All You CanNOT Eat Fake Food on Fabric

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Textilmuseum St.Gallen

METTRE LES PIEDS SOUS LA TABLE

Dear guests,

we wish you a warm welcome to All You Cannot Eat.

We shall serve your senses — apart from your sense
of taste. Or perhaps this one in particular: good taste, bad taste,
and all gradations in between, too. A wide range
of ideas and preferences find themselves in our dining room.
The Chef de Salle has invited thirteen Chefs de Cuisine
each to set a white dinner table. They come from far
and wide. One who came late doesn't invite visitors to the table,
rather offers something quick to eat. Another one supplies
the museum shop with food for sale.

In the cooling store in front of the dining room, the delicacies are stored under ideal conditions. These served the thirteen creators as ingredients for their creations. The prose miniatures in this menu will guide you to the tables.

The richly varied dishes on offer are connected by the TRIANGLE CULINAIRE of the cultural anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, who distinguishes LE CRU (the raw) from LE CUIT (the boiled) and LE POURRI (the rotten). By turning nature into culture, by transforming the raw into the boiled, many kinds of cultural practices have arisen in how we prepare food: boiling, grilling or stewing are just a few of them. By contrast, we attempt to make what is rotten permanent by fermenting, curing, freezing or removing moisture from it.

In a similar way, we curb the disappearance of things by depicting them: we reproduce what is edible in a way true to life so that it remains preserved for ever, never decays. Our utopian desire for eternal excess is fulfilled in its representation. Whether it is faience in the form of a richly decorated fruit bowl, a tablecloth with an olive print or the All You Cannot Eat exhibition.

AUTHORSHIP ————————————————————————————————————	Joan Sallas
TABLE	
MATERIAL —	Saxon linen, starched, sewing thread, inner frames,
	folded in long-, round-, end- and scale-pleats

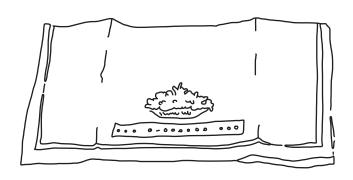
Sea crab (1629) / Cabbage, pike & pike (1652) / Turkey, fish (1677) / Rabbit, goose (1680) / Pretzel, asparagus, lobser, artichoke, piglet (1714-1727) / Pineapple (1907)



Serviettes. Also called napkins. White flags of bourgeois distinction.

We only had serviettes for the children's birthday, cheap
paper things with bright prints on them. Later, and only late on,
after I had climbed up into so-called higher social circles,
did I encounter cloth napkins. Stiff white cotton fabrics that I never
really knew what to do with. 'When they eat, a person's
true character reveals itself. That was true for me, unfortunately.
A working-class child among academics. I never knew
what I should do with the heavy cloths. So I looked around shamefacedly at what the others were doing. When they took
the things out of the ring. How they lay the serviettes across their legs,
just like pensioners with a warm rug. May one — or must
one — dab one's mouth with it? No idea. Even today. Serviettes
are cultural capital turned into material.





AUTHORSHIP —	———— Alfred Leuzinger (1899-1977)/open art museum St.Gallen
YEAR	undated/2023
TABLE	74×100×220 cm
MATERIAL -	——————————————————————————————————————

MAN WITH BEETLES (SELFPORTRAIT): undated | Mixed techniques on paper | 24.5 × 34.5 cm | open art museum, Collection Mina and Josef John / TYPOGRAPHIC IMAGE (FRUITS): undated | Mixed techniques on paper | 28.8 × 60.5 cm | open art museum, Collection Mina and Josef John / BUSINESS WINDOWS WITH CURTAIN: undated | Mixed techniques on letter paper | 20.9 × 29.6 cm | open art museum, donation Mina und Josef John



Collecting: words, patterns, things. To bring order into chaos.

Repetition offers consolation. Catalogues are ownership.

Lending structure to life. Every day the same, locked away in the institution. Locked away in oneself. An outsider, life-long. No: an insider, locked away in this terrible, eternal silence. A barrier, invisible, between oneself and the world around one. As if looking in on a life from outside, a life denied to one, always has been, always will be. A window into a life that one could have had for oneself. Animals are creaturely comrades. Fellow-sufferers. The lower they are, the more they resemble one.

The solidarity of the despised. Self-portrait with flying beetle.

Gregor Samsa, Alfred Leuzinger. Gregor Leuzinger.





Daily bread and

3 its Remains

AUTHORSHIP -	—————————Terézia Krnáčová/Estelle Gassmanr
AUTHORSHIT —	
YFAR	2014/2024
TABLE ———	
MATERIAL	Bread, cotton thread, 22.5 cm plates made of English bone china from
	- Stoke-on-Trent, decal picture from original photograph/ceramic digital print



An indispensable companion to every dignified meal: bread.

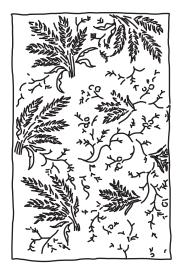
Served in proper style in top-quality bread baskets, the containers also function as elegant table decoration. But how to handle bread with style? Bread is known as the only food one may touch with one's fingers without being seen as a culinary barbarian.

Dunking bread into one's soup may be tempting, but is very much infra dig. So what's the proper way to handle the bread plate?

Under no circumstances may this be moved. Just take one piece of bread out of the basket and place it on your bread plate.

But watch out: butter or some other spread may never be spread directly onto the bread. Rather, the butter must be spread around the edge of the plate. Now break off a bite-sized piece of bread, only now spread something on it and eat it without appearing greedy. Enjoy your meal!





DESCRIPTION Printed cotton fabric

INVENTORY NUMBER
49316
ORIGIN
Bartholome Jenny &
Cie, Ennenda,
Glarus, Switzerland

DATE 1870-1900 DIMENSION 74×72 cm MATERIAL Cotton fabric TECHNIQUE Hand printed

AUTHORSHIP —	— Pusha Petrov
YEAR ————————————————————————————————————	2024
	2024
TABLE	— ø 220 × 74 cm
MATERIAL —— Silk yarn from Bursa, cotton canvas, wire, edible paper, sugar	paste, polyester



Description of image. A landscape that is a mix of paradisal garden and provincial England, the sky Prussian blue, a huge cloud floating in it, with a clamp of obscure design attached outside of the picture oval, on the horizon we see a red-bricked house and a tree, looking closer we make out two birds, then a fruit tree to the left of the landscape, whose fruit could be over-sized apricots, apparently edible, or suitable for poisoning guests, also two animals, a squirrel and a worm, perhaps a snake that may be plotting evil, it might want to whisper something to the couple in the middle, in any case there's no doubt that the sun, or whatever is casting light on this area, is at its zenith, maybe the sun is always and for ever stuck there, the couple's frozen gaze the expression of this never-ending horror.





AUTHORSHIP -	Madame Tricot
YEAR ———	2015 - 2024
TABLE ———	300×120×80 cm
MATERIAL	—————— Wool and various blended varns, various vintage objects

Starters: Turtle soup and finger food, Hunter's pie and Wolf's pie with silver eyes pickles, Bodybuilder's calf and ham of a chimney sweeper. Main courses: Noodles with ovaries and uterus, Agatha's breast and Dracula's eyes, Male Pride (brains and testicles), The Burglar from Bagdad and stuffed tomatoes, The Story of an Apple (Snow White's head and heart), Walter Tell on a plate. Desserts: Tongues from the Tower of Babylon, Forced marriage (pig and pigeon), Easter cake.



'Fresh on the table' — in the Buffet Macabre run by
Madame Tricot, that's no empty promise. The Last Supper is
for sure an exciting addition to the lively restaurant
scene in St.Gallen. The chef's prepared Helvetic-French cuisine,
freshly slaughtered, is as delicious as it gets. True, since
Armin Meiwes this enjoyment of meat has sunk in reputation,
yet the Buffet Macabre serves only choice pieces.
Top-class quality and an appetising presentation do their part in
convincing even the toughest sceptics. My boiled belly meat
was an exquisite revelation, my companion, less surprisingly, relished
the virgin's tastefully served little nipples. Sour innards
and liver dumpling soup are likewise delectable. For dessert, the
caramelised uterus with strawberries is recommended,
an obvious yet exquisite combination.





<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Motif (appliqué):
parament embroidery

INVENTORY NUMBER
59439
ORIGIN
Fraefel & Co.,
St.Gallen, Switzerland

DATE 1950-1975 DIMENSION 14.5 × 13 cm MATERIAL
Cotton fabric, cotton
yarn, flattened gold
wire
TECHNIQUE
Machine embroidered

It's Finger Lickin' Good

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AUTHORSHIP —	Beni Bischof
YEAR ————————————————————————————————————	2024
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TABLE —————	ø220×90 cm
MATERIAL ————————————————————————————————————	 Video, sound, light, various materials



God is good. That's what they say. Tobias. Which of the two? The blind man who buries the Israelites despite the Assyrian's ban — or the escort of the Archangel who retrieves the fortune from Gabael? Father, son and evil spirit: a demon. He has already claimed the lives of seven fiancés of Sarah. Tobias' sacrifice of the fish heart and liver drives Asmodeus away. Archangel Gabriel, Tobias' loyal helper, binds him. Now, finally, the wedding can be celebrated, in Ecbatana. So they sit around the table: the bridal couple, the cherubim, the father healed of his blindness, and the joyous parents of the bride. A zealous servant brings the food. God is good. That's what they say. At least superficially. But who knows what the table looks like underneath?





Finger Food

AUTHORSHIP ————	— taktik:haptik Lisa Blaser, Zora Weidkuhn, Nathan Werlen
YEAR —	2023
TABLE	ø140×80 cm
MATERIAL —————	Textile, plastic, metal, wood

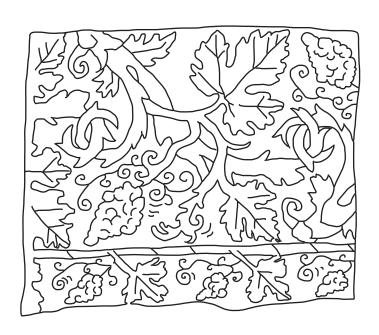


They say that the eyes eat, too. Rightly so. Eating means sensuality, an interplay of so much more than mere ingestion of food.

Yet this table is empty. Only a white tablecloth rests on it, there is nothing to see here. Nothing to feel. It's practising being blind, but different from trendily dining in the dark. Here, our sense of touch is required: our hands move into the darkness below the table, where replicas of food made of textile and other materials wait to be touched, experienced, comprehended. Fake food.

No, it's not a trompe-l'eil that awaits us here, rather an erratic, unpredictable trompe-doigt. We eat with our fingers, as we once did.





Harvest Of The Imagination 8

AUTHORSHIP —————	
YFAR ————————	2024
TABLE	
MATERIAL —————	Wood, metal, wool



Yesterday I dreamed of wine grapes. Luscious umbels, colourful and soft. A beautiful woman, as if not of this world, pushed them past me. I was just walking down Bergmannstrasse when she came towards me with her cart, which resembled a mechanical animal of indeterminate nature. Dozens of over-ripe fruits. 'Boootiful grapes, boootiful grapes,' she praised her umbels in a language I did not know. So true. The fruits were dark blue, bright green and pink, some dusky pink and yellow. They smelled splendid, some even looked obscene. I could not resist squashing the grapes until their dark juice ran out.

The seller — a strange bird sitting on her shoulder — was very proud of her wares. By chance, I had a wine vat with me, and I tore all the fruit off, greedily, so I could carry it away in my container. They should only be mine, I thought. Only mine.





The Beloved and 9 the Ostracised

AUTHORSHIP ———— YEAR —————		Madame Europe
TABLE		
MATERIAL ———		tutz, Eva Appenzeller, Gaby Belz,
	nate Berger, Simona Bischof, Franziska	
	ias Forster, Mäddel Fuchs, Andreas Gaid	•
	Hara Wittmann, Brigitte Kemmann, Loui	
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	Iliane Sauer, Simone and Peter Schaufe	0 0 .
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Findings straight from the English vernacular, all equally inedible:

I don't like the taste of that. The icing on the cake.

She lost her cherry. What's your beef with them? You can't have your cake and eat it. Salt of the Earth. Feeding frenzy.

One man's meat is another man's poison. It's not my cup of tea. It's a piece of cake. Like walking on eggshells. Who brings home the bacon? Like two peas in a pod. Cool as cucumber.

He's got bigger fish to fry. She's the apple of my eye. Lord, give us this day our daily bread. Too many cooks spoil the broth.

Take it with a pinch of salt. Variety is the spice of life. Forbidden fruit. Low hanging fruit. This table is a feast for the eyes.



<u>DESCRIPTION</u> Picture embroidery INVENTORY NUMBER 52014 ORIGIN Western Europe DATE 1850-1900 DIMENSION 19.5 × 25 cm MATERIAL Linen fabric, silk yarn, wood TECHNIQUE Hand embroidered

AUTHORSHIP —	Jana Besimo, Valerie Meta Eherenbold, Lisa Schöpflin
YEAR —	2023
TABLE	320×110×70 - 140 cm
MATERIAL ————	— Textile, plastic, glass, ceramic, porcelain, silver, stainless steel



Table company. Table gathering. Table manners. Table morals.

Table breeding. Feast. Menu sequences. Debrett's rules. Knigge rules.

Drinking toasts. Tea rituals. Dietary teachings. Fasting rules.

Toasting with a champagne glass at the opening and convivial cheers in the beer tent. McDonaldisation and the Slow Food movement, gourmets and gourmands. Silent agreements, social conventions, normed habits. Eating inevitably means exercising power, for it establishes hierarchies: humans eat animals, the educated bourgeoisie dines while the proletariat gobbles, academics enjoy a cultured glass of red wine, workers drink beer from a can, our father always said 'As long as you put your feet under my table, you do as I say!'





I Want to Play

with my Food

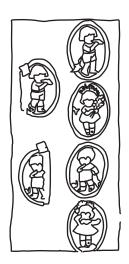
AUTHORSHIP ——	Infantium Victoria by Dinie van den Heuve
YEAR	2024
TARIF	180×90×50 cm
	Cut waste from organic cotton, plant-based colour, Schwob Textil Qual
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Despite its wealth, Switzerland shows a relatively high level of child poverty. Around eleven percent of all Swiss children must live in poverty, more than in Poland and Slovenia, for example. Shamefully, Switzerland has also registered a sharp increase in the rate of poverty over the last ten years. State support for families in the lower income classes with children is declining, UNICEF laments. Children who grow up in poverty have a higher risk of malnutrition, which can impair their physical and mental development. Restricted access due to poverty to fresh, healthy food such as fruit, vegetables and protein-rich nutrients are not only a health risk, they also curtail children's right to a decent standard of living. In the long term, a lack of material security prevents children and youths from exercising their rights and unfolding their full potential.

(Source: Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth, UNICEF December 2023)





<u>DESCRIPTION</u> Motifs (appliqué) on backing fabric INVENTORY NUMBER
54365
ORIGIN
Fritz Rau,
St.Gallen, Switzerland

DATE
Around 1930
DIMENSION
14×10 cm

MATERIAL
Cotton fabric,
cotton yarn
TECHNIQUE
Machine embroidered,
machine printed

AUTHORSHIP ————————————————————————————————————	— Sabrina Berger, Cajetana Oechslin, Larissa Riesen, Lisa Rubio ————————————————————————————————————
TEAR -	2023
TABLE	
MATERIAL ————	 Textile, plastic, glass, ceramic, porcelain, silver, stainless steel

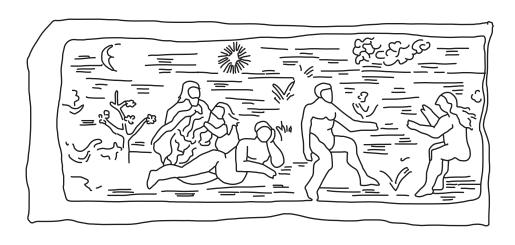


Erotic transgression of daily life. I close my eyes. Darkness.

Breathe in your aroma. Bodilessly, you permeate me as the breath of life. I approach your body, your smell becomes more intense, my lips feel your armpit hair, my nose absorbs your strong vapour, I taste the bitterness of your sweat. Overcoming the shame that regulates what we taste with our tongue, what we may take in our mouth and swallow. My tongue then travels further to what is much longed-for, carefully it feels you there, the smell is heavily aromatic there, much more pungent than expected.

All at once a slight sense of revulsion. My heart pounds. Without warning something warm, something salty gushes into my mouth. Overwhelmed, I swallow. A taboo has been defeated. You become a part of me. My lapse: I have eaten the forbidden fruit.





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1 Green.

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2 Green feathers.

3 Green leaves too.

5 What is this green plant?

8 Lots of green, red too, a little blue.

13 Three green trees surmount over the bridges framed by two massive decorative pillars.

21 Island formations made from a fruit pyramid with green peacock feathers, garland-like hanging bouquet of flowers with heavy flower heads and birds, as well as an island with buildings and trees.

34 The duplications are striking, especially as the centre seam, present for no obvious reasons, cuts the two parts tightly together: the pair of birds turned towards each other, the two parallel candles, the dominating contrast between the green and red surfaces.

55 It's actually unclear by what system the ornamental components here are collected, unless one starts from the two main colours of red and green, out of which a certain duality arises: all that is green, such as trees and plants, stands for a non-domesticated nature, while the red raspberries, cherries and grapes represent nature that has been made use of, eaten.



Take Away

#crochetgiantfood

AUTHORSHIP — YEAR — YEAR	Sabina Speich / Tüpf Li 2017/2020 Wool, yarns, stuffing material, mixed media multimedia, QR-code, video, crocheted	
MATERIAL —		
PIZZA SLICE	TAKE-AWAY MENU	CHF 3
2017, 150×96 cm		CIII 3
CUP NOODLE ————————————————————————————————————		CHF 4

Museumsshop

Stones to Bite into

AUTHORSHIP ————	Lapidar: Jessica Celis, Salomon Elsler, Elena Völkle, Nadine Werner
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STONES MIXED ————————————————————————————————————	
SWISS STONES ————500g	
GRAPE STONES: STONES N 1kg	MIXED SEEDLESS ———————————————————————————————————
STONE BALLS FINE DARK- 500g	CHF 123.45
STONES FREE-RANGE —— 1kg	
STONES FROM THE REGIO 500g	N
STONES FROM THE REGIO 1000g	N ————————————————————————————————————
STONES FROM THE REGIO 1500g	N ————————————————————————————————————
STONES FROM THE REGIO 2000g	N ————————————————————————————————————

ALL STONES FROM A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE

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