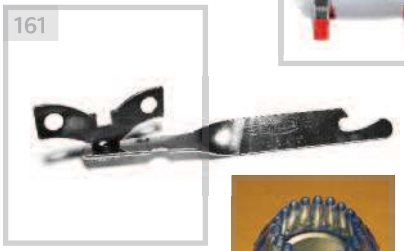
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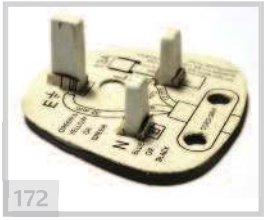
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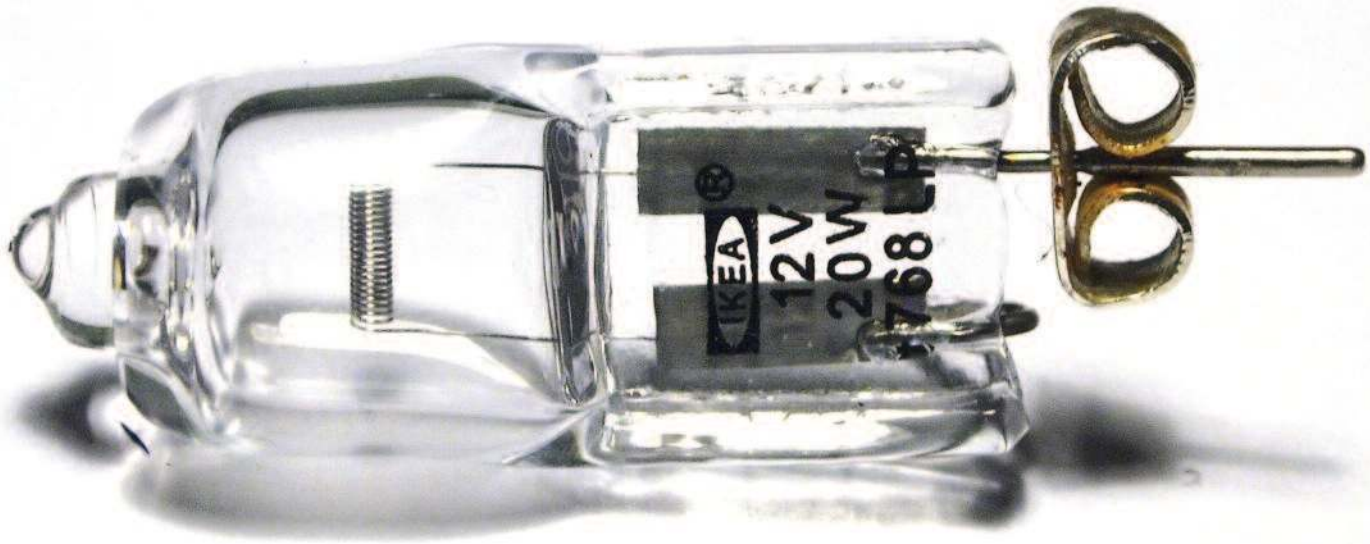

"LED bulb with earring back. (I really like when small interventions can transform an object)"

June

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

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"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
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208 Secret pen
209 Yog-olympics
210 Lollipop holder
211 Wire ball
212 Solar garden light
213 Can stand

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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..."

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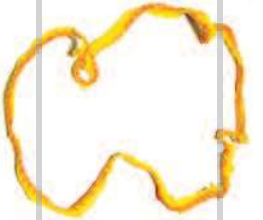
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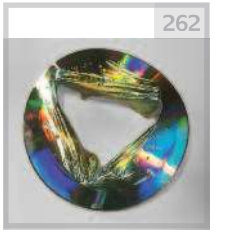
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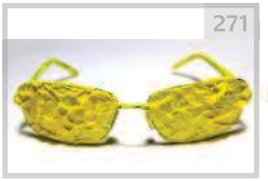
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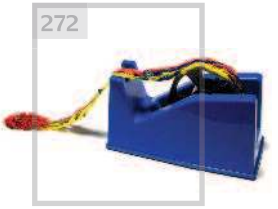
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September

245 Toilet tissues
246 Grate can
247 Unhung
248 Legoless
249 Tin lid magnets
250 Dusted
251 Folded roll
252 Unflexible
253 High voltage salt
254 Lamp holder
255 Fruit pillow
256 Fountins
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..."

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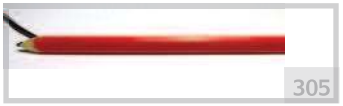
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"I've nearly run out of these...
I think they work more as a placebo"

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

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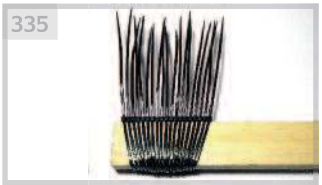
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November

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

"I shortened a tape measure to the size of ruler – it's the future"

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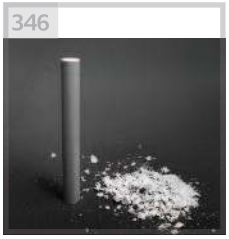
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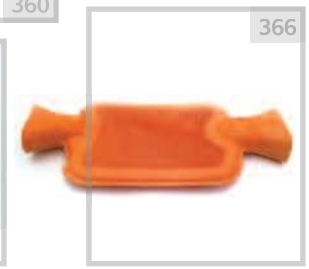
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"Serious play... replaced pin with lead from a pencil to complete the pun"

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 Homebase 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

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