

Who wants a judging mug or a mirror/piece of art/waste of space? Anyone? I thought not.

Bizarre Tech

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For a moral lecture,
just add hot water



Global warming mug

Good message, backward delivery.

I get the gimmick – global warming being shown by warming a mug, cute – but has this really been thought through? To get a hot beverage, you're going to probably employ a kettle, which uses electricity. This is quite likely to come from fossil fuels, unless you have your own little solar farm hooked up to your house and not the grid. Or 1,000 hamsters which power your home by running on exercise wheels.

If you want to really help improve your carbon footprint, try having a little campfire in your back garden, using no accelerants like propane, of course. Just use good old twigs, dry leaves and shrubbery, and boil your water like you're out camping under the stars.

However, you're going to choose a kettle instead of stumbling – uncaffeinated – outdoors to boil your measly cup's worth of coffee. Therefore, just boil just enough for the mug, so you use minimal electricity.

With this piece of porcelain, you can have a pleasant experience as you watch the devastating effects of global warming unfold before your very eyes whilst enjoying your morning cuppa. Who doesn't love some depressing subliminal messaging in the wee hours?

Heat-sensitive technology and detailed satellite imagery means when hot liquid warms the mug,

parts of the world map begin to disappear.

The mug can hold up to 300ml of your favourite warm drink. Perhaps if you want to avoid the preachiness of it all, have an iced tea or coffee instead. Because who wants to be reminded that their existence is hurting the Earth, every day?

It's not dishwasher or microwave safe, so you can save water by washing it the good old-fashioned way.

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Art mirror

Scared by your own reflection?

So, you've got a hot date at your crush's house, which happens to be chic and stylish. They leave

the room to go for a wee, and you take the opportunity to check yourself out in the big ol' mirror.

The lighting is a little dim, so you must get closer to peer at your pores, and make sure you don't have 'sleep' in your eye.

Then bam! Up comes a picture of The Scream, and you get such a fright, you stumble backward and stand on your date's beloved pet cat's tail, which screeches as you tumble to the floor.

Your date runs into the room, looking distressed and calling the cat's name as you rub your bum after landing on your coccyx.

Well at least you now know they're not the one for you. Because they love their cat more than they will ever love you.

No wonder the project didn't reach its funding goal on Kickstarter.

Apparently, Art Mirror "takes home décor into the Space Age". It transitions from a mirror to an illuminated piece of art in seconds.

According to the company, the mirror has a built-in sensor which detects your presence and turns off the LED-lit display, so you can see yourself in all your shiny glory. Its patented technology means the Art Mirror can transform "any living space with fully customisable art work, pictures and images". Seeing as the funding wasn't successful, the likelihood that this will be a thing is...doubtful.

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An image that reflects reality, literally

Sustainable cellulose
from citrus – sweet!



Fruit clothes

Love me some fruit 'n fibre.

I've covered this sort of thing before – recycling plastic into fibre – and now, there's been some progress on clothes made from fruit. More specifically, 'pastazzo', a waste product from citrus juice leftovers.

Imagine your jumper is made from oranges, but it wasn't orange. Whoa. A case of 'mindception'? No?

In Italy, a large source of agricultural waste is the citrus fruit industry. Each year, thousands of tonnes of pastazzo – bits of fruit left behind once the juice is extracted – is created and can be difficult to dispose of.

Fashion designer Adriana Santanocito and social entrepreneur Enrica Arena reckoned they could turn fruit waste into fabric back in 2011. Arena said it could help solve the problems of economic impact of citrus juice leftover disposal, and the need for sustainable materials in the fashion industry.

Orange Fiber is the company they have created. In the pilot plant in Sicily, cellulose is extracted from citrus waste. This process was developed with the Polytechnic University of Milan.

The cellulose is spun into fibres which are then turned into clothing.

It's a cool idea. Plus, it reuses waste, saving land, water and fertiliser, and reduces pollution. Bonus.* orangefiber.it/en/