HUMBLE MASTERPIECES

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The Museum of Modern Art, Queens
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: Allegemeine Elektricitäts-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 Altrista 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 BELGIOJO (ITALIAN, BORN 1936)

21 Chicco Fork and Spoon 1971
Plastic
Manufacturer: Chicco, a brand of Artsana S.p.A., Italy
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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 COLOMO (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
33 **Cookie Cutting Wheel** 1953
   Aluminum and plastic
   Manufacturer: Foley Manufacturing Co., USA
   Department Purchase

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 **Band-Aid** 1921
   Adhesive bandage and cotton
   Manufacturer: Johnson & Johnson, USA
   Proposed acquisition

43 **Scotch Tape** 1930
   Transparent cellophane adhesive tape
   Manufacturer: 3M Company, USA
   Proposed acquisition

44 **Duracell AA Battery** 1960
   Nickel-plated steel
   Manufacturer: Duracell International, Inc., USA
   Gift of the manufacturer

45 **Fling 110 Disposable Camera** 1987
   Plastic with cardboard cover
   Manufacturer: Eastman Kodak Company, USA
   Purchase

46 **Incandescent Light Bulb** 1879
   Glass vacuum bulb, tungsten filament, and aluminum base
   Manufacturer: Edison General Electric; now GE Lighting, USA
   Proposed acquisition

47 **Kikkoman Soy Sauce Dispenser** 1961
   Glass and polystyrene plastic
   Manufacturer: Kikkoman Corporation, Japan
   Proposed acquisition

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)

Knork Fork 1978
Polycarbonate and ABS plastics, and stainless steel
Manufacturer: RFSU Rehab, Sweden
Gift of the manufacturer

KASPAR FABER (GERMAN, 1730–1784)

Lead Pencil 1761
Graphite and cedar wood
Manufacturer: Faber-Castell, Germany
Proposed acquisition

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

Screwdrivers 1900–1950
Steel with wood handle
Manufacturer: Federal Tool Co., Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

FLAMINAIRE (FRENCH, est. 1939)

J 1 Bic Disposable Lighter 1972
Steel and Delrin plastic
Manufacturer: Société Bic, France
Proposed acquisition

FLEX DEVELOPMENT BV (DUTCH, est. 1988)

Cable Turtle Cable Spool 1996
Thermoplastic elastomer
Manufacturer: Cleverline, the Netherlands
Gift of the manufacturer

AUGUSTIN-JEAN FRESNEL (FRENCH, 1788–1827)

Magnifier Lens 1822
Acrylic plastic
Manufacturer: Bausch & Lomb, USA
Proposed acquisition

ART FRY (AMERICAN, BORN 1931)
SPENCER SILVER (AMERICAN, BORN 1941)

Post-it Note c. 1977
Paper and adhesive
Manufacturer: 3M, USA
Purchase

ROSS GARDNER JR. (AMERICAN, 1933–2000)

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.)

GEM Paperclip 1899
Steel
Manufacturer: ACCO Brands, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

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

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)

Hairspray Face Protector 1974
Acrylic plastic
Manufacturer: The HeadBlade Company, LLC, USA
Proposed acquisition

TODD GREENE (AMERICAN, BORN 1967)

HeadBlade Razor 1997–99
ABS plastic, rubber, disposable razor blade
Manufacturer: Two's Company, USA
Proposed acquisition

TEDDY TREU GRØNBECH (DANISH, BORN CANADA 1955)

Tea Filter 1992
Unbleached paper
Manufacturer: Telia, Denmark
Gift of the manufacturer

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND (AMERICAN, 1888–1965)

Bottle Opener 1948
Bronze and magnetic top
Manufacturer: Hammond Research Corp., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

IKKAN HIKI (JAPANESE, n.d.)

Chasen before 1953
Bamboo
Gift of Japan

WALTER HUNT (AMERICAN, 1795–1859)

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 Shak ers (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)

79 Top-Flite Golf Ball  1971
Polybutadiene and Surlyn 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
Gift of the manufacturer

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 Terrailon Corporation

SC JOHNSON & SON, INC. (AMERICAN, est. 1886)

99 **Ziploc Bag** 1972
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: SC Johnson & Son, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

SHAW & MERCHANT COMPANY (AMERICAN, n.d.)

100 **Airmail Envelope** 1929
Paper
Manufacturer: International Envelope Corporation, USA
Gift of the manufacturer

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
Gift of the manufacturer

CHARLES STILLWELL (AMERICAN, n.d.)

104 **Flat Bottomed Brown Paper Grocery Bag** 1883
Paper
Manufacturer: Duro Bag Manufacturing Company, USA
Gift of the manufacturer

NORMAN STINGLEY (AMERICAN, n.d.)

105 **Superball** early 1960s
Zectron
Manufacturer: Wham-O, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

OTTO FREDERICK GIDEON SUNDBACK (CANADIAN, BORN SWEDEN. 1880–1954)

106 **Zipper (Separable Fastener)** 1913
Brass and polyester
Manufacturer: YKK Corporation, Japan
Gift of the manufacturer

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
Gift of the manufacturer

THEODOR TOBLER (SWISS, 1876–1941)

109 **Toblerone** 1908
Chocolate, honey, and almonds
Manufacturer: Fabrique de Chocolat Berne, Tobler & Cie., Switzerland; now Kraft Foods Inc., USA
Gift of the designer
EARL SILAS TUPPER (AMERICAN, 1907–1983)

Drinking Cups 1946
Polyethylene plastic
Manufacturer: Tupper Corporation, USA
Gift of the manufacturer

GINO VALLE (ITALIAN, 1923–2003)

Cifra 3 Clock 1965
Plastic casing
Manufacturer: Solari & C., Italy
Gift of the manufacturer

VISUAL AIDS ARTISTS CAUCUS (AMERICAN, est. 1988)

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)

Salt and Pepper Shakers 1952–53
Stainless steel and glass
Manufacturer: Württembergische Metallwarenfabrik, Germany
Given anonymously

JOSIAH WEDGWOOD (BRITISH, 1730–1795)

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)

Soft Contact Lenses c. 1950s
Hydroxyethylmethacrylate plastic
Manufacturer: Bausch & Lomb, USA
Proposed acquisition

SVEN WINGQUIST (SWEDISH, 1876–1953)

Self-Aligning Ball Bearing 1907
Chrome-plated steel
Manufacturer: S.K.F. Industries, Inc., USA
Gift of the manufacturer

TAPIO WIRKKALA (FINNISH, 1915–1985)

Incandescent Bulb (model WIR105) 1959
Glass
Manufacturer: Oy Airam Ab, Finland
Gift of the manufacturer

NORMAN JOSEPH WOODLAND (AMERICAN, n.d.)

Bar Code 1948–49
Proposed acquisition

YAKTRAX (AMERICAN, est. n.d.)

Yaktrax Walker 2002
Thermoplastic elastomer and steel
Manufacturer: Yaktrax, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition

MICHAEL S. ZANE (AMERICAN, BORN 1948)

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)

Kitchen Scale (model BA 2000) 1969–70
ABS plastic
Manufacturer: Terraillon, France
Gift of the manufacturer

NOEL ZELLER (AMERICAN, BORN 1936)

Itty Bitty Book Light 1982
ABS and polycarbonate plastics
Manufacturer: Zelco Industries, Inc., USA
Proposed acquisition