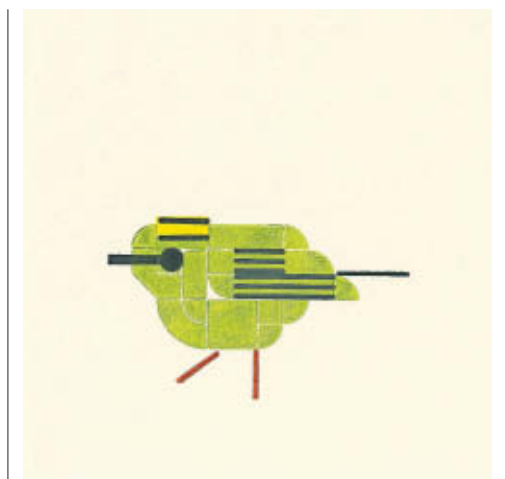
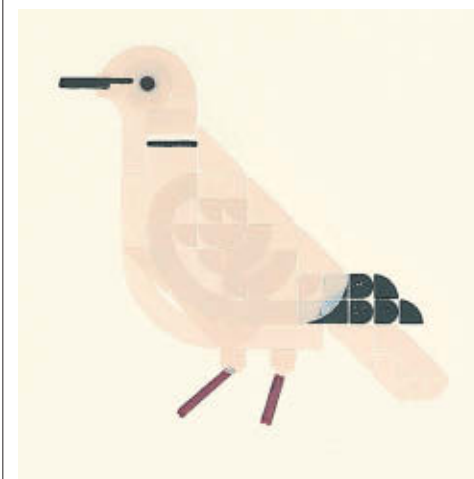


The grid

A celebration of our feathered friends using Lego and ink



Roy Scholten has been interested in birds ever since he can remember. In his 50 Birds series, the Netherlands-based artist and print-maker has created handmade prints of local species including pied flycatchers, skylarks and blue-headed wagtails. Each print is made using Lego letterpress, combining individual building blocks into stamps to recreate the birds' shapes and patterns, a technique perfected over the past decade by his frequent collaborator, artist Martijn van der Blom. "Birds are daily reminders of the richness of our natural surroundings. They can fly! How cool is that!" says Scholten. "Sadly most species are in decline, which makes it all the more worthwhile to really look and appreciate them." **Kathryn Bromwich**
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The Simone Lia cartoon

WAITING...
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

IT'S SOMETHING I WISH I COULD DO.

IT STRESSES ME OUT. I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF THE ANSWER IS YES OR NO...

WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?

DO YOU NEED ANYTHING FROM THE SHOP?

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE. WAITING IS THIRSTY WORK.

I'M NOT WAITING FOR ANYTHING...

I'VE GOT ALL I NEED IN THIS BEAUTIFUL, FLOATY, UNIVERSE.

BEING ON HOLD FOR 45 MINUTES IS A GREAT TEST OF PATIENCE.

I CAN'T TALK ABOUT FEELINGS RIGHT NOW. I'M ABOUT TO GO ON STAGE.

ARE YOU OK? YOU'VE GONE PURPLE.

THEY CUT ME OFF.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A NEW INK CARTRIDGE SINCE 2011.

I FEEL FINE ABOUT IT.

I'M SUPER EXCITED. IT'S ALMOST THE BEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

CHRISTMAS?

NO, MY BIRTHDAY. JUST 363 DAYS TO GO.

OH.

WAITING DOES MY NUT IN.

REALLY? I THINK IT'S CRACKING.

DOF. PUNS...

WE'D BETTER END THIS COMIC HERE.

WAIT!

WHAT?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT WAITING, NARRATOR?

OH. I CAN RELATE TO THE DOG IN PANEL ONE.

DO YOU WANT ANYTHING FROM THE SHOP?

CRISPS PLEASE.

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