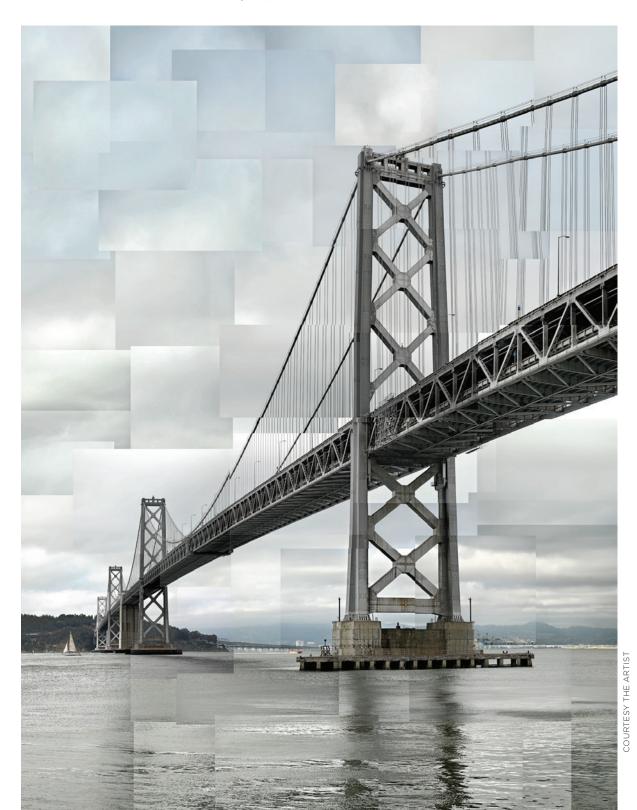
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Bay Bridge II, 2014 Archival print, 32 x 24 in



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Things I Thought About

When Stuck Behind a Crash on the Bay Bridge, Remembering the Earthquake



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Acid green next to tomato red Headlamps

That image of the car dangling from the bridge's crumpled edge

The Guinness Book of World Records man with the longest fingernails

The pressing down of an index finger on a single Bubble Wrap cell

The LOVE sculpture

Kids trick-or-treating in costumes they can't possibly understand

Those photos Diane Arbus made at the institution on Halloween

Tumbleweeds

Beanbag chairs

The amount of trouble caused by one beanbag chair opened up with a steak knife, "just to see"

Lilac and brown

The pressure drop before an electric storm

The things one could flatten under a steamroller

My father's bowling-ball-crushed middle finger

The way little kids bowl from between their legs

The fat blue-and-white pen that has four colors of ink But that finger, shaped like a beaver tail or

a Ping-Pong paddle

When the cell phone in the theater belongs to someone else

Pea Soup Andersen's

Half a house in tow on the freeway

Catching a mosquito without crushing it

Sharpeners with special angles just for golf pencils

The rhythm of the giant mop-thing in drive-through car washes

Thinking it's Sunday, and it turns out to be Saturday

Arriving ten minutes early

Arriving at all

An old woman wearing an exuberant puffy hat

Fortune-telling fish

Being afraid of reading the tarot

The water-treading test in junior lifeguard class

The crunch at the end of a glass of Tang

Cereal for dinner