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When I read the acronym DIY, I immediately think of the sloppy diagram of three guitar chords with the text: This is a chord, this is another, this is a third, now form a band. To me it's the essence of a punk ethos rooted in seizing the means of production and rejecting the commodification of culture. Rather than succumb to being a consumer, you become a producer (which admittedly relies on its own micro-capitalist ecosystem). My twelve year old daughter, on the other hand, has recently become obsessed with DIY on YouTube. These instructional videos are posted by the children of Martha Stewart, not Ian MacKaye. They give me the heebie-jeebies with their telegenic hosts customizing various beauty products and personalizing the mall crap I still hate. However, I try to see some sliver of authentic creativity in their emphasis on making over buying.



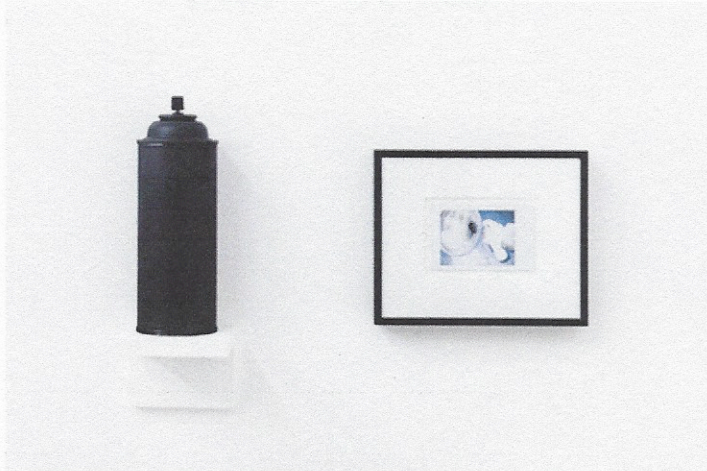
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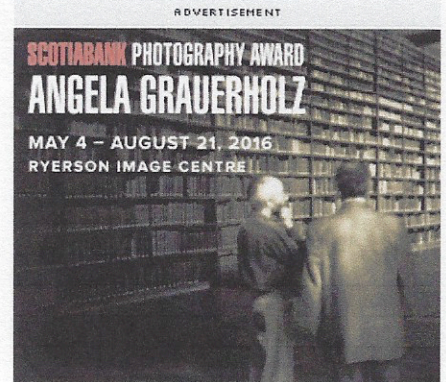


Daniel Eatock, *Spray Can Sprayed With Its Own Contents*, 2016

Artist **Dave Dyment** touches on the whole spectrum of what "Do It Yourself" implies in his curation of **MKG127's** annual artist-curated summer group exhibition. Some works, like **Dean Baldwin's** jerry-rigged coffee maker speak to squatter economics and the ingenuity of those who have little cash but a lot of the broken down shit those with cash toss away. **Bill Burns'** Ikea instructions for the assembling of prison towers and holding cells also leans to the anti-imperialist politics of the punk end of DIY. **Daniel Eatock's** ingenious self-painted spray can has both a radical resonance (shades of Situationist graffiti) and the appeal of a functional product turned into a beautiful object. This hand crafting of consumer goods does a lot to drain them of their dollar value and turn them into fetish objects of a different sort – as in **Roula Partheniou's** generically rendered household items. **Michael Dumontier** makes things even simpler so they become representations of what they resemble, while **Joe Scanlan** targets the commodities of the art world with zine-level skewers.



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