

CHECKLIST AND INTRODUCTORY TEXT

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Every day we use dozens of tiny objects, from Post-It notes to Band-Aids, erasers, and pie cutters. If they work well, chances are we do not pay them much attention. But although modest in size and price, some of these objects are true masterpieces of the art of design and deserving of our admiration.

The Museum of Modern Art, established in 1929, began giving these sorts of objects due recognition early on, setting for itself the unique mission of encouraging the understanding and application of modern arts, not only among collectors, but also manufacturers and the general public. From the outset, for the Museum's first director, Alfred H. Barr, Jr., modern arts included design.

Among the very first design objects acquired by the Museum, in 1934, was a group of more than a hundred simple industrial objects, such as springs and calipers, that had been shown in the exhibition *Machine Art* that year. In the late 1930s the curator John McAndrew initiated an annual series called Useful Objects, which featured well-designed items available in stores, and was meant to help the public select objects for their personal use and encourage designers to design; the series also generated numerous acquisitions. Items from both the exhibition and the series figure among the 122 objects on display in *Humble Masterpieces*, along with others acquired by curators over the course of the Museum's history, some as recently as this year. A number of objects in the show, new proposals for acquisition, have not yet made it into the collection.

Along with paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, and films, the collection currently includes 3,609 objects of design, ranging from a helicopter (the biggest item in the collection) to a microchip (the smallest). Among the design objects are not only precious furnishings and silverware, but also hundreds of basic items from the daily lives of people around the world. To this day, the Department of Architecture and Design seeks a perfect balance between form and function that is best exemplified by the honest and disarming tea bag, the apparently simple Bic pen, the paper clip. We encourage visitors to take a second look at their bags and homes, offices, and other surroundings, and to nominate the objects they think should properly be considered masterpieces.

PAOLA ANTONELLI, CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

- AINO AALTO (FINNISH, 1894–1949)
- 1 Tumbler** 1932
Pressed glass
Manufacturer: Iittala Glassworks, Finland
Greta Daniel Fund
Proposed acquisition
- THOMAS ADAMS (AMERICAN, 1818–1905)
- 2 Adams Chewing Gum** 1871
Sap from sapodilla tree
Manufacturer: Chicle Adams & Co., USA; now Cadbury Schweppes, Great Britain
- ALLEGEMEINE ELEKTRICITÄTS-GESELLSCHAFT (AEG) (GERMANY, est. 1887)
- 3 Pocket Flashlight** 1956
Plastic
Manufacturer: Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-Gesellschaft (AEG), Germany
Gift of the manufacturer
- HERBERT ALLEN (AMERICAN, 1907–1990)
- 4 Screwpull Corkscrew** 1979
Polycarbonate plastic and metal
Manufacturer: Hallen Co., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- AMERICAN STEEL & WIRE CO. (AMERICAN, est. 1898)
- 5 Bearing Spring** before 1934
Steel
Manufacturer: American Steel & Wire Co., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- HENNING ANDREASEN (DANISH, BORN 1923)
- 6 Folle 26 Stapler** 1977
Stainless steel, hardened steel, and iron
Manufacturer: Folmer Christensen, Denmark
Gift of the designer
- GÖRAN ÅSLIN (SWEDISH, BORN 1940)
- 7 Buttoner** 1980
Plastic and metal
Manufacturer: RFSU Rehab, Sweden
Gift of the manufacturer
- ARTHUR A. AYKANIAN (AMERICAN, BORN 1923)
- 8 Spoon Straw** 1968
Polypropylene plastic
Manufacturer: Winkler Flexible Products, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- OLOF BACKSTROM (FINNISH, BORN 1922)
- 9 Scissors** 1960
Plastic and stainless steel
Manufacturer: Oy Fiskars Ab, Finland
Greta Daniel Fund
- BALL BROTHERS GLASS MANUFACTURING COMPANY (AMERICAN, est. 1880)
- 10 Home Canning Jar** 1884
Glass, steel coated tinplate, and plastisol sealing compound
Manufacturer: Ball Corporation; now Alltrista Consumer Products Company, a division of Jarden Corporation, USA
Proposed acquisition
- BAYER RESEARCH LABORATORIES (GERMAN, est. 1863)
- 11 Aspirin Tablet, 500 mg** 1900
Acetylsalicylic Acid (ASA)
Manufacturer: Bayer HealthCare AG, Germany
Proposed acquisition
- ATHOS BERGAMASCHI (ITALIAN, BORN 1935)
- 12 Disposable Foldable Razors** 1975
Polypropylene plastic and stainless steel
Manufacturer: Elberel Italiana, Italy
Gift of Domus Academy, Italy
- ENRIC BERNAT I FONTLLADOSA (SPANISH, 1923–2003)
- 13 Chupa Chups** 1958
Candy on a plastic stick (lollipop)
Manufacturer: Granja Asturias S.A.; now Chupa Chups S.A., Spain
Proposed acquisition
- MARIANNE BRANDT (GERMAN, 1893–1983)
- 14 Table Clock** c. 1930
Painted and chrome-plated metal
Manufacturer: Ruppelwerk GmbH, Germany
Gift of Jo Carole and Ronald S. Lauder
- BROWNE & SHARPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY (AMERICAN, est. 1833)
- 15 Outside Firm-Joint Calipers** before 1934
Tempered steel
Manufacturer: Browne & Sharpe Mfg. Co., USA
Gift of Browne & Sharpe
- NICK BUTLER (BRITISH, BORN 1942)
- 16 Durabeam Flashlight** 1986–87
Plastic
Manufacturer: Duracell International, Inc., USA
Anonymous gift

NICKIE CAMPBELL (AMERICAN, BORN 1962)
WILLIAM CAMPBELL (AMERICAN, BORN 1954)

- 17 **Infant's Bottle** 1983
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Ansa Bottle Company, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

- ACHILLE CASTIGLIONI (ITALIAN, 1918–2002)
18 **Dry Mocha Spoon (model 94180/9)** 1981
Stainless steel
Manufacturer: Alessi S.p.A., Italy
Gift of the manufacturer

- MARC A. CHAVANNES (SWISS, 1896–1994)
ALFRED W. FIELDING (AMERICAN, 1917–1994)
19 **Bubble Wrap Air Cellular Cushioning** 1960
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Sealed Air Corporation, USA
Proposed acquisition

- CLIFF CHI (AMERICAN, BORN 1964)
20 **Gripz In-line Skate Tool** 1994
Steel and plastic
Manufacturer: Sonic Sports, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

- MARIA LUISA BELGIOJOSO (ITALIAN, BORN 1936)
21 **Chicco Fork and Spoon** 1971
Plastic
Manufacturer: Chicco, a brand of Artsana S.p.A., Italy
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and Design

- GODTFRED KIRK CHRISTIANSEN (DANISH,
1920–1995)
22 **LEGO Building Bricks** 1954–58
ABS plastic
Manufacturer: LEGO Group, Denmark
Gift of the manufacturer

- JACK CLEMENTS (AMERICAN, n.d.)
23 **Coffee Cup Lid (Solo Traveler)** 1986
Polystyrene plastic
Manufacturer: Solo Cup Company, USA
Proposed acquisition

- GINO COLOMBINI (ITALIAN, BORN 1915)
24 **Lemon Squeezer** 1958
Low-pressure polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Kartell S.p.A., Italy
Gift of the designer

JOE COLOMBO (ITALIAN, 1930–1971)

- 25 **Disposable Stacking Cups
(Alitalia Linea 72 In-Flight Service)** 1971
Polystyrene plastic
Manufacturer: Alitalia, Italy
Gift of Alitalia, Italy

- COLOPLAST (DANISH, est. 1957)
26 **Band-Aid Advanced Healing Blister** 2002
Hydrocolloid gel
Manufacturer: Johnson & Johnson, USA
Proposed acquisition

- CSS/WINFIELD (AMERICAN, n.d.)
27 **Unique Key Card** 1982
Stainless steel
Manufacturer: CSS/Winfield, USA
Gift of the manufacturer

- DANIEL F. CUDZIK (AMERICAN, BORN 1934)
28 **Beverage Can with Non-Removable Pull-Tab
Opener (Stay-On Tab)** 1975
Aluminum
Manufacturer: Alcoa, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

- DÉCOLLETAGE PLASTIQUE DESIGN TEAM
(FRENCH, est. 1945)
29 **Bic Cristal** 1950
Polystyrene and polypropylene plastic, and tungsten carbide
Manufacturer: Société Bic, France
Gift of the manufacturer

- Designer unknown
30 **Barrette** n.d.
Stainless steel
Manufacturer: Goody Products, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

- Designer unknown
31 **Chopsticks** c. 3000 B.C.
Bamboo
Manufacturer: Hashikatsu, Japan
Proposed acquisition

- Designer unknown
32 **Collapsible Salad Basket** before 1953
Tinned steel
Manufacturer: H. A. Mack & Co., Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

Designer unknown
33 **Cookie Cutting Wheel** 1953
Aluminum and plastic
Manufacturer: Foley Manufacturing Co., USA
Department Purchase

Designer unknown
34 **Egg Carton** 1930s
Molded paper pulp
Manufacturer: Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

Designer unknown
35 **Electric Hairdryer** c. 1928
Nickel-plated metal, wood, and Bakelite resin
Manufacturer: Friho-sol, Germany
Marshall Cogan Purchase Fund

Designer unknown
36 **Hairpin** n.d.
Steel
Manufacturer: Goody Products, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

Designer unknown
37 **Tennis Ball** c. 1870
Rubber and felt
Manufacturer: Wilson Sporting Goods Co., USA,
a brand of Amer Group, Finland
Proposed acquisition

Designer unknown
38 **12-Cut Pie Marker** before 1956
Cast aluminum
Manufacturer unknown, Italy
Department Purchase

Designer unknown
39 **Whisk** before 1956
Metal
Manufacturer: Metropolitan Wire Goods Corp., USA
Purchase Fund

Designer unknown
40 **White T-Shirt** 1910s
Cotton
Manufacturer: Fruit of the Loom, USA
Proposed acquisition

Designer unknown
41 **X-Shaped Rubber Bands** c. 1995
Synthetic rubber
Manufacturer: Mahakit Rubber Co. Ltd., Thailand
Gift of the supplier, Laufer AC, Germany

EARLE DICKSON (AMERICAN, 1891–1936)
42 **Band-Aid** 1921
Adhesive bandage and cotton
Manufacturer: Johnson & Johnson, USA
Proposed acquisition

RICHARD G. DREW (AMERICAN, 1886–1956)
43 **Scotch Tape** 1930
Transparent cellophane adhesive tape
Manufacturer: 3M Company, USA
Proposed acquisition

DURACELL (AMERICAN, est. 1944)
44 **Duracell AA Battery** 1960
Nickel-plated steel
Manufacturer: Duracell International, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY (AMERICAN, est. 1901)
45 **Fling 110 Disposable Camera** 1987
Plastic with cardboard cover
Manufacturer: Eastman Kodak Company, USA
Purchase

THOMAS ALVA EDISON (AMERICAN, 1847–1931)
46 **Incandescent Light Bulb** 1879
Glass vacuum bulb, tungsten filament, and aluminum base
Manufacturer: Edison General Electric; now GE Lighting,
USA
Proposed acquisition

KENJI EKUAN (JAPANESE, BORN 1929)
GK DESIGN GROUP (JAPANESE, est. 1953)
47 **Kikkoman Soy Sauce Dispenser** 1961
Glass and polystyrene plastic
Manufacturer: Kikkoman Corporation, Japan
Proposed acquisition

CARL ELSENER (SWISS, 1860–1918)
48 **Victorinox Swiss Officers' Knife Champion
(no. 5012)** 1968
Plastic and stainless steel
Manufacturer: Victorinox, Switzerland
Gift of Golden West Merchandisers, USA

ERGONOMI DESIGN GRUPPEN (SWEDISH, est. 1969)

MARIA BENKTZON (SWEDISH, BORN 1946)
SVEN-ERIC JUHLIN (SWEDISH, BORN 1940)

49 Knork Fork 1978

Polycarbonate and ABS plastics, and stainless steel
Manufacturer: RFSU Rehab, Sweden
Gift of the manufacturer

KASPAR FABER (GERMAN, 1730–1784)

50 Lead Pencil 1761

Graphite and cedar wood
Manufacturer: Faber-Castell, Germany
Proposed acquisition

FEDERAL TOOL CO., INC. (AMERICAN, n.d.)

51 Screwdrivers 1900–1950

Steel with wood handle
Manufacturer: Federal Tool Co., Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

FLAMINAIRE (FRENCH, est. 1939)

52 J1 Bic Disposable Lighter 1972

Steel and Delrin plastic
Manufacturer: Soci t  Bic, France
Proposed acquisition

FLEX DEVELOPMENT BV (DUTCH, est. 1988)

53 Cable Turtle Cable Spool 1996

Thermoplastic elastomer
Manufacturer: Cleverline, the Netherlands
Gift of the manufacturer

AUGUSTIN-JEAN FRESNEL (FRENCH, 1788–1827)

54 Magnifier Lens 1822

Acrylic plastic
Manufacturer: Bausch & Lomb, USA
Proposed acquisition

ART FRY (AMERICAN, BORN 1931)

SPENCER SILVER (AMERICAN, BORN 1941)

55 Post-it Note c. 1977

Paper and adhesive
Manufacturer: 3M, USA
Purchase

ROSS GARDNER JR. (AMERICAN, 1933–2000)

56 Earplug (E-A-R Classic Earplug) early 1970s

Foamed polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic
Manufacturer: Cabot Safety Corporation; now Aearo Corporation, USA
Proposed acquisition

GEM MANUFACTURING LTD. (BRITISH, n.d.)
WILLIAM MIDDLEBROOK (AMERICAN, n.d.)

57 GEM Paperclip 1899

Steel
Manufacturer: ACCO Brands, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

LEO GERSTENZANG (AMERICAN, BORN POLAND, n.d.)

58 Q-tips 1923

Cotton and paper
Manufacturer: Leo Gerstenzang Infant Novelty Co.; now Q-tips, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

ROBERT P. GOTTLIEB (AMERICAN, 1921–1977)

59 Hairspray Face Protector 1974

Acrylic plastic
Manufacturer: Two's Company, USA
Gift of the manufacturer

TODD GREENE (AMERICAN, BORN 1967)

60 HeadBlade Razor 1997–99

ABS plastic, rubber, disposable razor blade
Manufacturer: The HeadBlade Company, LLC, USA
Proposed acquisition

TEDDY TREU GR NBECH (DANISH, BORN CANADA 1955)

61 Tea Filter 1992

Unbleached paper
Manufacturer: Telia, Denmark
Proposed acquisition

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND (AMERICAN, 1888–1965)

62 Bottle Opener 1948

Bronze and magnetic top
Manufacturer: Hammond Research Corp., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

IKKAN HIKI (JAPANESE, n.d.)

63 Chasen before 1953

Bamboo
Gift of Japan

WALTER HUNT (AMERICAN, 1795–1859)

64 Safety Pin 1849

Steel
Manufacturer: A. Meyers & Sons Corp., USA
Proposed acquisition

- GENE HURWITT (AMERICAN, 1906–1988)
- 65 Boxes** c. 1965
Acrylic plastic
Manufacturer: AMAC Plastic Products Corp., USA
Purchase
- GIULIO IACCHETTI (ITALIAN, BORN 1966)
MATTEO RAGNI (ITALIAN, BORN 1972)
PANDORA DESIGN (ITALIAN, est. 1998)
- 66 Moscardino Disposable Eating Utensils** 2000
Mater Bi compound (thermoplastic biodegradable material made of corn, grain, and potato)
Manufacturer: La Civiplast Snc di Vittorio e Ciro Boschetti, Italy
Gift of Pandora Design
- TAKESHI ISHIGURO (JAPANESE, BORN 1969)
- 67 Rice Salt and Pepper Shakers (prototypes)** 1994
Extruded, slip-cast and molded rice slurry
Manufacturer: Takeshi Ishiguro, Japan
Gift of the designer
- RICHARD JAMES (AMERICAN, 1914–1974)
BETTY JAMES (AMERICAN, BORN 1918)
- 68 Slinky** 1945
Steel
Manufacturer: James Spring & Wire Company, later James Industries; now a brand of Poof Toys, USA
Proposed acquisition
- PER JARI (SWEDISH, BORN 1951)
JAN OHRN (SWEDISH, BORN 1943)
- 69 Multilog 2040 Pacemaker** 1988
Titanium and epoxy resin
Manufacturer: Pacesetter AB, Sweden
Gift of the manufacturer
- HIDEO KANBARA (JAPANESE, BORN 1978)
- 70 Kadokeshi Plastic Eraser** 2001
Rubber
Manufacturer: Kokuyo Co., Ltd., Japan
Proposed acquisition
- CHARLES B. KAUFMANN (AMERICAN, 1890–1957)
- 71 Bird Control Strips** 1949
Stainless steel
Manufacturer: Nixalite of America, USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- SHERMAN L. KELLY (AMERICAN, 1869–1952)
- 72 Ice Cream Scoop** 1935
Cast aluminum
Manufacturer: Zeroll Co.; now Roll Dippers, Inc., USA
Purchase Fund
- KYOCERA CORPORATION (JAPANESE, est. 1960)
- 73 Scissors** 1985
Ceramic
Manufacturer: Kyocera International, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- HYMAN LIPMAN (AMERICAN, N.D.)
- 74 Wooden Pencil with Eraser** 1858
Graphite, cedar wood, rubber, and metal ferrule
Manufacturer: Faber-Castell, Germany
Proposed acquisition
- ANTHONY MAGLICA (AMERICAN, BORN 1930)
- 75 Mag Charger Rechargeable Flashlight** 1982
Aluminum alloy and borosilicate glass
Manufacturer: Mag Instrument, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- ITALO MARCHIONI (ITALIAN, 1868–1954)
- 76 Ice Cream Cone** 1896
Rolled waffle
Manufacturer: Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- FORREST MARS (AMERICAN, 1904–1999)
- 77 M&M's** late 1930s
Milk chocolate coated with a candy shell
Manufacturer: Mars, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- JURIS MEDNIS (AMERICAN, BORN LATVIA 1937)
- 78 Bottles** 1983
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Juris Mednis, USA
Gift of the designer
- BOB MOLITOR (AMERICAN, BORN 1921)
SPALDING (est. 1876)
- 79 Top-Flite Golf Ball** 1971
Polybutadiene and Surllyn resin
Manufacturer: The Top-Flite Golf Company, a brand of Callaway Golf Company, USA
Proposed acquisition

- EDWIN MOORE (AMERICAN, 1878–1916)
- 80 Push Pins** 1900
Glass, aluminum, styrene plastic, and wood
Manufacturer: Moore Push-Pin Company, USA
Proposed acquisition
- HUGH MOORE (AMERICAN, n.d.)
LAWRENCE LUELLEN (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 81 Dixie Paper Cups** 1908
Waxed paper
Manufacturer: Dixie Cup Company; now Georgia-Pacific Corporation, USA
Proposed acquisition
- WALTER FREDERICK MORRISON (AMERICAN, n.d.)
WARREN FRANSCIONI (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 82 Frisbee** 1948
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Wham-O, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- MARCELLO NIZZOLI (ITALIAN, 1887–1969)
- 83 Letter Opener** 1960
Melamine resin
Manufacturer: Ing. C. Olivetti & C., Italy
Gift of the manufacturer
- WILLIAM PAINTER (AMERICAN, 1838–1906)
- 84 Crown Bottle Cap** 1892
Steel and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic
Manufacturer: Crown Beverage Packaging, USA
Proposed acquisition
- PHILIPS RESEARCH LABORATORIES (DUTCH, est. 1891)
SONY RESEARCH LABORATORIES (JAPANESE, est. 1946)
- 85 Digital Compact Disc** 1970s
Polycarbonate plastic
Manufacturer: Royal Philips Electronics, the Netherlands
Proposed acquisition
- WILLIAM LANSING PLUMB (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 86 Dictaphone (model no. 10)** 1970
ABS plastic
Manufacturer: Dictaphone AG, Switzerland
Gift of the manufacturer
- ADOLF RAMBOLD (GERMAN, 1900–1996)
- 87 Double Chamber Tea Bag** 1949
Paper
Manufacturer: Teepak, Germany
Proposed acquisition
- DIETER RAMS (GERMAN, BORN 1932)
GERD ALFRED MÜLLER (GERMAN, BORN 1932)
- 88 Combi Electric Shaver** 1957
Plastic
Manufacturer: Braun AG, Germany
Gift of the manufacturer
- DIETER RAMS (GERMAN, BORN 1932)
ULM HOCHSCHULE FÜR GESTALTUNG (GERMAN, est. 1953)
- 89 Pocket Radio (model T3)** 1958
Plastic casing
Manufacturer: Braun AG, Germany
Gift of the manufacturer
- RUBEN RAUSING (SWEDISH, 1895–1983)
ERIK WALLENBERG (SWEDISH, 1915–1999)
- 90 Tetra Classic** 1943–44
Carton and plastic coating
Manufacturer: Åkerlund & Rausing; now Tetra Pak, Sweden
Proposed acquisition
- HILLEL REISKIND (AMERICAN, 1906–1957)
BENJAMIN CARSON (AMERICAN, 1897–1974)
ALEXANDER BURT (AMERICAN, 1906–n.d.)
- 91 45-rpm Vinyl Disc** 1943–49
Vinyl
Manufacturer: RCA Victor; now RCA, USA (a Thomson brand)
Proposed acquisition
- ERIC RIVKIN (AMERICAN, BORN 1951)
ROBERT J. DEBREY (AMERICAN, BORN 1934)
KENT MACINTOSH (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 92 Ice Savage Ice Scraper (model W22)** 1975–76
Injection-molded polystyrene plastic
Manufacturer: Mastermotive, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- ELMER D. ROGERS (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 93 Clothes Hanger** 1935
Steel
Manufacturer: M&B Hangers, USA
Proposed acquisition

- ROSENTHAL PORZELLAN AG (GERMAN, est. 1879)
- 94 Mold for Rubber Toy Balloon** before 1958
Porcelain
Manufacturer: Rosenthal Porzellan AG, Germany
Gift of the manufacturer
- HERMAN GOELITZ ROWLAND (AMERICAN, BORN 1941)
- 95 Jelly Belly Jellybeans** 1976
Candy (original flavors: very cherry, lemon, cream soda, tangerine, green apple, root beer, grape, and licorice)
Manufacturer: Herman Goelitz Candy Co.; now Jelly Belly Candy Company, USA
Proposed acquisition
- ERNÖ RUBIK (HUNGARIAN, BORN 1937)
- 96 Rubik's Cube Puzzle** 1974
Plastic
Manufacturer: Ideal Toy Corporation, Hong Kong
Gift of the manufacturer
- MARK SANDERS (BRITISH, BORN 1956)
- 97 No-Spill Chopping Board** 1988
Polypropylene plastic
Manufacturer: Rubycliff Ltd., Great Britain
Gift of the designer
- RICHARD SAPPER (GERMAN, BORN 1932)
- 98 Minitimer Kitchen Timer** 1971
Plastic
Manufacturer: Ritz-Italora, Italy
Gift of the Terrillon Corporation
- SC JOHNSON & SON, INC. (AMERICAN, est. 1886)
- 99 Ziploc Bag** 1972
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: SC Johnson & Son, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- SHAW & MERCHANT COMPANY (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 100 Airmail Envelope** 1929
Paper
Manufacturer: International Envelope Corporation, USA
Proposed acquisition
- IAIN SINCLAIR (BRITISH, BORN 1943)
- 101 Flashcard** 1993
Cardboard
Manufacturer: Torchco Ltd., Great Britain
Gift of the designer
- SMART DESIGN (AMERICAN, est. 1979)
- 102 Good Grips Paring Knife** 1989
Stainless steel and thermoplastic elastomer
Manufacturer: Oxo International, USA
Gift of the designers
- HERMAN STEINER (SWISS, BORN 1913)
- 103 Biscuit Joiner (Plate Joiner)** 1955
Beech wood
Manufacturer: Steiner Lamello AG, Switzerland
Proposed acquisition
- CHARLES STILLWELL (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 104 Flat Bottomed Brown Paper Grocery Bag** 1883
Paper
Manufacturer: Duro Bag Manufacturing Company, USA
Proposed acquisition
- NORMAN STINGLEY (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 105 Superball** early 1960s
Zectron
Manufacturer: Wham-O, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- OTTO FREDERICK GIDEON SUNDBACK (CANADIAN, BORN SWEDEN. 1880–1954)
- 106 Zipper (Separable Fastener)** 1913
Brass and polyester
Manufacturer: YKK Corporation, Japan
Proposed acquisition
- SWATCH (SWISS, est. 1983)
- 107 Watch (model GB001)** 1983
Plastic and metal
Manufacturer: Swatch AG, Switzerland
Gift of the manufacturer
- TETRA PAK RESEARCH LABORATORIES (SWEDISH, est. 1951)
- 108 Tetra Brik** 1959
Carton and plastic coating
Manufacturer: Tetra Pak, Sweden
Proposed acquisition
- THEODOR TOBLER (SWISS, 1876–1941)
EMIL BAUMANN (SWISS, 1883–1966)
- 109 Toblerone** 1908
Chocolate, honey, and almonds
Manufacturer: Fabrique de Chocolat Berne, Tobler & Cie., Switzerland; now Kraft Foods Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

- EARL SILAS TUPPER (AMERICAN, 1907–1983)
- 110 Drinking Cups** 1946
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Tupper Corporation, USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- GINO VALLE (ITALIAN, 1923–2003)
- 111 Cifra 3 Clock** 1965
Plastic casing
Manufacturer: Solari & C., Italy
Gift of the manufacturer
- VISUAL AIDS ARTISTS CAUCUS (AMERICAN, est. 1988)
- 112 Red Ribbon (International Symbol of HIV and AIDS Awareness)** 1991
Red fabric and safety pin
Manufacturer: Visual AIDS, USA
Proposed acquisition
- WILHELM WAGENFELD (GERMAN, 1900–1990)
- 113 Salt and Pepper Shakers** 1952–53
Stainless steel and glass
Manufacturer: Württembergische Metallwarenfabrik, Germany
Given anonymously
- JOSIAH WEDGWOOD (BRITISH, 1730–1795)
- 114 Coffee Cup and Saucer** 1768
Black basalt with glazed interior
Manufacturer: Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Ltd., Great Britain
Gift of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, Inc., of America
- OTTO WICHTERLE (CZECHOSLOVAKIAN, 1913–1998)
- 115 Soft Contact Lenses** c. 1950s
Hydroxyethylmethacrylate plastic
Manufacturer: Bausch & Lomb, USA
Proposed acquisition
- SVEN WINGQUIST (SWEDISH, 1876–1953)
- 116 Self-Aligning Ball Bearing** 1907
Chrome-plated steel
Manufacturer: S.K.F. Industries, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- TAPIO WIRKKALA (FINNISH, 1915–1985)
- 117 Incandescent Bulb (model WIR105)** 1959
Glass
Manufacturer: Oy Airam Ab, Finland
Gift of the manufacturer
- NORMAN JOSEPH WOODLAND (AMERICAN, n.d.)
BERNARD "BOB" SILVER (AMERICAN, n.d.)
- 118 Bar Code** 1948–49
Proposed acquisition
- YAKTRAX (AMERICAN, est. n.d.)
- 119 Yaktrax Walker** 2002
Thermoplastic elastomer and steel
Manufacturer: Yaktrax, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition
- MICHAEL S. ZANE (AMERICAN, BORN 1948)
PETER L. ZANE (AMERICAN, BORN 1950)
- 120 Kryptonite 4 Bike Lock** 1976
Vinyl-coated zinc and nickel-plated steel
Manufacturer: KBL Corporation, USA
Gift of the manufacturer
- MARCO ZANUSO (ITALIAN, 1916–2001)
- 121 Kitchen Scale (model BA 2000)** 1969–70
ABS plastic
Manufacturer: Terraillon, France
Gift of the manufacturer
- NOEL ZELLER (AMERICAN, BORN 1936)
- 122 Itty Bitty Book Light** 1982
ABS and polycarbonate plastics
Manufacturer: Zelco Industries, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

