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## HIP FOLK ART

**Dolan Geiman**

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[dolangeiman.etsy.com](http://dolangeiman.etsy.com)

### WHY WE LOVE HIM:

This contemporary folk artist judges an item “cool enough” to be featured in his art if it “can be pruned out of an old barn or dug up out of the dirt or if it smells like mothballs.” A close-up inspection of Dolan’s “Market Stroll” pieces (\$450 each), *above*, reveal that this well-dressed couple is assembled from old book spines, wood rulers, food labels, chair spindles, and Christmas tree saw blades, which were still covered in sap when he pulled them out of a Virginia barn. But he’s not often content with a found object’s existing patina. “I’ll add a little of my own personality,” he says. “I’ll take old things and bang them up. Fold them in half. I’ll run over them with my car. I’m not a passive person.”

**Oddest object Dolan made into art:** Old wooden rat traps found in a Chicago alley and reworked into holiday cards.

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