

IAN KIAER

GAM UNDERGROUND PROJECT

The GAM Underground Project is a covert connection of ideas and images; it is an evocation and at the same time a possible maquette for philosophical architectures that have found their way in the covered passage, as described by Benjamin, in every crossing path under the surface. A way that is an eternally contemporary attitude, capable of reshaping the curves of time, as well as our teleological traditions. And rather than names and works of art, it maps out conceptual passages, inner structures and thresholds, and all the reflections that art history projects onto its own present.

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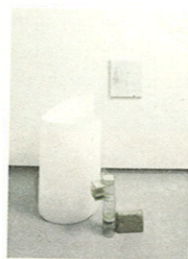
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 Bruegel project: Casa Malaparte, 1999
 (detail) Acrylic on calico,
 balsa wood, cardboard, foam,
 artificial moss, stool
 Installation dimensions variable



(B.P. 002)
 Bruegel project: Casa Malaparte, 1999
 (detail) Acrylic on calico, balsa wood,
 cardboard, foam, artificial moss, stool
 Installation dimensions variable



(B.P. 003)
 Bruegel project: Casa Malaparte, 1999
 Acrylic on calico, balsa wood, cardboard,
 foam, artificial moss, stool
 Installation dimensions variable



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 Bruegel project: Tange, 2005 (detail)
 Wood and acrylic rods; acrylic sheet
 and acrylic rods; cardboard, rubber,
 plastic and clay; bubblewrap foam;
 DVD monitor; watercolour on linen;
 plastic sheet with enamel paint
 Installation dimensions variable



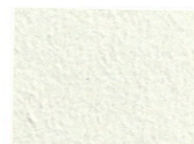
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 DVD monitor; watercolour on linen;
 plastic sheet with enamel paint
 Installation dimensions variable



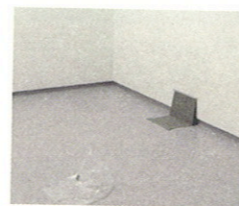
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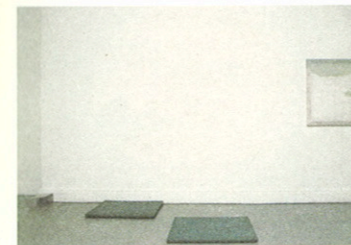
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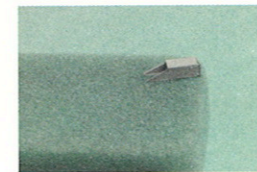
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(B.P. 010)
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 Cardboard and tinted acetate,
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 Installation dimensions variable



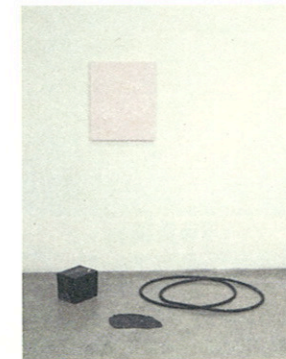
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 and cardboard, sponge, sponge
 and watercolour and acrylic on taffeta
 Installation dimensions variable



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 Bruegel project: Icarus, 2004
 Formica table, sponge
 and cardboard, sponge, sponge
 and watercolour and acrylic on taffeta
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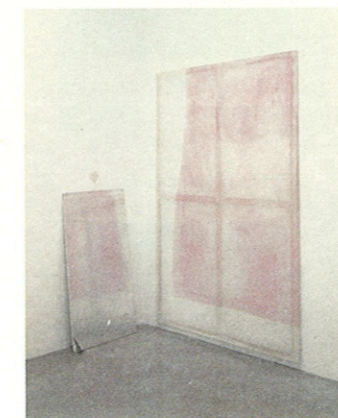
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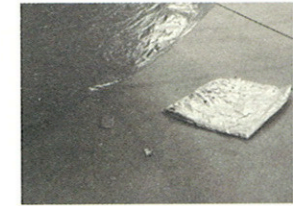
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 Bruegel project: bird/pink, 2005
 Acrylic on canvas; cardboard,
 latex and plaster; 2x inner-tubes;
 ink on news print
 Installation dimensions variable



(B.P. 015)
 Bruegel project: fond, 2007
 (detail) Acrylic on linen, foil,
 plaster board, tissue paper
 Installation dimensions variable



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 Bruegel project: fond, 2007
 Acrylic on linen, foil,
 plaster board, tissue paper
 Installation dimensions variable



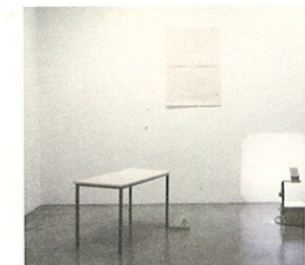
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 Bruegel project: survival balloon,
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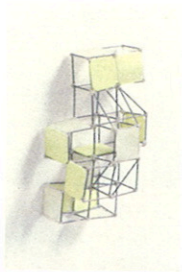
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 Bruegel project: hut, 2007 (detail)
 Projector, formica table, paper,
 cardboard, acrylic on paper
 Installation dimensions variable



(B.P. 020)
 Bruegel project: hut, 2007
 Projector, formica table, paper,
 cardboard, acrylic on paper
 Installation dimensions variable



(R.P. 001)

Russian project / Irina, 2000 (detail)
Acrylic on calico, linen, polystyrene,
steel cabinet, styrofoam, wire,
balsa wood, plastic
Installation dimensions variable



(R.P. 002)

Russian project / Irina, 2000
Acrylic on calico, linen,
polystyrene, steel cabinet, styrofoam,
wire, balsa wood, plastic
Installation dimensions variable



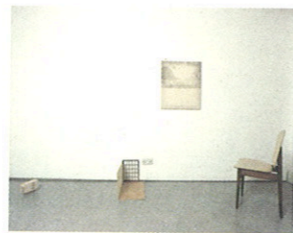
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Studio project: Seoul project, 2000
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Installation dimensions variable



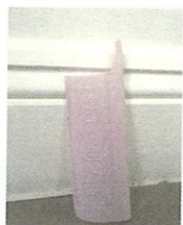
(M.P. 001)

Melnikov project:
cylindrical house / studio, 2004
Linen, watercolour and varnish,
paper, cardboard, rubber sheet and
wood, rubber sheet and acrylic sheet,
metal, wood and formica table
Installation dimensions variable



(MA. 001)

Mariò Mai Studio, 2002
Found chair, watercolour on cotton
canvas, plywood window, structure,
and balsa wood model
Installation dimensions variable



(W.P. 001)

Wittgenstein project:
Skjolden, 2003 (detail)
Found plastic wastebin, upturned, pink
styrofoam, plastic fragment, watercolour
and acrylic on ripfree taffeta
Installation dimensions variable



(W.P. 002)

Wittgenstein project / Skjolden, 2003
Found plastic wastebin, upturned,
pink styrofoam, plastic fragment,
watercolour and acrylic on ripfree taffeta
Installation dimensions variable



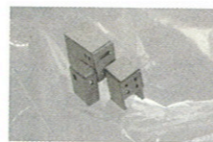
(W.P. 003)

Wittgenstein project: Palm House, 2002
(detail) vinyl on canvas, watercolour on
cardboard, polystyrene, painted cards
model stuck on polystyrene, acetate
and cardboard model
Installation dimensions variable



(W.P. 004)

Wittgenstein project: Palm House, 2002
vinyl on canvas, watercolour on
cardboard, polystyrene, painted cards
model stuck on polystyrene, acetate
and cardboard model
Installation dimensions variable



(K. 001)

Kaymakli, 2000 / 2001 (detail)
Cardboard, plastic bag
25X39 cm.



(K. 002)

Kaymakli, 2000 / 2001
Cardboard, plastic bag
25X39 cm.



(H.D. 001)

Hakp'o dang (black), 2001 (detail)
Table, canvas, wood and card
Installation dimensions variable



(H.D. 002)

Hakp'o dang (black), 2001
Table, canvas, wood and card
Installation dimensions variable



(H.D. 003)

Hakp'o dang (pink), 2001 (detail)
Watercolour on linen, cardboard model,
florist paper, plastic wastebin
Installation dimensions variable



(H.D. 004)

Hakp'o dang (pink), 2001 (detail)
Watercolour on linen, cardboard model,
florist paper, plastic wastebin
Installation dimensions variable



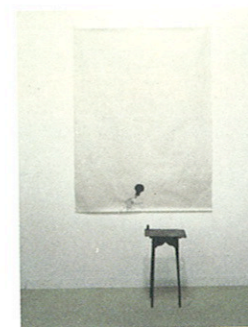
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Hakp'o dang (pink), 2001 (detail)
Watercolour on linen, cardboard model,
florist paper, plastic wastebin
Installation dimensions variable



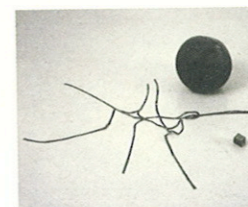
(E.H.P. 001)

Endless House project: balloon, 2006
(detail) Wood table, cardboard,
watercolour, paper
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 002)

Endless House project: balloon, 2006
Wood table, cardboard,
watercolour, paper
Installation dimensions variable



(L.P. 001)

Ledoux project, 2000
Rubber
Dimensions variable



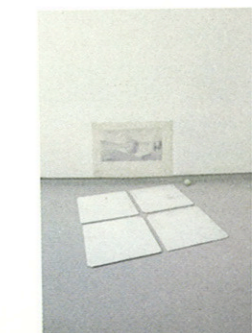
(L.P. 002)

Ledoux project / two spheres, 2003
Rubber football bladder, rubber football
bladder with marked talon, foam
Installation dimensions variable



(E.T.P. 001)

Endless Theatre project:
St. John at Patmos, 2003
Korean ink on korean paper mo
on cotton, office arm chair, rubb
ball bladder, coffee table / black
on wood, found black plast
Installation dimensions varia



(E.T.P. 002 L.)

Endless Theatre project / Le
House of Agricultural Gua
(white), 2003
Korean ink on linen, polysty
ping pong ball
Installation dimensions vari



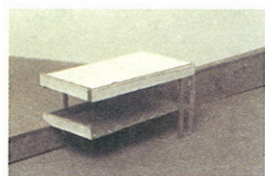
(E.T.P. 003 L.)

Endless Theatre project / Le
Besançon (cello) (detail)
Korean ink on cotton canva
and asphalt, asphalt, layered
asphalt and wood
Installation dimensions vari



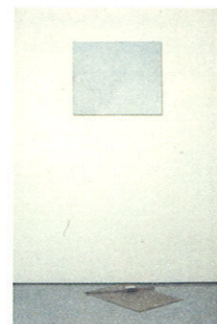
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Endless Theatre project / Le
Besançon (cello) (detail)
Korean ink on cotton canva
and asphalt, asphalt, layered
asphalt and wood
Installation dimensions vari



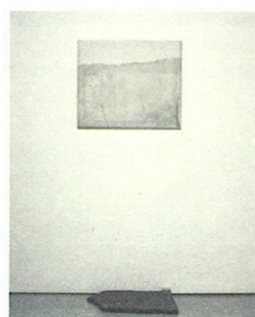
(SM.PV. 001)

Smithson Upper Lawn Pavilion, 2001
(detail) Cardboard, acetate,
watercolour on linen
Installation dimensions variable



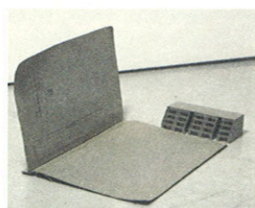
(SM.PV. 002)

Smithson Upper Lawn Pavilion, 2001
Cardboard, acetate, watercolour on linen
Installation dimensions variable



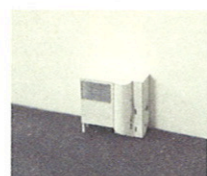
(A.F.H. 001)

Alfréd Forbát House, 2000
Foam, card, acrylic on canvas
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 003)

Endless House project
(Salisbury Walk, Grey File), 2002
Acetate cardboard file
Installation dimensions variable



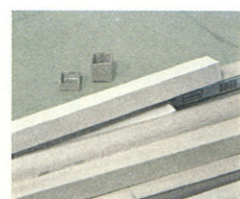
(J.F.B. 001)

Jozsef Fischer Building, 2000 (detail)
Foam, card, acrylic on canvas
Installation dimensions variable



(J.F.B. 002)

Jozsef Fischer Building, 2000
Foam, card, acrylic on canvas
Installation dimensions variable



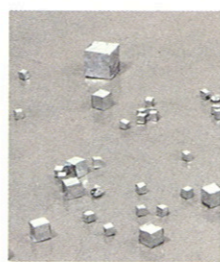
(E.H.P. 004)

Endless House project /
(pink), 2004 (detail)
Pink flooring material on stretcher,
polystyrene cube, 9x cardboard boxes,
inverted white plastic bowl, inverted pink
plastic bowl, 2x small cardboard squares
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 005)

Endless House project / (pink), 2004
Pink flooring material on stretcher,
polystyrene cube, 9x cardboard
boxes, inverted white plastic bowl,
inverted pink plastic bowl, 2x small
cardboard squares
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 006)

Endless House project /
birds, 2004 (detail)
Rubber football bladder, strengthened
foil cubes, pencil, watercolour and acrylic
on canvas emulsion on hardboard frame
Installation dimensions variable



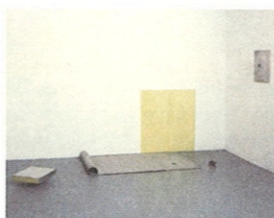
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Endless House project / birds, 2004
Rubber football bladder, strengthened
foil cubes, pencil, watercolour and acrylic
on canvas emulsion on hardboard frame
Installation dimensions variable



(M.P. 002)

Melnikov project:
Pravda workers' club, 2004
Watercolour on varnish on linen, model:
paper, cardboard, rubber sheet and
wood, model: rubber sheet and acrylic
sheet, metal, wood and formica table
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 08)

Endless House project:
the tree man / Bosch, 2004
Watercolour and acrylic on taffeta;
yellow lighting gel; foam rubber matting
and cardboard; cardboard, acrylic
rods and silver foil; metal gauze,
acetate and cardboard
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 009)

Endless House project:
Lacaton / Vassal, 2005
White linen on canvas, cardboard,
rubber, acrylic rods
Dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 010 M.S.)

Endless House project:
Moshe Safdie / honeycomb, 2004 (detail)
Silver foil bag, latex mat, silver football
lining, watercolour on paper, 2
cardboard hexagonal boxes, 2 cardboard
square boxes, wood, Silver foil, latex
rubber and roofing insulation material
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 011 M.S.)

Endless House project:
Moshe Safdie / honeycomb, 2004 (detail)
Silver foil bag, latex mat, silver football
lining, watercolour on paper, 2
cardboard hexagonal boxes, 2 cardboard
square boxes, wood, Silver foil, latex
rubber and roofing insulation material
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 012 M.S.)

Endless House project:
Moshe Safdie / honeycomb, 2004
Silver foil bag, latex mat, silver
football lining, watercolour on paper,
2 cardboard hexagonal boxes,
2 cardboard square boxes, wood,
Silver foil, latex rubber and roofing
insulation material
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 013)

Endless House project:
Horta / Van Eetvelde, 2008 (detail)
Acrylic on paper mounted on taffeta,
oil on canvas, cardboard, plastic
Dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 014)

Endless House project:
Horta / Van Eetvelde, 2008
Acrylic on paper mounted on taffeta,
oil on canvas, cardboard, plastic
Dimensions variable



(M.S.P. 001)

Moshe Safdie project (Orange), 2003
(detail) Orange cotton and poplar wood
Installation dimensions variable



(M.S.P. 002)

Moshe Safdie project (Orange), 2003
Orange cotton and poplar wood
Installation dimensions variable



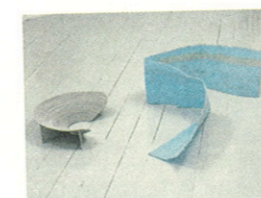
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Moshe Safdie project (silver), 2003
(detail) Cardboard, wood, expanding
foam, cardboard, watercolour on taffeta,
latex, wood, and sponge, wood
Installation dimensions variable



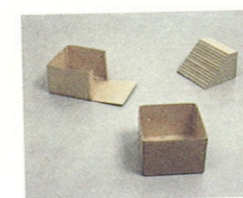
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Moshe Safdie project (silver), 2003
Watercolour and acrylic on taffeta
mounted on grey furniture fabric, foam
with silver insulation material with model
made from spray painted plastic,
latex and umbrella fabric, wood model
with rubber sheeting, foam
Installation dimensions variable



(E.T.P. 007)

Endless Theatre project:
stadium (grey), 2004
Cardboard theatre, blue synthetic foam
Installation dimensions variable



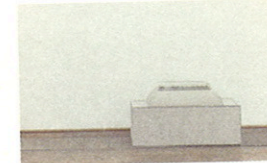
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Endless Theatre project:
stadium (cabinet), 2004
Cardboard cake box in three parts:
outside box, unfolded box, stand box
Installation dimensions variable



(ST.P. 001)

Stehlin project: Kunsthalle, 2007
(detail) Cardboard, foam,
photographs, paper, taffeta
Installation dimensions variable



(ST.P. 002)

Stehlin project: Kunsthalle, 2007
(detail) Cardboard, foam,
photographs, paper, taffeta
Installation dimensions variable



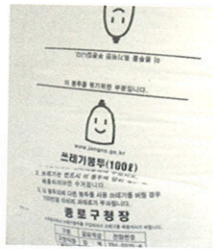
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Stehlin project: Kunsthalle, 2007
Cardboard, foam,
photographs, paper, taffeta
Installation dimensions variable



(ST.P. 004)

Stehlin project: motif, 2007
Acrylic on canvas, cardboard, fabric
Installation dimensions variable



(U.P. 001)

Ulchiro project / inflatable, 2007 (detail)
Waste bin korean plastic bags
cm 400x280x80 c.



(U.P. 002)

Ulchiro project / inflatable, 2007
Waste bin korean plastic bags
cm. 400x280x80 c.



(U.P. 003)

Ulchiro project: pond, 2007 (detail)
Acrylic on linen, foam, tupperware
Installation, dimensions: 190x105x19 cm.



(U.P. 004)

Ulchiro project: pond, 2007 (detail)
Acrylic on linen, foam, tupperware
Installation, dimensions: 190x105x19 cm.



(U.P. 005)

Ulchiro project: pond, 2007
Acrylic on linen, foam, tupperware
Installation, dimensions: 190x105x19 cm.



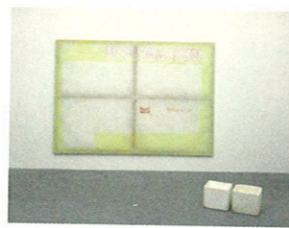
(I.P. 001)

Isandong proposal / National Fishing
Competition, 2001 (detail)
Polystyrene, plastic, watercolour on linen



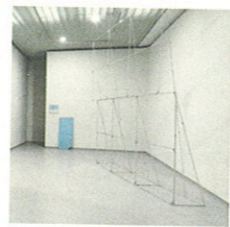
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Isandong proposal / National Fishing
Competition, 2001 (detail)
Polystyrene, plastic, watercolour on linen



(I.P. 003)

Isandong proposal / National Fishing
Competition, 2001
Polystyrene, plastic, watercolour on linen



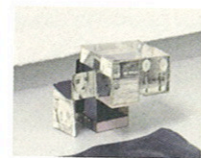
(U.P. 006)

Ulchiro project: grid, 2009
Alluminium bars
Installation dimensions variable



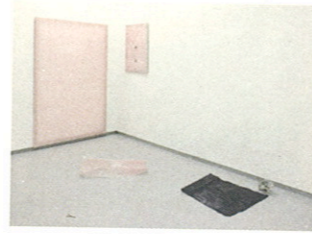
(E.H.P. 015 U.)

Ulchiro endnote / pink, 2008 (detail)
Pink taffeta on canvas, acrylic and ink on
taffeta, plastic and comics
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 016 U.)

Ulchiro endnote / pink, 2008 (detail)
Pink taffeta on canvas, acrylic and ink
on taffeta, plastic and comics
Installation dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 017 U.)

Endless House project:
Ulchiro endnote / pink, 2008
Pink taffeta on canvas, acrylic and
ink on taffeta, plastic and comics
Installation dimensions variable



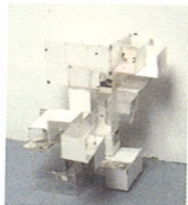
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Ulchiro project:
endless house yellow, 2007 (detail)
Watercolour on paper, polystyrene,
plastic and card, paper
variable dimensions



(U.P. 008 E.H.)

Ulchiro project:
endless house yellow, 2007 (detail)
Watercolour on paper, polystyrene,
plastic and card, paper
variable dimensions



(U.P. 009)

Ulchiro project, 2004
Paper, comic book fragments,
enamel paint, painted acrylic sheeting
and plastic sheeting
Installation dimensions variable



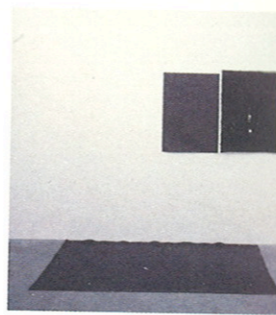
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Ulchiro project: end note, 2007
(detail) Ink on paper; paper; plastic
variable dimensions



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Ulchiro project: end note, 2007
(detail) Ink on paper; paper; plastic
variable dimensions



(U.P. 012)

Ulchiro project: end note, 2007
Ink on paper; paper; plastic
variable dimensions



(U.P. 013)

Ulchiro project: Dasan, 2006 (detail)
Wood, plastic, polystyrene, paper
Installation dimensions variable



(U.P. 014)

Ulchiro project: Dasan, 2006
Wood, plastic, polystyrene, paper
Installation dimensions variable



(U.P.P. 001)

Ulchiro proposal, 2006 (detail)
Paper; plastic; cardboard,
polystyrene, manga cartoons
Installation dimensions variable



(U.P.P. 002)

Ulchiro proposal, 2006 (detail)
Paper; plastic; cardboard,
polystyrene, manga cartoons
Installation dimensions variable



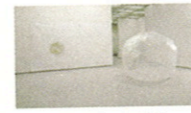
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Ulchiro proposal, 2006
Paper; plastic; cardboard, polystyrene,
manga cartoons
Installation dimensions variable



(E.R.P. 001)

Erdrindenbau project: inflatable, 2006
(detail) Plastic, silverleaf and fan;
silverleaf and pencil on paper
Installation dimensions variable



(E.R.P. 002)

Erdrindenbau project: inflatable, 2006
Plastic, silverleaf and fan; silverleaf
and pencil on paper
Installation dimensions variable



(G.C.P. 001)

Grey Cloth project: Glashaus, 2005
(detail) Work on paper, cardboard,
coloured acrylic sheet, acrylic rod
Dimensions variables



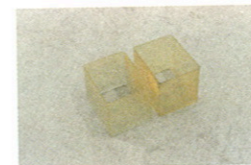
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Grey Cloth project: Glashaus, 2005
Work on paper, cardboard, coloured
acrylic sheet, acrylic rod
Dimensions variables



(G.C.P. 003 SC.)

Grey Cloth project:
Scheerbart / Projector, 2005 (detail)
Perspex sheet, painting, overhead projector,
sofa bed, pillow, plastic model, mixed media
Dimensions variable



(G.C.P. 004 SC.)

Grey Cloth project:
Scheerbart / Projector, 2005 (detail)
Perspex sheet, painting, overhead projector,
sofa bed, pillow, plastic model, mixed media
Dimensions variable



(G.C.P. 005 SC.)

Grey Cloth project:
Scheerbart / Projector, 2005
Perspex sheet, painting, overhead projector,
sofa bed, pillow, plastic model, mixed media
Dimensions variable



(E.H.P. 018 ER.)

Endless House project:
Erdrindenbau Crystal Haus, 2009 (detail)
Mirrors, sponge, wood, cm. 490x245



(E.H.P. 019 ER.)

Endless House project:
Erdrindenbau Crystal Haus, 2009
Mirrors, sponge, wood, cm. 490x245



(G.C.P. 006 SC.)

Grey Cloth project:
Scheerbart / bed, 2005 (detail)
Polyethylene bag, three paintings, four
works on paper; pillow, folded cloth, perspex
Installation dimensions variable



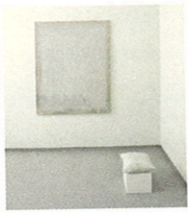
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Grey Cloth project:
Scheerbart / bed, 2005 (detail)
Polyethylene bag, three paintings, four
works on paper; pillow, folded cloth, perspex
Installation dimensions variable



(G.C.P. 008)

Grey Cloth project: Radiator, 2005
Electric oil heater, painting, mixed media
Installation dimensions variable



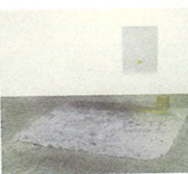
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Erdrindenbau project:
Alpine crystal building (pillow), 2006
Watercolour and pencil on linen,
pillow and polystyrene



(E.R.P. 004 SC.)

Erdrindenbau project:
building for Scheerbart, 2006 (detail)
Plastic sheet, paint, model: plastic,
cardboard and paper collage
Installation dimensions variable



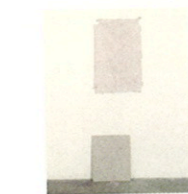
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Erdrindenbau project:
building for Scheerbart, 2006
Plastic sheet, paint, model: plastic
cardboard and paper collage
Installation dimensions variable



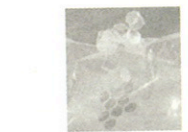
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Erdrindenbau project:
Scheerbart picture (pink deer), 2006
(detail) Pink taffeta, paper and board
Installation dimensions variable



(E.R.P. 007 SC.)

Erdrindenbau project:
Scheerbart picture (pink deer), 2006
(detail) Pink taffeta, paper and board
Installation dimensions variable



(G.C.P. 008)

Grey Cloth project:
Glasme Kepte, 2005 (detail)
Two polyethylene wastebin bag
acrylic rods, acrylic sheeting
Installation dimensions variable