

Thoughtless Acts

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As I became more observant to the surroundings and how people and I interact with daily objects, I realized spontaneous improvisations are sought out mostly in areas that required organization of various objects. These thoughtless acts achieve efficiency and multi-functionality.

1. Organizing cables



From phone and laptop chargers to printer and keyboard wires, the desk is a mess. In order to make less of such mess, I use binder clips to have these cables all organized into a single bundle. While keeping the cables organized, the clips also fixate these cables to be in reaching distance from my seat so that the cables do not fall off the desk. I also use a scotch tape to keep the phone charger on the desk.

Possible design solutions can be improvised from daily objects like the clips or rubber bands to keep the cables organized. There is no need for complex mechanical design solutions. Instead, the clips already achieve multi-functionality.

2. Decorative tree?



At Berkeley Espresso, a cafe located at north side of campus, there are trees inside the cafe. The trees add a unique atmosphere to the cafe with its decorative lights. If you look closely to the bottom part of the tree, there is a extension power cord. Instead of having extension power cords and various other power cables laying on the ground, ready to be trampled, it makes the power cord more conceivable and accessible.

One design solution can be a furniture that can hold power cables so that these extension cords do not always have to lay around in dirty floors. Here, the tree works as a stand to hold the extension cord above the ground.

3. Ramen and textbook



Here, the old unused textbook is quickly improvised to be used as hard cover to protect the desk wood from the hot pot. To quickly enjoy the ramen before the noodles become thick, this old textbook is a great use.

While there are existing products to be placed below the hot pots, purchasing one is too much of a work for a college student. The textbook provides a real life solution.

4. Microwave as surface



Here, unused microwave is used as an extra surface spot to place various kitchen items. While microwave takes up some significant space on a table, it redeems itself by providing its top surface as an extra surface area.

A better efficient design solution would be having organized wooden cabinets to provide more surface area in various heights. That way, microwave can be placed in one shelf while other objects can be placed in the other.

5. Paper towel blinds



My place is old and the blinds on the window are falling apart. Some parts of the blinds are broken and the empty space is covered by paper towels. Living in the first floor, I did not want people passing by to randomly peak into my house.

While the paper towels do their job, I can no longer fold the blinds because I would then have to reinstall these paper towels again.

Better design or solution would be to install new blinds or curtains to replace these old blinds. However, I don't think I will be replacing them to new ones anytime soon.