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*"The days go - They can't stay."*

Jack Kerouac

*"There's no tyrant like a brain."*

Louis-Ferdinand Céline

Did you hear about the two little boys who found themselves in a modern art gallery by mistake?

*"Quick,"* said one, *"Run ! Before they say we did it !"*

Unknown





Why did the artist cross the road?

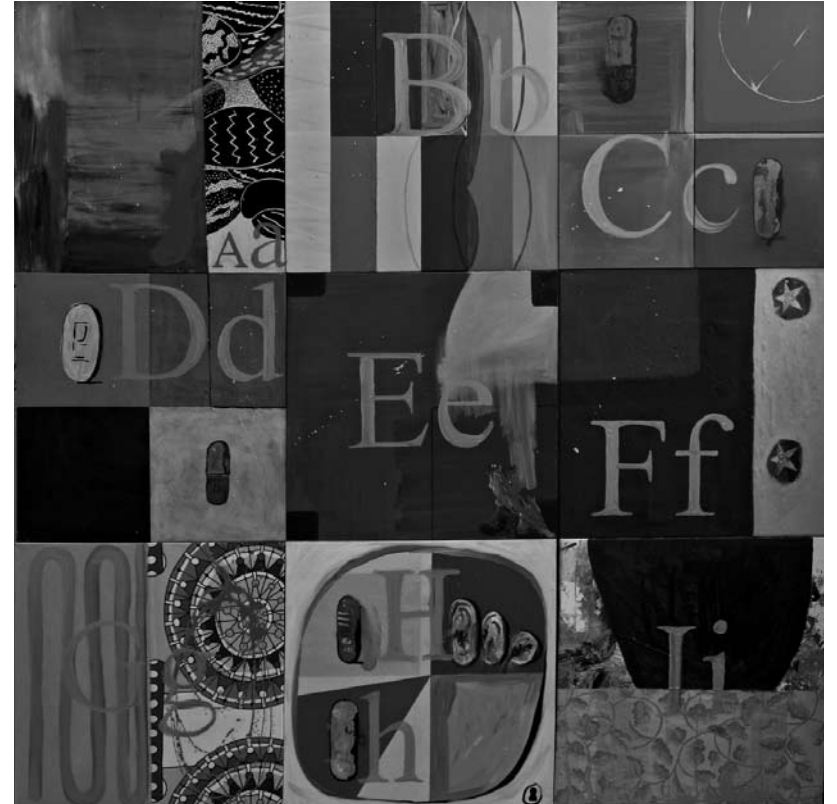
To see from the other side.

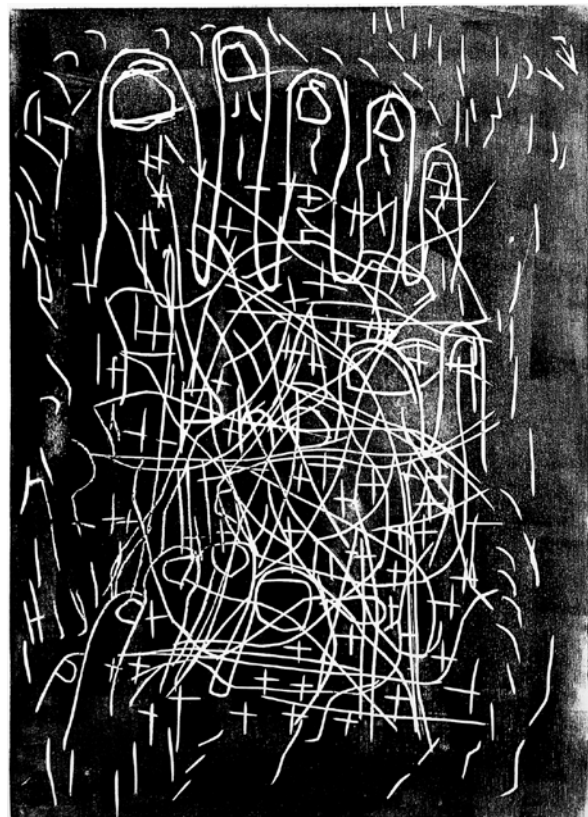
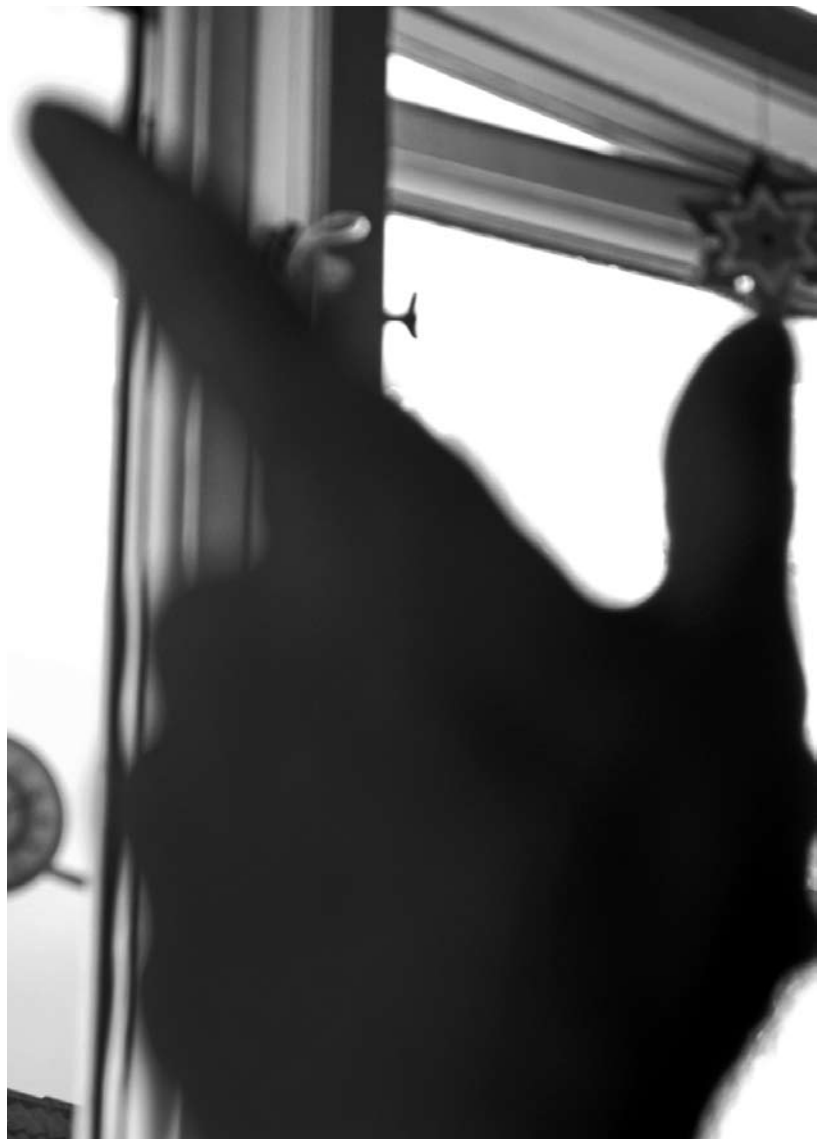


An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

“I have good news and bad news,” the owner replied. “The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings.” “That’s wonderful,” the artist exclaimed. “What’s the bad news?”

“The guy was your doctor.”













How do Performance Artists turn on the lights?

They open the car door.



“I told you to draw a picture of a cow eating grass,”  
said the art teacher.

“Why have you handed in a blank sheet of paper?”

“Because the cow ate all the grass - that’s why there’s  
no grass.”

“But what about the cow?”

“There wasn’t much point in it hanging around when  
there was nothing to eat, so it went back to the barn.”





A guy passes an artist standing next to a small hole in the wall yelling, "FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE".  
Interested the guy bends down and looks in the hole.  
Instantly the man is poked in the eye with the sharp end of a paint brush and runs off in pain.  
The artist stops yelling "FIVE FIVE FIVE" and starts yelling "SIX SIX SIX SIX".





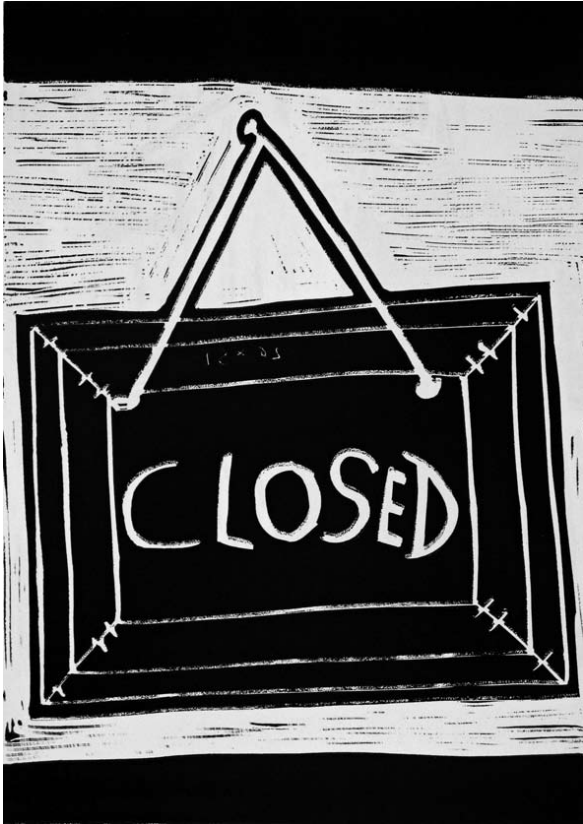




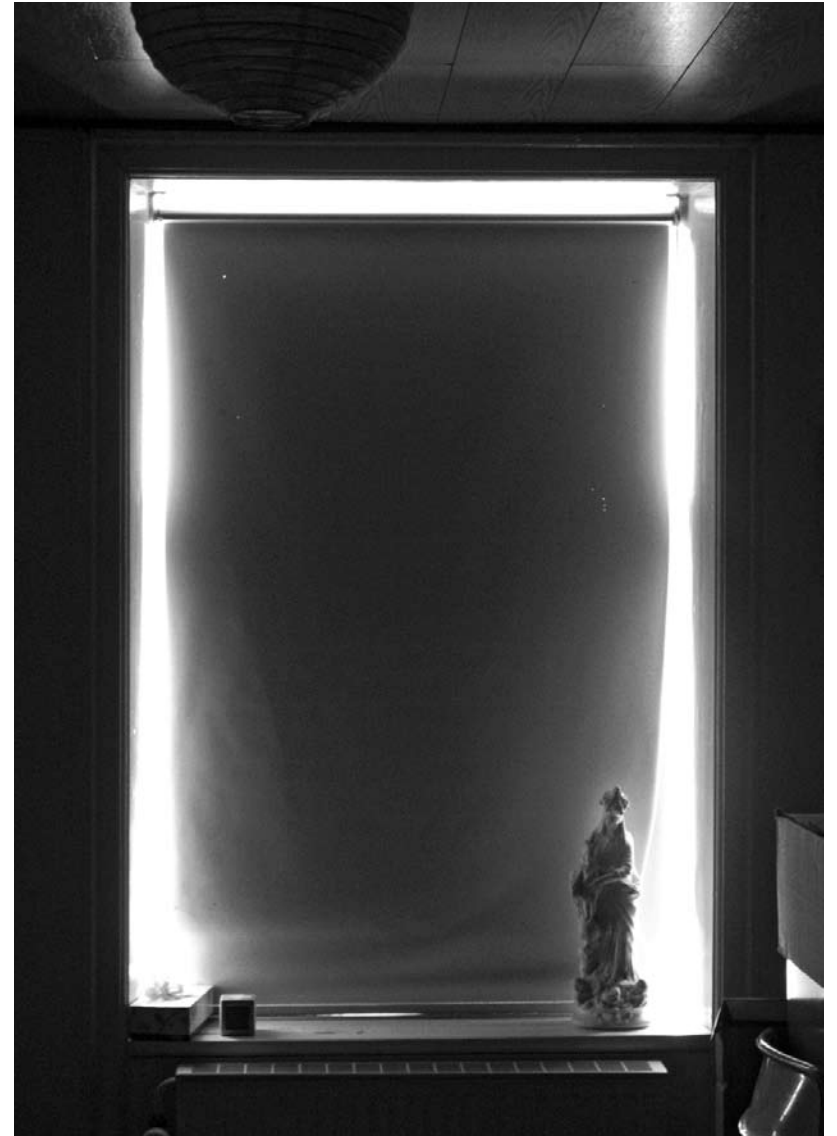
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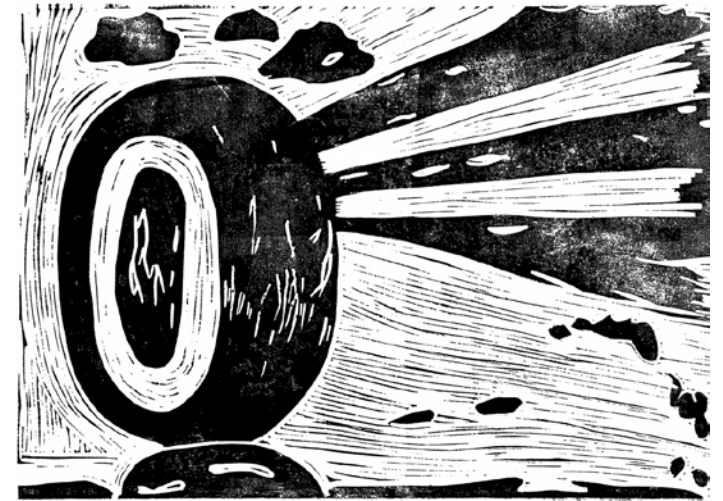
Ten. One to change it and nine to reassure him about how good it looks.





I painted her in oils because she had a face like a sardine.



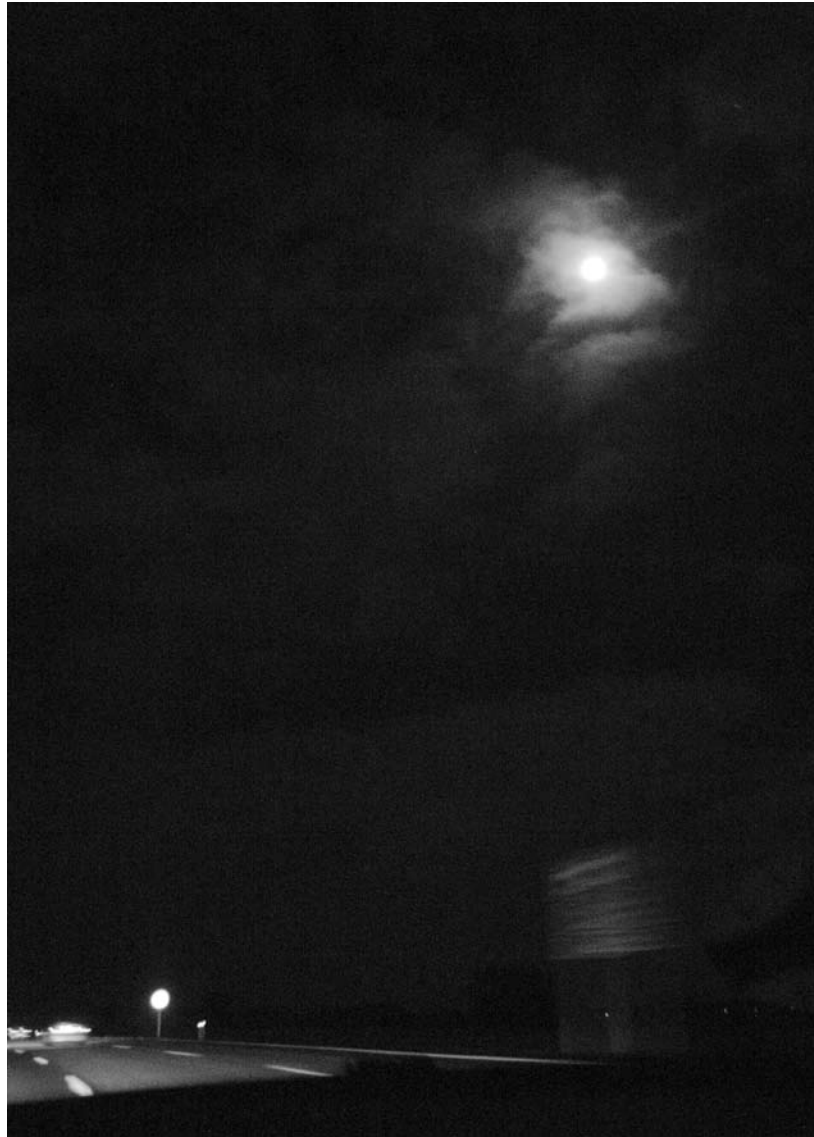




What is red and smells like blue paint?

Red paint.







A woman visits an artist and asks if he would paint her nude for \$10,000.

Without flinching the artist says "NO".

The woman ups the price to \$20,000.

The artist still says no.

Angry, the woman gets her husband to threaten the artist.

Frightened, the artist agrees but only if socks would be worn.

The man and woman agree but ask "why socks?"

The artist states "I need something to hold my brushes".







The curator of a Western art museum commissioned a local artist to paint a mural-sized painting of Custer's Last Thought. The artist was told to make it highly symbolic of Custer's mindset during the debacle at the Little Big Horn.

Deep in thought, the artist went to his studio. After many false starts, he proceeded to paint an enormous oil painting. Finally, after many months of work, the painting was unveiled for the curator.

In the foreground, a beautiful crystalline blue lake with a single fish leaping. Around the fish's head is a halo. In the background, the hills and meadows are covered with naked Native American couples copulating.

The curator is both disgusted and baffled by what he sees. In a rage he turns to the artist and asks, "what the hell has this got to do with Custer's Last Thought?"

The artist replied, "It's simple; Custer's last thought had to have been: Holy Mackerel! Where did all these fucking Indians come from?"



Here's a really good art joke:

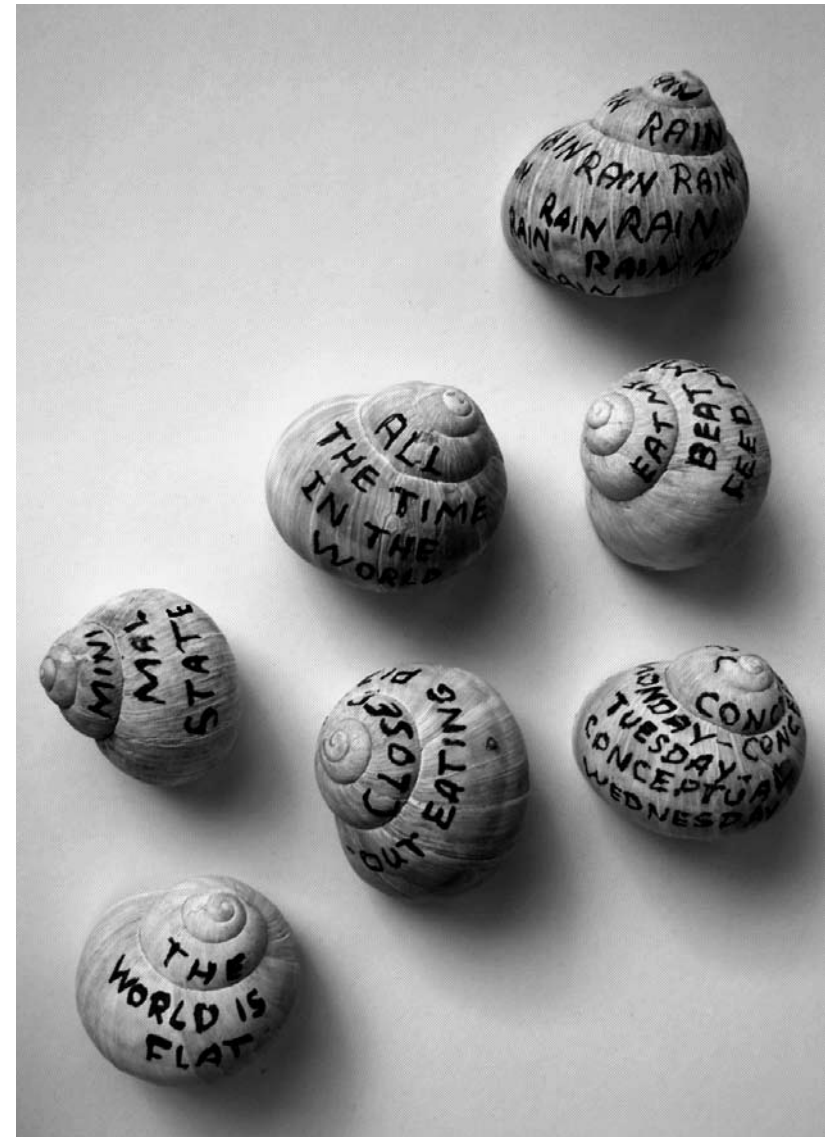
Gerhard Richter





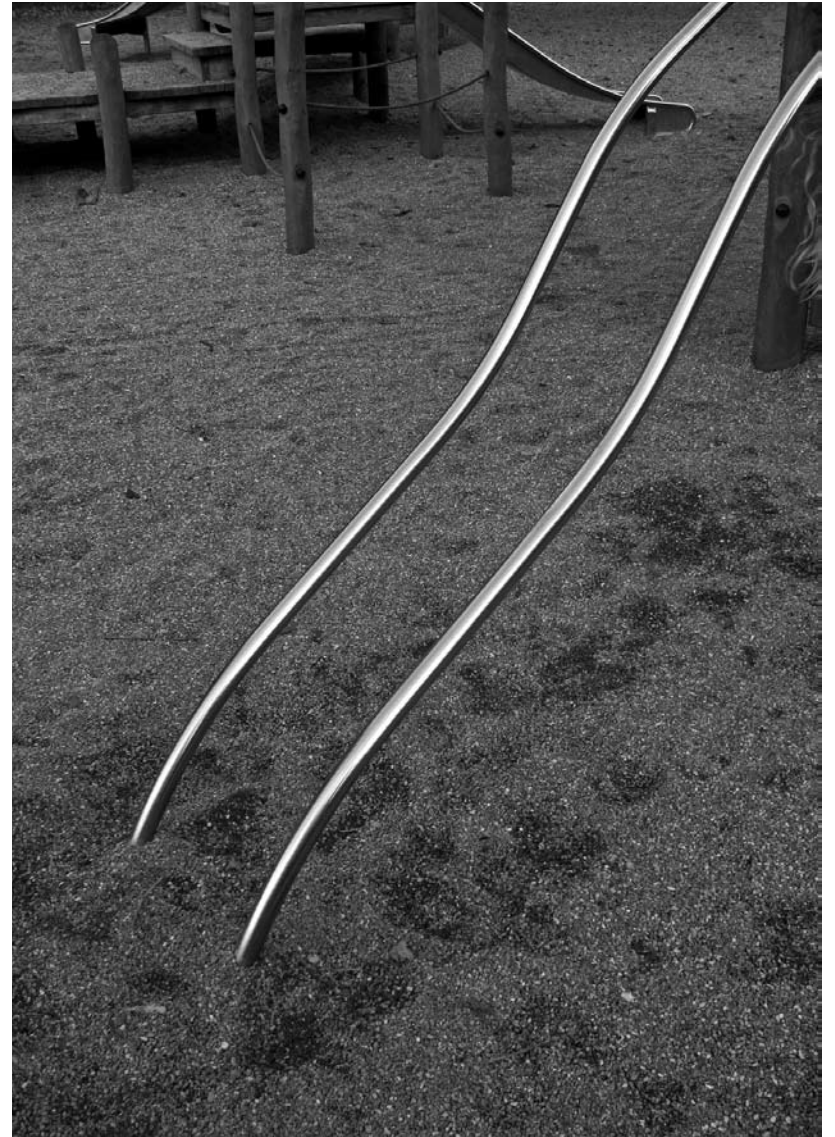
How many modern artists does it take to change a light bulb?

Four- one to throw bulbs against the wall, one to pile hundreds of them in a heap and spray-paint it orange, one to glue light bulbs to a cocker spaniel, and one to put a bulb in the socket and fill the room with light while all the critics and buyers are watching the fellow smashing the bulbs against the wall, the fellow with the spray-gun, and the cocker spaniel.











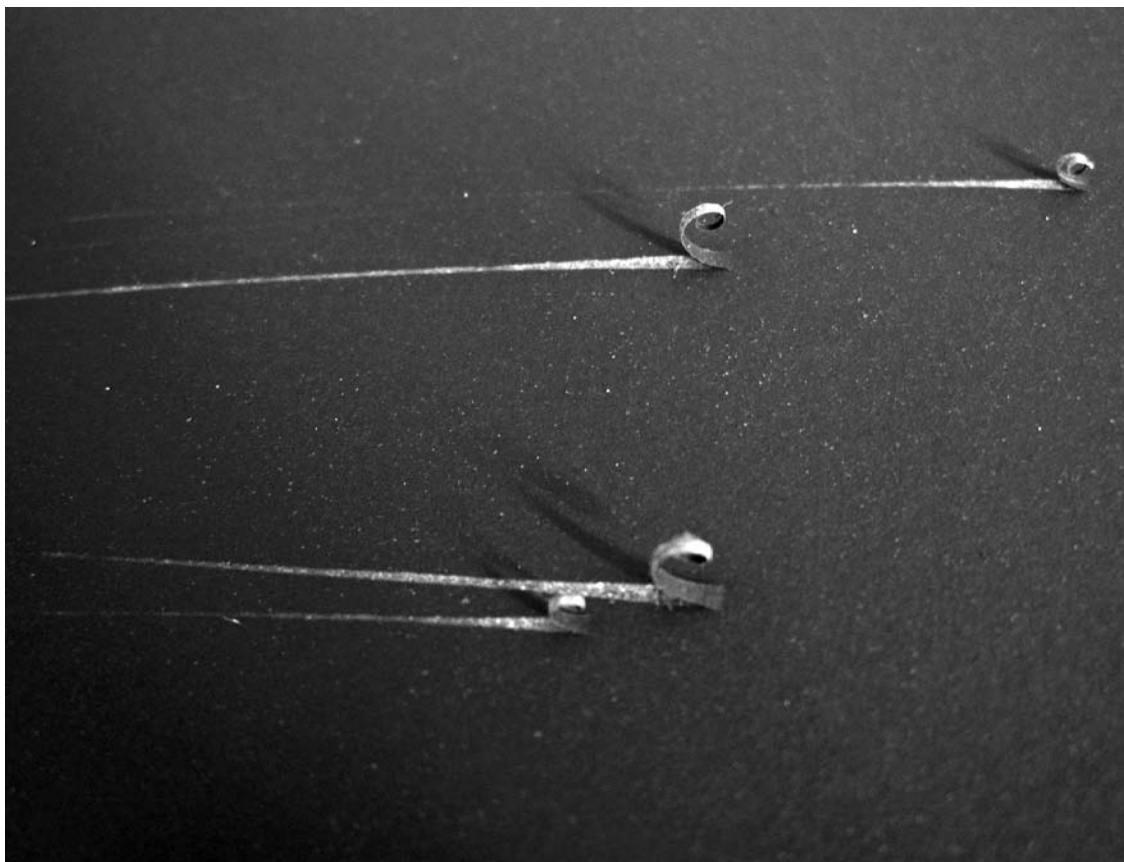
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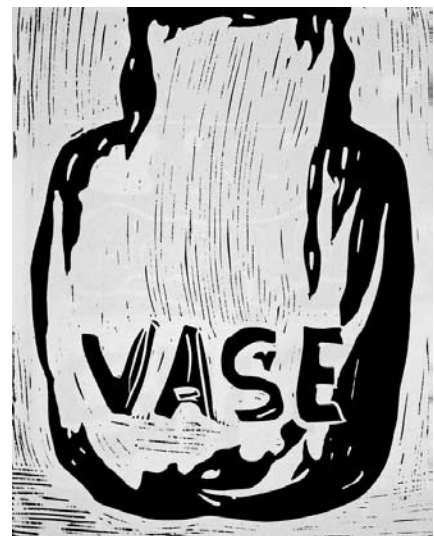


They say a picture is worth a thousand words,  
yet the guy at the gallery wouldn't trade me that  
painting for my newspaper.

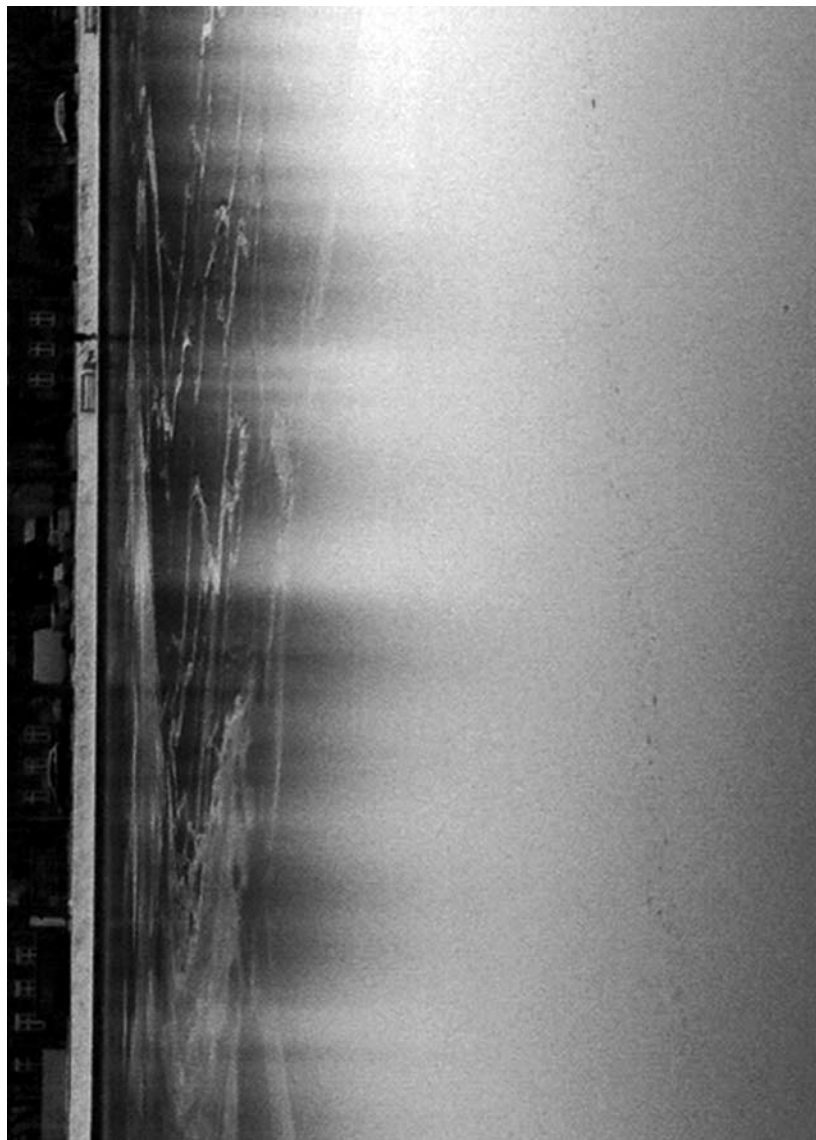










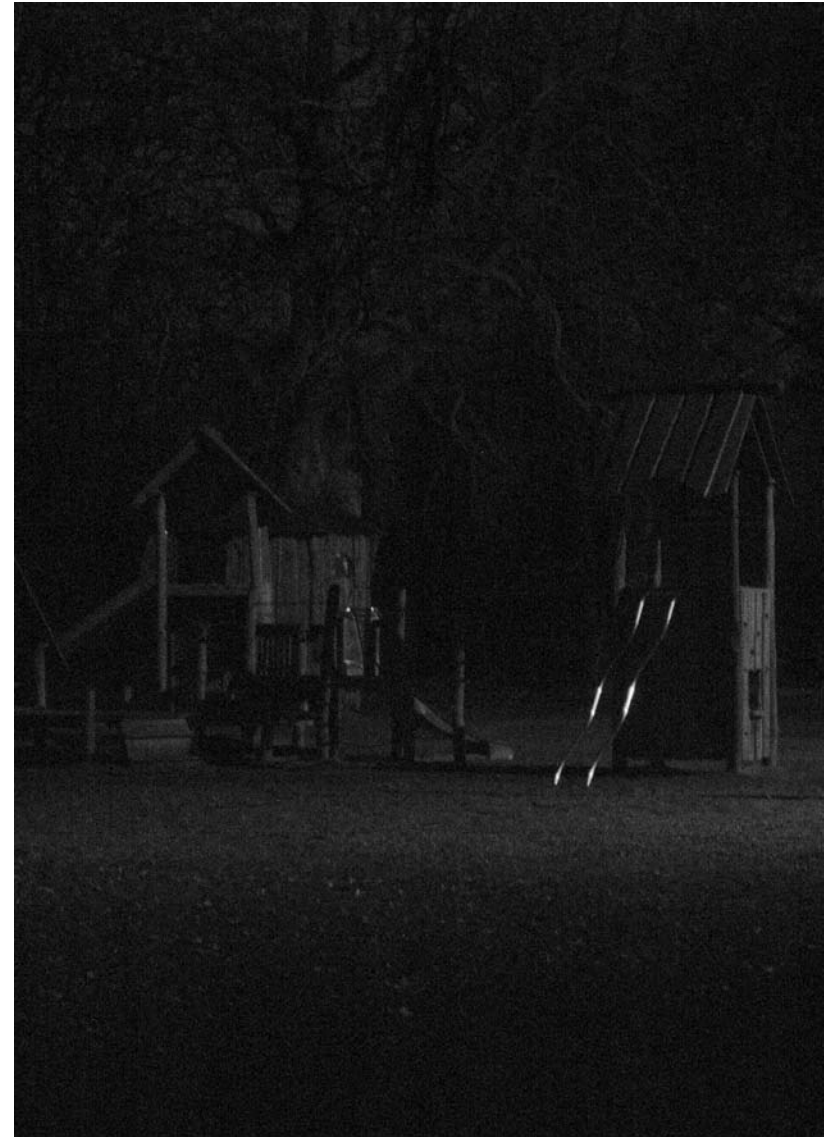


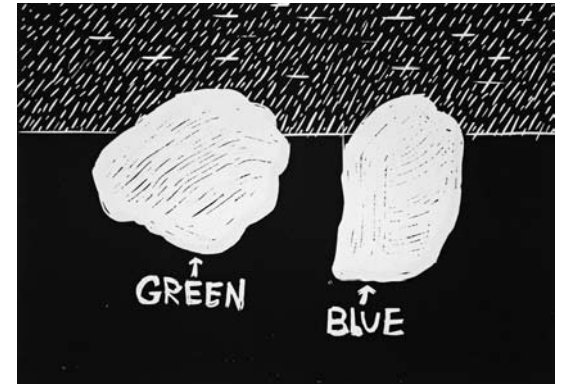
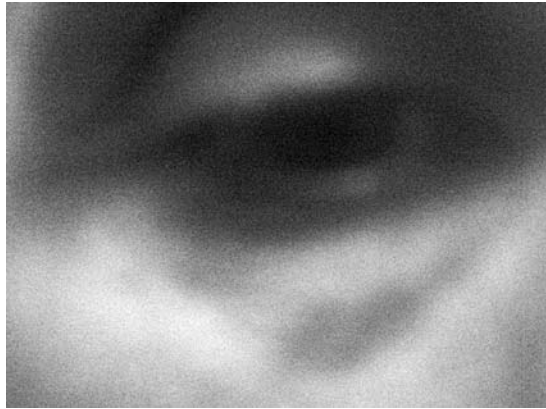


A tiny but dignified old lady was among a group looking at an art exhibition in a newly opened gallery. Suddenly one contemporary painting caught her eye. "What on earth," she inquired of the artist standing nearby, "is that?" He smiled condescendingly. "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and her child." "Well, then," snapped the little old lady, "why isn't it?"



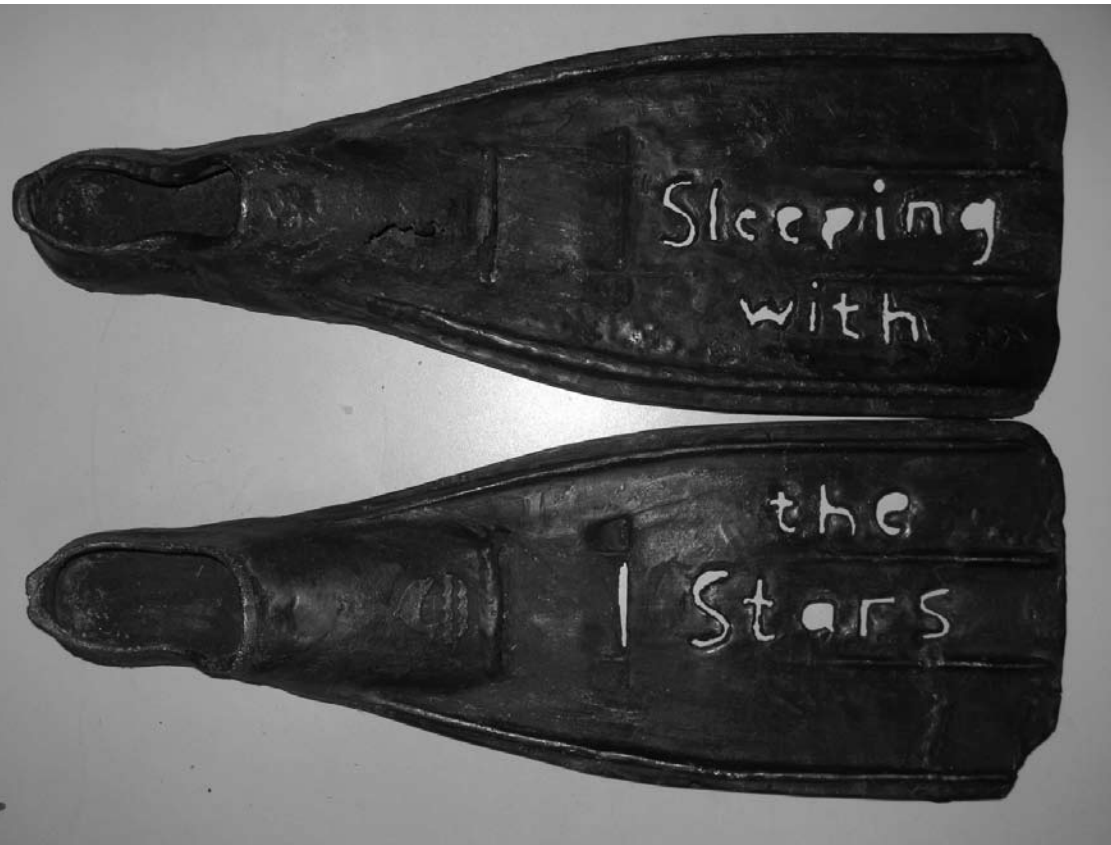


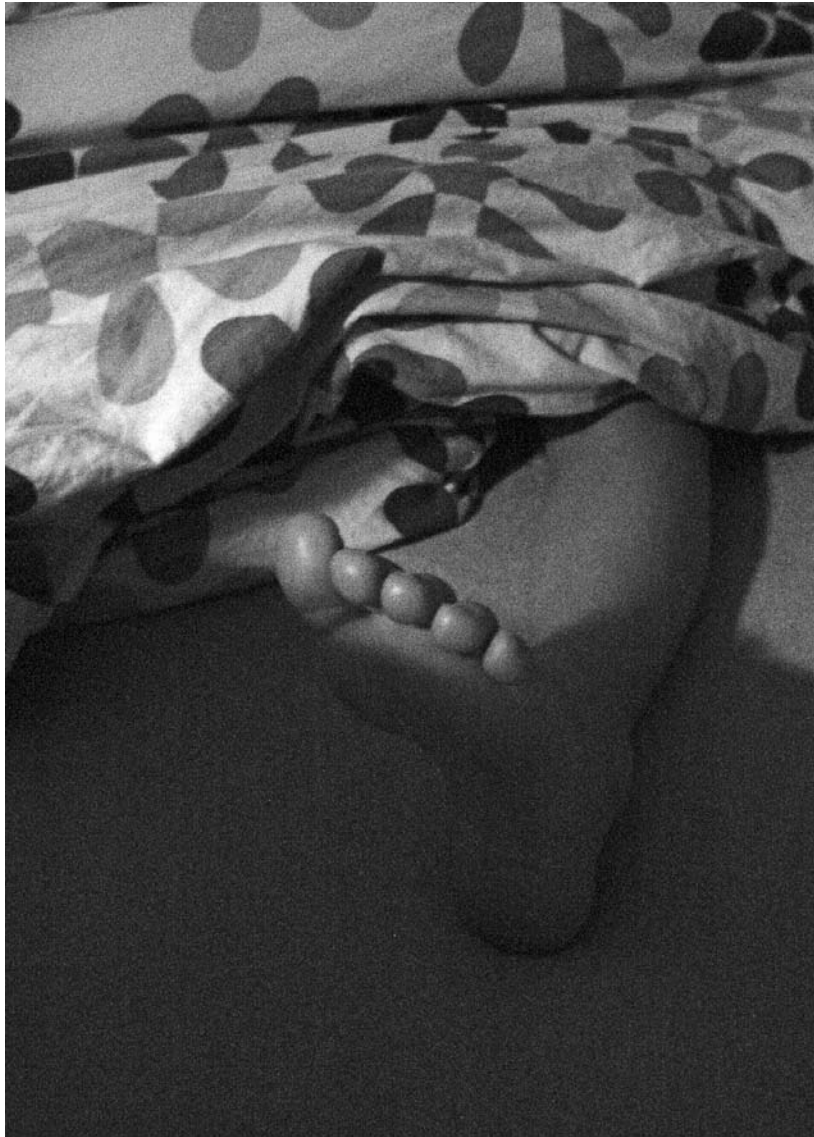




Why did the Performance Artist stare at frozen orange juice can for 2 hours?

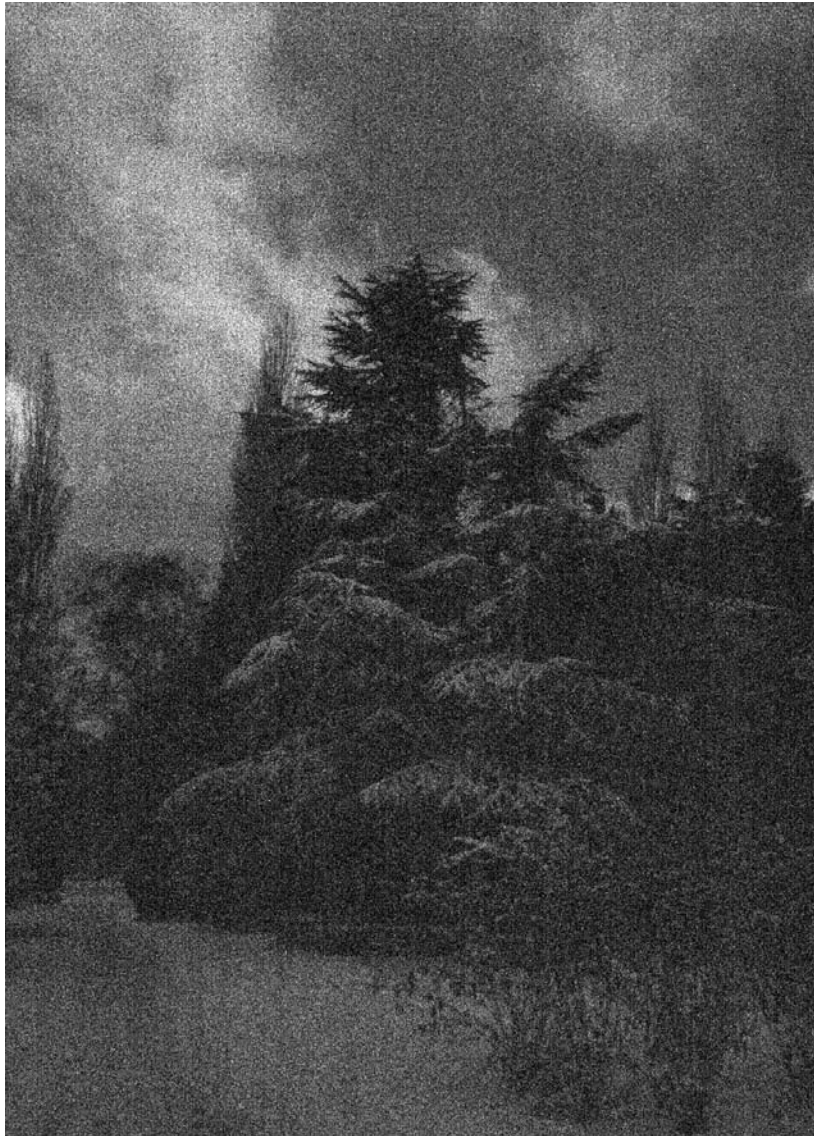
Because it said 'concentrate'.











What did the artist draw before he went to bed?

The curtains.

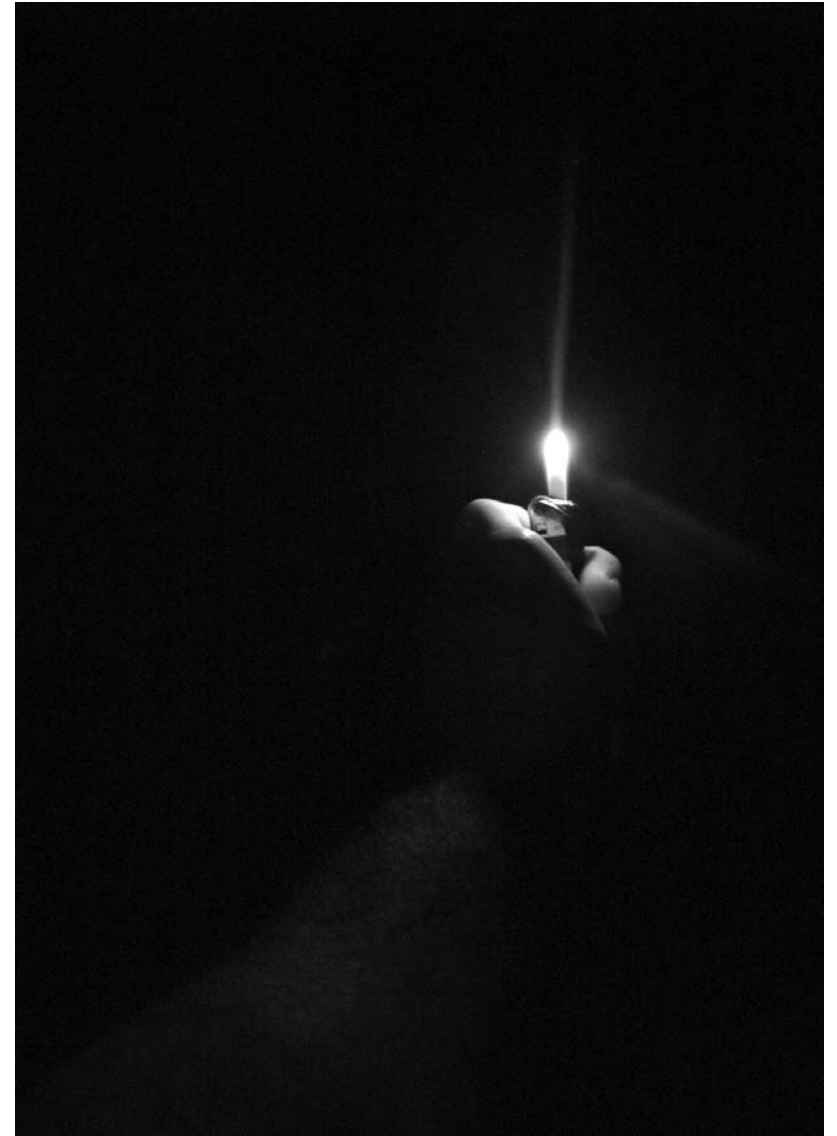


There was this artist who worked from a studio in his home. He specialized in nudes, and had been working on what he thought would be a masterpiece for several months now.

His model showed up and, after exchanging the usual greetings and small talk, she began to undress for the day's work. He told her not to bother, since he felt pretty bad with a cold he had been fighting. He added that he would pay her for the day, but that she could just go home; he just wanted some hot tea and then, off to bed.

The model said, "Oh, please, let me fix it for you. It's the least I can do." He agreed and told her to fix herself a cup too.

They were sitting in the living room exchanging small talk and enjoying their tea, when he heard the front door open and close, then some familiar footsteps. "Oh my God!" he whispered loudly, "It's my wife! Quick! Take all your clothes off!"







You might be an artist if ...

- The only piece of new furniture you have in your home is a \$2000 easel.
- You've ever cleaned your fingernails with a palette knife.
- You butter your toast with your fingers, just to feel its texture.
- You've ever considered framing your palette instead of the painting.
- You notice the burnt umber in the background of the Playboy centrefold.
- Your children are forced to share a room so you can have an art studio.
- You routinely drink the rinse water instead of the coffee.
- The suggestion that you should "teach" or "open a flower shop" or "go to law school" makes you want to scream and throw things.
- You know the difference between beige, ecru, cream, off-white, and eggshell.
- Your favorite fragrance is eau d' linseed oil.
- You do judge a book by its cover.



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