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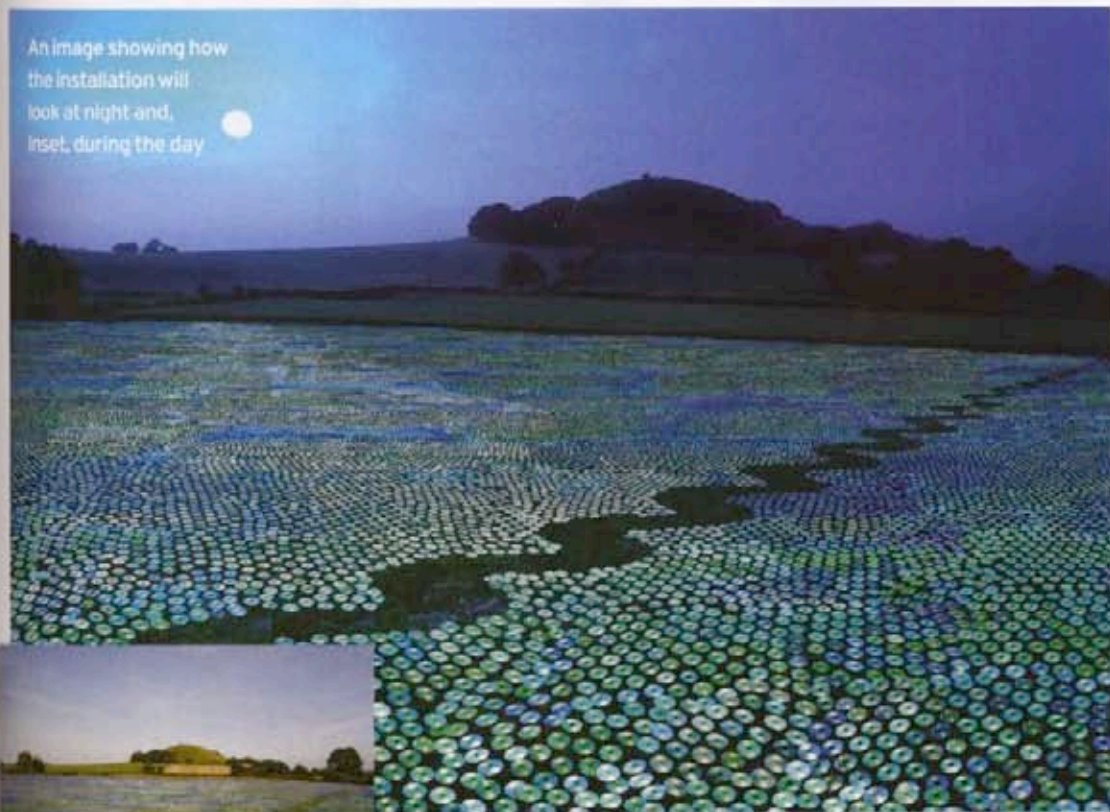
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An image showing how the installation will look at night and, inset, during the day



DISC DRIVE

An innovative lighting installation made from CDs, plus this month's news and events, by **Jessica Doyle**

Lighting designer Bruce Munro has chosen the unlikely medium of discarded CDs to create a lighting installation in Long Knoll Field, Wiltshire. CDSea will be made from 1 million discs laid on the grass, which will reflect the sun during the day and the moon at night, creating the impression of an 'inland sea'. It is due to be created at the end of March, and will be open for public viewing via the footpath that intersects the field. The artist is appealing for people to send in unwanted CDs to help him reach his target; to send a disc, or to view the progress of the project, visit www.cdsea.co.uk.



CLASS FROM THE PAST

As part of its bicentenary celebrations, Heal's is selling a collection of its antique pieces, between February 7 and April 3, at the flagship Tottenham Court Road shop. The display will focus on furniture from the Arts and Crafts Movement up to the Fifties, with highlights including this 'Fine Feathers' oak bed (above, £4,300), designed by Ambrose Heal, c. 1898. For details, call 020-7636 1666, or visit www.heals.co.uk.

Organic ticking,
£25 a metre, from
Gecco Interiors

WEBWATCH *Fabrics*

An original new website by Wemyss, www.wemyssfabrics.com, allows you to look at combinations of fabrics in a virtual 'design space' - which can be viewed with either day or night lighting - to help you visualise how they will look in your home. The clever ActiveSwatch facility also allows you to view a fabric up close and move it around with your mouse, to get an idea of the texture.

Newly launched, www.geccointeriors.co.uk showcases over 200 eco-friendly curtain and upholstery fabrics by brands such as O Ecotextiles and Malabar. Materials include organic cotton, linen, hemp, silk and nettle fibres, in over 30 colours. The site is a little basic, but there is a photograph of each fabric, and you can buy online by the metre.

Unlike many fabric websites, www.designersquid.com lists each of its fabrics with full details and photographs - as part of a room set and as a 'swatch' - in every available colourway. The swatches are arranged by collection, but you can search by pattern, type or colour, and the site is quick and easy to use, although you cannot buy online. >