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A camera, a laptop, and a Lensball are the three things that resonate with me.

The camera is a Nikon D5300 that I use as a hobby. It is meaningful because it has helped me start my own business of photography. This DSLR has a sturdy body with a 35mm lens that I prefer to use. Using the human body in front of my camera gives me many creative perspectives when moving around it and look through the lens. Raw moments are captured best.

The camera has a sleek black body with bunch of buttons to use to change functions. Its lens is attached to it and has one function which is to focus only. When using the camera, you must take consideration of the lighting around you because without it, there won't be any images that get captured.



The next object that I chose is my Samsung Laptop. This is one of the objects that I can never leave it at home. It's always in my backpack and I carry it around everywhere. It has become my accessory. It is also the main reason why I'm into the fine arts. Without it, I wouldn't have found my interesting in designing or creating.

The laptop has a metallic feel on the cover and matt textured color on the inside. Sometimes when there's a metallic object near my keyboard, the object gets stuck because it becomes a magnet. Using a power source, the laptop can last for many hours until the battery dies. Without using the power cable, the object can last up to 4 hours before the battery drains.



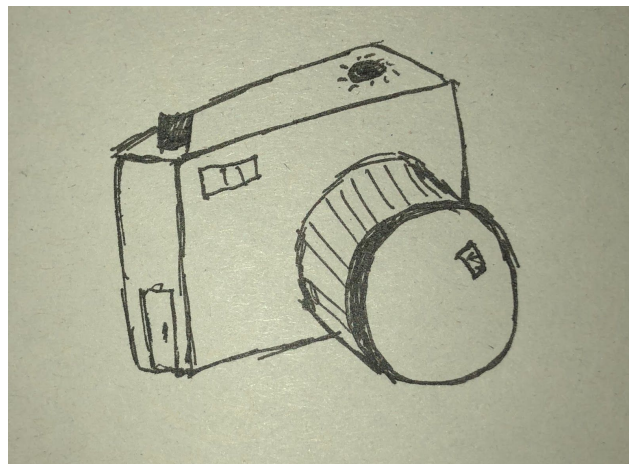
Lastly, the Lensball is an object that I recently fell in love with. It portrays everything upside down due to its mirrored function inside the ball. When taking photos, image would be shown upside down and it'll create this other perspective that we don't usually pay attention to. Also, when moving it around in front of a scene or an object, it can create different effects. When placing it on a patch of grass, it'll make it look like you're staring into a kaleidoscope. The things you can create with just one crystal ball is incredible.

The Lensball is an ultra-clear sphere made out of K9 crystal. It is scratch resistant and very fragile. When using it under direct sunlight for a long time, it is possible that it can create fire. Using the sphere with greasy fingers would make the glass all dirty which is why it is best to have clean hands or use gloves when holding it.

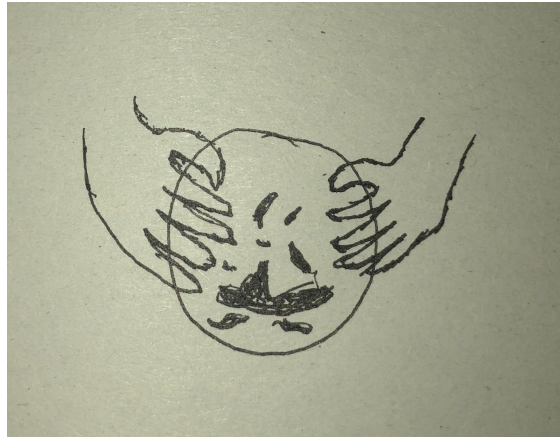


The Lensball would be my favorite object out of the three. Here are the 3 different switches you can create with this object:

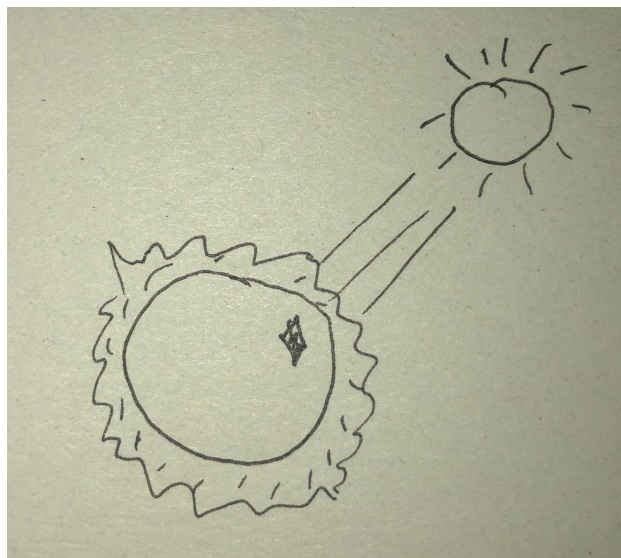
1- Have the Lensball as a camera. Attach it to a camera body to capture kaleidoscope-looking photos using also a light source.



2- When a user places both hands on the object, the ball would portray a certain black shaped liquid depending on the user's type of life. If the user is depressed or had a troubled childhood, the liquid would be shaped in a weird scary way. If the user has a calm life, the liquid would stay neutral.



3- Using a light source onto the ball, it will glow different colors depending on the area. If the user is in a safe place, the ball would glow green. If the user is in a danger space, it'll glow red. If the user is in an unknown place, it'll glow yellow.





My favorite switch is the first one. Using the Lensball as a switch to a camera would let users create kaleidoscoped photographs. This will make any user create something different all the time.

First step to using it would be getting a camera body and attaching the Lensball to where the lens usually gets placed. This will be the new form of camera lens. Secondly, the user should use a light source to be able to activate the kaleidoscope effect in the camera. Third, watch the user create unique photos.

