

Cybele Young's Paper Sculptures Depict Everyday Objects Metamorphosing into Otherworldly Creatures

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I Thought They Worked Better. Paper. 33 x 28 x 2.5 in.



I Thought They Worked Better. Detail.

A pair of yellow headphones. A violin case. A set of keys. All miniature objects faithfully crafted from Japanese papers by Toronto-based artist **Cybele Young**, any one of which would be considered striking in its own right, but she doesn't stop there. Each object, however mundane, is displayed step-by-step in a dramatic process of metamorphosis as it transforms into unusual organic lifeforms. A pair of rollerskates gradually becomes a network of fungus-like membranes, or an ordinary handbag grows an unnerving coat of sharp spikes. From her artist statement:

Engaging with abstract and familiar motifs, I juxtapose sculptures to create a sense of dialogue or play between them. I approach my work in

series and components, ultimately building an ongoing inventory of personal experience and observation.

I compile these in various arrangements to create communities that interact and form new relationships – much like the small seemingly insignificant moments in our everyday lives that come together to create unexpected outcomes. These manifest as miniature theatres – one act plays, where shifts of scale and perception occur. Despite the absence of the human form there is an implied presence, where the viewer can project themselves into another world.

Young's work is currently on view for two more days at [Forum Gallery](#) in New York, so don't miss it. (via [Colossal Submissions](#), thnx David!)





You Know That Place. Paper. 30 x 40 x 4 in.



If I Had Learned Earlier. Paper. 22 x 35 x 2.5 in.



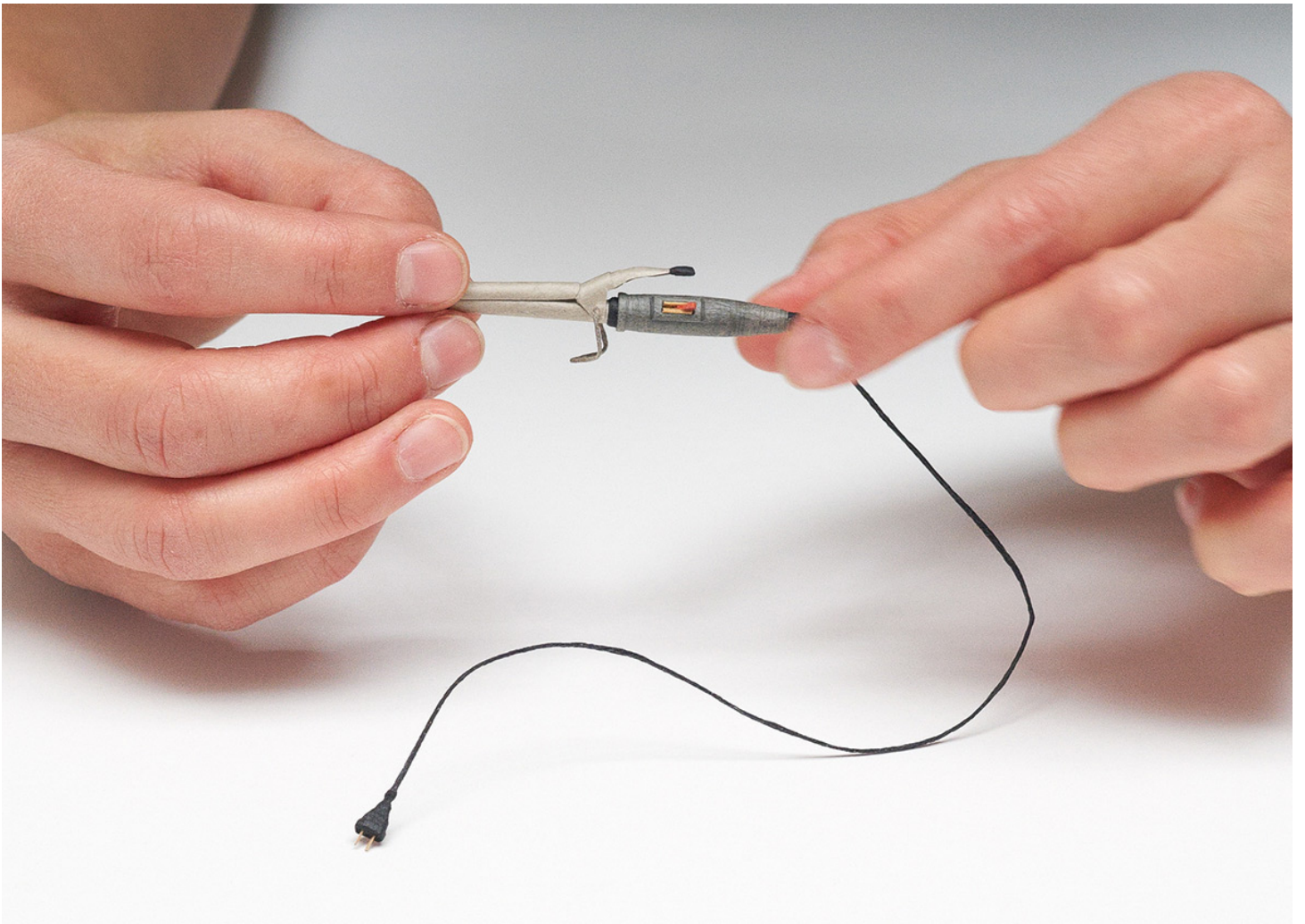
In Close Range. Paper. 24 x 35 x 2.5 in.



It Came With Me Everywhere. Paper. 19 x 38 x 4 in.



It's Worth it This Time. Paper hair curler, coils. 21 x 32 x 2 in.



It's Worth it This Time. **Detail.**





I Was Thinking of Something Else. Paper lawn chair, leaves. 17 x 24 x 3 in.



I Was Thinking of Something Else. Detail.