

Photos: Temporary art we wish could be permanent

We love temporary public art in part because it's so ephemeral, these little unexpected surprises on the city streets we walk, bike and drive every day.

From a celebration of owls and metal birds on the bike path to public music and dance performances and a Procession of the Species parade, grants from the city of Madison's BLINK! program make short-term public art possible. Here are some of our favorite projects from the past few years.

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In September 2010, a group of [University of Wisconsin-Madison Design Studies](#) students and community knitters covered a bus shelter at the [intersection of State and Johnson streets](#). Called the "Cozy Shelter," this "yarn bombing" took three weeks of knitting to assemble.

When the installation was dismantled, the work resulted in more than 120 brightly colored scarves that were donated to the Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County and "Women in Transition," an organization for women with persistent mental illness.

In addition to a BLINK! grant, the installation was funded by the Anonymous Fund and a Brittingham grant. A number of [new projects funded by BLINK! grants](#) are starting to pop up in Madison now.



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