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36 Things That Have Not Been Used as Found Object Art, as Far as We Know

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Clockwise from top left: Andy Warhol, *Brillo Box* (1964); Yoko Ono, *Apple* (1966); Tracey Emin, *My Bed* (1998); Jeff Koons, Detail of *One Ball Total Equilibrium Tank (Spalding Dr. J Series)* (1985)

“And Alexander wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer.”

That quote, from legendary villain Hans Gruber in *Die Hard*, often seems to emblemize the state of the anything-goes postmodern art world. From Andy Warhol's Brillo Boxes and Yoko Ono's apple to Jeff Koons's basketballs-in-a-fish tank and Tracey Emin's messy bed, it seems like the old opposition between art and life has totally broken down. Things have gotten pretty life-y in here.

Anything can be art—or can it? We've combed through art history and found some surprising omissions that will challenge everything you think you know about what art has become. Here, below, are 36 things that have never been used as art before, showing just how far we have yet to

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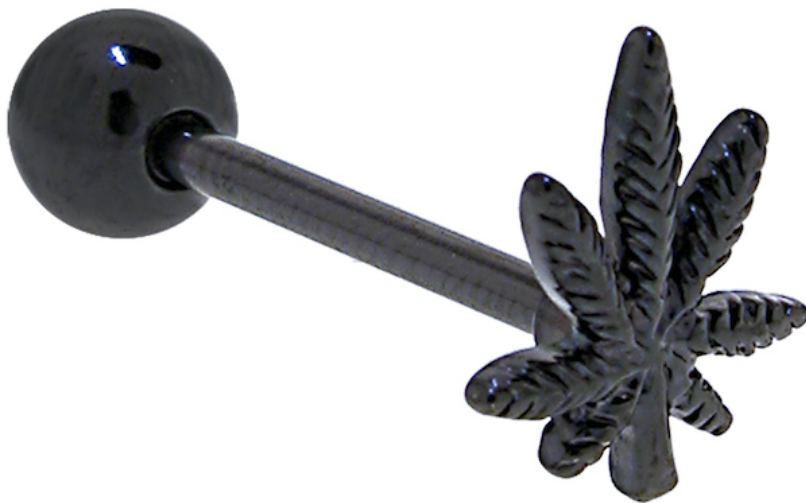


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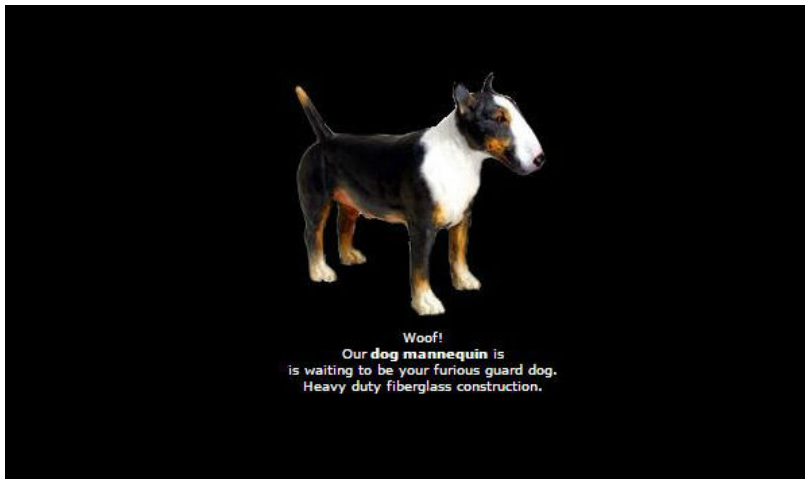
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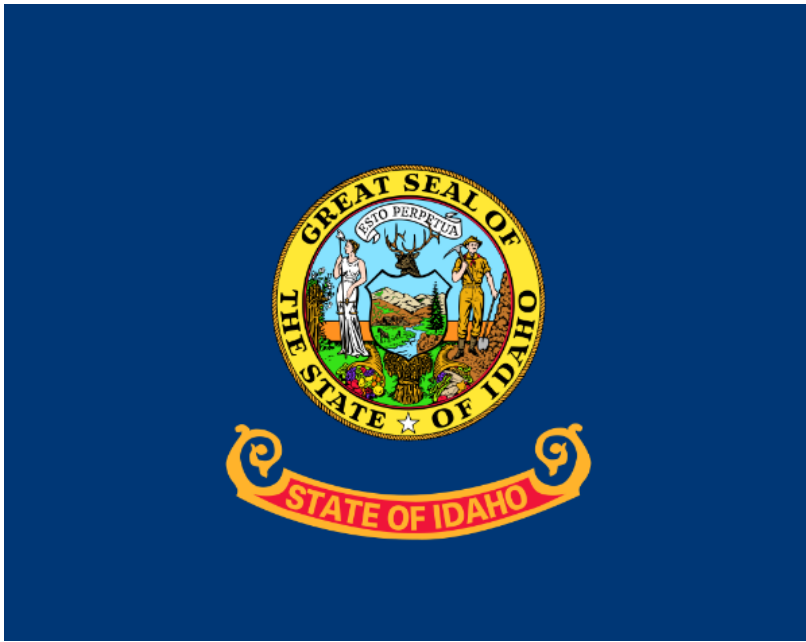


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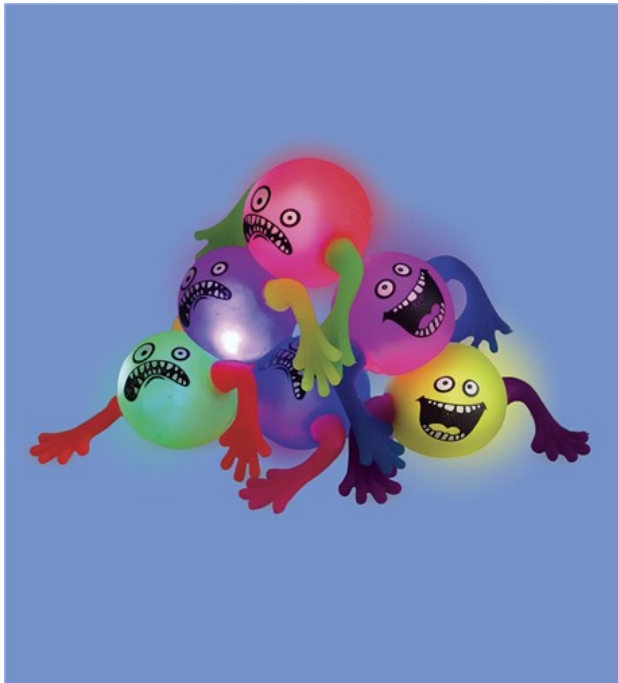


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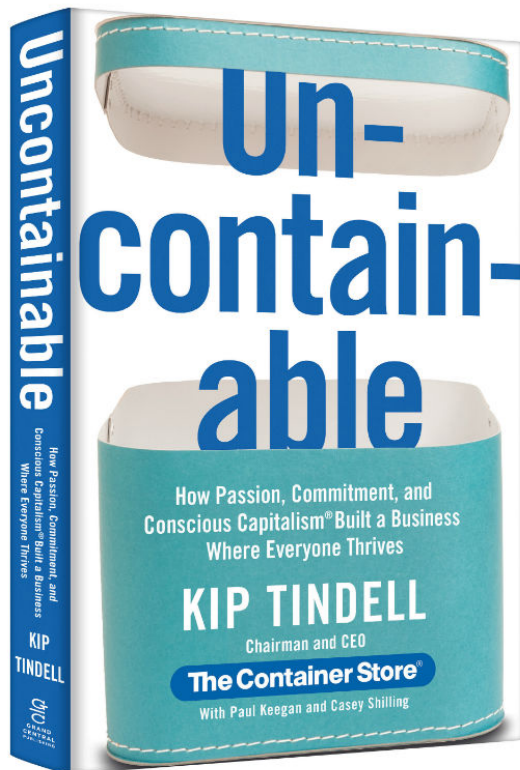


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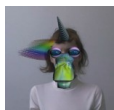
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