

Benjamin Shine

You won't find a single paintbrush in the studio of this award-winning British artist. "I'm always looking for new challenges – if my work can provoke the reaction 'How?' or 'Wow!' then I'm satisfied," says the former Central St Martins student, who describes himself as 'an inventor and a creative explorer.' Benjamin is perhaps best known for his unique celebrity portraits, which are often made out of tulle fabric. Although he won't reveal precisely how he makes them, (it's secret, like a magician'), the results are amazing and he now has commissions flooding in from the likes of Prince Albert of Monaco. For more go to benjaminshine.com



1 Tulle Liz Taylor

His exact methods are a secret but Ben will reveal that he painstakingly presses and pleats a single length of tulle onto a canvas to make his portraits. He then displays them behind plexiglass. Each takes up to four weeks to make.

4 Flag Obama Ben made Barack out of an old American flag torn into pieces and rewoven into a mesh panel.



1 Box Lounger

Part of BT's ArtBox exhibition, Box Lounger is sponsored by Addison Lee. It has red leather upholstery and light-up telephone signs. It will be auctioned to raise money for Childline.



2 Taxi Elephant

Featuring headlamps as eyes and a solar powered taxi sign, this sculpture was part of a charity campaign to raise funds for endangered elephants. It later sold at auction for £40,000.



1 Barclays Eagle

Commissioned for the Barclays Wealth Building in Monaco, this is made from 5 cent Euro coins, angled to sparkle and fade as the viewer moves around it, representing fluctuating currencies.

4 Egg Letter Box

In Fabergé's charity Big Egg Hunt, 'eggs' created by top designers were dotted around London. Ben's was stolen from Carnaby St, then found, and sold at auction for one of the highest prices.

