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CREATURES IN THE MAKING

AN ARTIST WITH A PASSIONATE HOBBY

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Kitbashing is the act of taking pieces from different toys and putting them back together to reveal original art.

"I started (a new hobby) in September. I found it through my uncle," said Ian Magee (7). He got into kitbashing from being too sad about a friend's death. He took his friend's toys and made a doll in his friend's honor.

Magee found it interesting that he could make his own creatures. "I

found it interesting because most modern toy makers take apart old toys. I thought if they made their toys that way, I think it would be fun to make your own creatures like from 'Toy Story'," Magee said.

He has learned how to cope with emotions while Kitbashing. "It feels like I can handle stress a lot better than I used to," Magee said.

Although Magee is quite intrigued in Kitbashing and new creatures, he isn't quite sure if it's a hobby he'd want to do forever. "I wouldn't make a living off of it. I would do it because it brings joy. I wouldn't do it forever even if money was not an issue, I think it's important to have several hobbies," Magee said.

Magee has recently been selling his dolls. One of his dolls is being

sold at \$200 at an Art Show in Dallas, Texas. The Xenomorph Spider, another one of Magee's dolls, has been sold for \$180.

The Marriage has a staff with an eyeball in it, and is a tall, blackish red reptile figure in a black cloak, this one is Magee's favorite, but it also has a story behind it. When he crafted it, his uncle's wedding was just around the corner, so he wanted to craft an item in honor of the marriage.

The Xenomorph Spider was crafted on Oct. 10, and is an alien body, with a bunch of bone legs like a spider, and has a skulled head. Magee continues to craft today and even has an idea in mind about what doll he wants to craft next.

Photo by Reese Plummer



1. LET THERE BE ART With a hot glue gun in one hand, and a pair of scissors in the other, Ian Magee (7) "bashes" some figures together to reveal his own art. Magee has gained all of his motivation. Magee practiced some of his designs and ideas in the Maker Space. Magee doesn't often visit his uncle, so kitbashing something special they can do together. "My uncle and I definitely share a special connection through kitbashing," Magee said. Photo taken by Reese Plummer **2. THE MARRIAGE** An eyeball watches all who walks by in the Marriage's staff. Ian Magee (7) crafted this doll with the inspiration of his uncle's marriage. The most iconic part of the doll is the staff which is made halloween spider legs and a baby doll eyeball. The doll itself is made from several different parts. The arms are mixed together from Spawn Action Figures and Star Wars. The bazooka on the should is from Aliens, and the snake head is from a medieval set. "I love the staff the most because it looks cool," Magee said. Photo courtesy of Ian Magee **3. THE XENOMORPH** A creepy crawly spider morph sells for \$60 online and says goodbye to his crafter, Ian Magee (7). The Xenomorph is a mix between a the Xenomorph from Aliens and a bunch of Halloween props. The body and tail are from the Xenomorph. Then the limbs and head on top are spider legs, bat head, and scorpion claws. Magee gained inspiration for this morph when he watched Predator. "I think it's really cool because it's the first of its kind," Magee said. Photo courtesy of Ian Magee