Ripping Toilet Paper

I found that the experience of ripping toilet paper for its intended use is a very fast, rough action done with minimal consideration for the actual material.

After taking some time to really look at toilet paper, I became more conscious of the patterns on it, the colors of it, the softness of it, and the multiple layers it is made up of. Although I was aware of these things, I began to consider them more as design decisions, and I thought about toilet paper as less of a "tool" and more of a "material".

The intention behind creating this object was to get people to appreciate the aesthetic qualities of toilet paper, especially as it is usually associated with activities that are considered to be "gross" and "dirty". In doing this, they would be more likely to pay attention to how they are ripping the paper and how much of it they are ripping it, more likely treating it with care.

Other Ideas

1 **Toilet Paper Sculpture**

This would be a flower-like sculpture made from toilet paper and fabric stiffener. A colored light would be place at the bottom in the center, making it glow.

2 **Toilet Paper Plaque**

This is a plaque that would hung above where the toilet paper is in one's bathroom. It would display facts pertaining to the value of toilet paper around the world.

- Some people don't use toilet paper because they can't afford it.
- Toilet paper has secondary uses such as nose care, removing makeup, covering toilet seats, packaging material, cleaning mirrors, cleaning glasses, etc.
- Consumers use approximately 8 - 9 sheets of paper per toilet use.
- We use an average of 57 sheets of toilet paper a day!
- Seven percent of Americans steal rolls of toilet paper in hotels or motels.
- It takes about 384 trees to make the toilet paper that one man uses within his lifetime.
- The average person uses 100 rolls of toilet paper per year (over 20,000 sheets).
- The daily production of toilet paper is about 83,048,116 rolls per day.
- Toilet paper is often used for making dresses.

3 **Toilet Paper Origami - Instructions On Toilet Paper**

This would be a new variety of toilet paper that would have instructions on how to make different origami objects out of toilet paper printed on each square.