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## Make Things Last

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Is our struggle with obsolescence actually altering our relationship with objects?

Julie Madon conducted a series of observations and interviews to better understand our relationship with things: the ones we throw away unthinkingly, the ones we repair endlessly with infinite care. Tinkering, reusing, donating, sharing tutorials—we turn to all of these to prolong the lives of things. This art of making things last has to do primarily with economic constraints, but also with our ecological convictions. It reveals a constant desire to negotiate margins for maneuver, to salvage and recover objects, to enjoy fuller autonomy with regard to the designers of the things we use.

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