

Art Made from Unusual Things

Pencil Shavings:



Kyle Bean

<https://design-milk.com/pencil-shaving-portraits-by-kyle-bean/>

Lots of other interesting projects of his on his website. <https://kylebean.co.uk/>

Legos:



Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, Sean Kenney

Interesting article with photos of a number of his animal sculptures made of legos.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/artist-uses-thousands-lego-bricks-make-lifelike-sculptures-animals-180975475/>

Food:

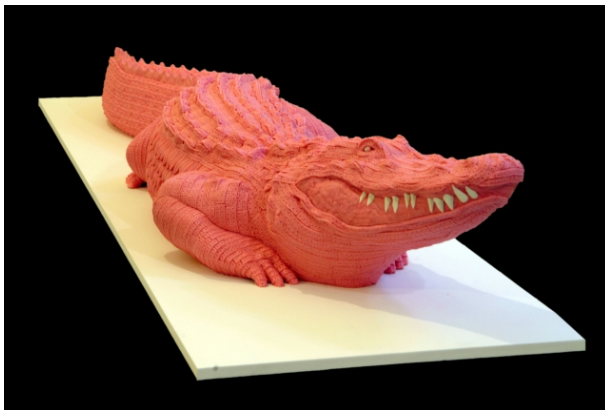


“Red” Hong Yi

The artist challenged herself to making one piece of art a day for a month using only food and a white plate as the backdrop. You can see some of her other creations at

<https://www.businessinsider.com/19-works-of-art-made-with-food-2013-3>

Chewed Bubblegum:



Crocodile, Maurizio Savini

<https://hifructose.com/2019/09/27/the-chewing-gum-sculptures-of-maurizio-savini/>

Office Supplies:



Paper Clip sculpture by Pietro di Angelo. His life size figures use 12,000-13,000 paper clips and take 2-3 months to complete.

<https://www.goamo.com/art-made-with-office-supplies/>

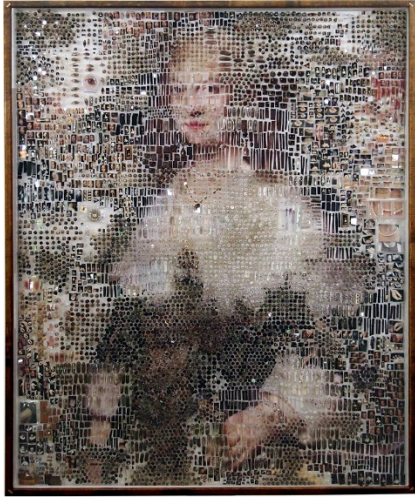
Shoes:



Noah Scanlin created this pig's head mural for a BBQ joint in Virginia using hundreds of shoes from the restaurant's employees. The link below is to an article describing the venture, including a time lapse video of the mural's creation.

<https://laughingsquid.com/noah-scalin-pig-head-shoe-mural/>

Various small pieces of both ordinary and unique items:



Dutch Specimen, Michael Mapes

Taking his inspiration from the Dutch Masters, Mapes creates deconstructed portraits using various small fragments. The work above was made from photographic prints, insect pins, pinning foam, gelatin capsules, glass vials, painted canvas, cast resin, pill organizer, plastic specimen bags, cotton thread, costume jewelry, and sequins. More of his works can be seen at <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2014/01/michael-mapes-deconstructed-dutch-paintings/>

Wood Chips:



Russian artist, Sergey Bobkov, creates lifelike creatures out of Siberian cedar wood chips. More photos at:

<https://mymodernmet.com/sergey-bobkov-wood-chip-animal-sculptures/>

Flip Flops:



Kenyan group, Ocean Sole, recycles hundreds of thousands of discarded flip flops, turning them into colorful animal sculptures. This video demonstrates how the sculptures are made from receipt of the flip flops to the finished product.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoaQ_kBwc4w

Playing Cards:



House of Cards Party Dress by Maine Artist, Crystal Cawley. Lots of her creations on her website at <http://www.crystalcawley.com/>