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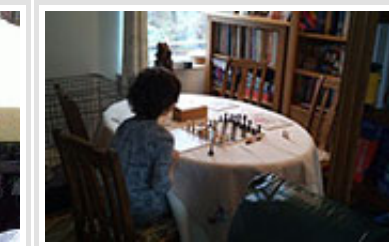
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Star of the Month





James Owen Thomas, environmental artist

He may have been born as recently as 2001, but James Owen Thomas is already making a name for himself as an environmental artist, creating artworks out of discarded materials.

James was diagnosed with autism at three and a half years old. “I am told that I found it difficult being around other people and I had very little speech when I first started school,” he says. For that reason, he used the PECS picture exchange system for communication at special schools until the age of eight. “From an early age it was clear that I found pictures very calming,” he says.

James enjoyed collecting old bus and train tickets, then colourful used National Lottery scratch cards. “I gradually realised that I could create something quite unique with them. I have strong feelings about protecting our environment, so I like to recycle whatever I can into my artwork.”

The attraction of pictures and collecting discarded materials, along with his environmental focus, have all come together in his art. In our photograph, for instance, James is holding a collage made mainly from hundreds of small pieces cut from National Lottery scratch cards. The picture shows Bradford School of Art, where he completed an Extended Diploma in Art and Design. He says he included a pigeon in the foreground “as I always saw pigeons on my walks at lunch times”.

He adds: “The pieces of silver foil that I used for the windows ... came from old packaging that I liked, which had been left over from Christmas. I had some bits of string at home that were useful for defining the road. To highlight the pigeon, I used strands of gold thread taken from a ripped silk scarf. I find a use for most things – even tiny pieces of fabric for the pigeon’s scarf, cut from an old T-shirt.

“I hope to be able to make a full-time career with my art once I leave education,” James says. We wish him every success. If you would like to see his artwork first hand, he has an exhibition in East Sussex until 11 July. [Click here for more details.](#) To see a video of one of his exhibitions, [click here](#)

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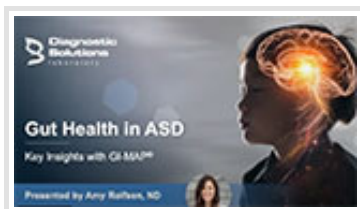
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