



Art of Toys

PS readers may recall a story from July 2012 (p. 56) about a man who created movie-style photos of toys. Here are some creative ways artists have used toys to create art.

 Australian photographer Brendan Fitzpatrick X-rays robots and other toys to create works of art: www.invisiblelight.com.au.

 For her Autonomous Machines series, graphic designer Echo Yang attached pens and other drawing instruments to wind up toys and analog devices. Interestingly, she credits the resulting art to the devices themselves. For example, “drawn by Tin Toy—Chicken.” See what the chicken hatched and more at www.echo weilunyang.com.

 David T. Waller’s “Car Atlas—Rainbow” installation was made out of nearly 3,000 toy cars. See it at <http://bit.ly/1mJy2k4>.

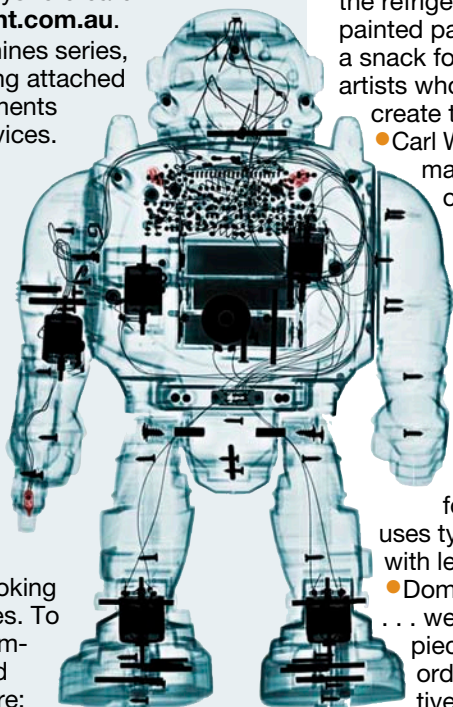
 Michael Paul Smith creates model dioramas and stages model cars and miniatures to create realistic looking photos of old-time street scenes. To truly appreciate the photos themselves, you need to look behind the scenes. Check out both here: <http://bit.ly/1rPduvV>.

 It’s not surprising that sculptor Freya Jobbins attributes some of her inspiration to the *Toy Story* movie trilogy. When you see her plastics work, you may be reminded of Sid, the series’ toy-torturing neighbor. You can view her portraits of familiar faces crafted out of doll parts at www.freyajobbins.com.



To read “Toy Story” from the July 2012 issue of *PS*, visit www.asse.org/psextra.

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“There is only one difference between a madman and me. I am not mad.”

Salvador Dali



State of the Art

Remember making a self-portrait out of macaroni? Maybe mom hung it on the refrigerator for a while until a painted pasta ear fell off and became a snack for Fido. Here are some artists who work in unusual media to create their masterpieces.

- Carl Warner (www.carlwarner.com) makes incredibly detailed landscapes out of vegetables and other foodstuffs.
- Most people think of using crayons to draw with. Artist Herb Williams (www.herbwilliamsart.com) uses them to create art too, he just does it a little differently—crafting the physical crayons into a portrait or sculpture.
- George Vlosich (<http://gvetchedintime.com>) became an Internet sensation when he posted a time-lapse video of his detailed Etch A Sketch portrait of LeBron James.
- While the written word is considered an art form, Keira Rathbone (www.keirarathbone.com) uses typewriters to sketch landscapes and portraits with letters, numbers and symbols.
- Dominic Wilcox (<http://dominicwilcox.com>) uses . . . well, just about everything to create his intriguing pieces. His work might be explained as the use of ordinary objects in unusual ways to serve alternative purposes.



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“A hunch is creativity trying to tell you something.”

Frank Capra

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



Art Oddities

- Leonardo da Vinci is purported to have bought captive birds to set them free.
- Claude Monet’s father wanted him to work in the family grocery store business.
- Paul Gauguin worked briefly as a laborer on the Panama Canal.

Huffington Post

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“But they fit perfectly in there!”

Photo from Robert M. Brown, Connecticut Valley Chapter

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