ndrew Owen and Usidekick Jamie Osborne (above) are partners in EnvironMental Produce, which "provokes viewers to consider the replications of nature's wonders"-like Astroturf. For their "Astroturf Sneakers," the duo made patterns from tracing paper, cut the turf and glued it to the shoes using a glue gun. Owen and Osborne accessorized with red tassel laces.

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Ilustrator Rene Zamic (right) takes on the urban environment in his artwork, and his "Safety First Shoes" evoke the elements of a construction site, with plastic netting as road-warrior frippery. After stuffing the shoes with newspaper, Zamic spray-painted them Day-Glo orange. For razorsharp arrows, he covered the shoes with masking tape, cut out arrows with an X-Acto knife and spray-painted the cutouts. Then, he sewed the netting to the sides with fishing line and accented with a button.