The amazing art of Vladimir Aniskin

Have you ever seen very small art?

Vocabulary

1. pigment 2. blacksmith 3. particles 4. artworks 5. silence 6. museums

True Story

In 1881, a Russian writer named Nikolai Leskov wrote a story about a left-handed _____ who put tiny horseshoes on a steel flea. Today, a real craftsman named Vladimir Aniskin from Novosibirsk makes very small _____. He creates these tiny pieces in his free time and in complete _____. Aniskin said, "I prefer working with gold, colouring _____, and dust _____."

He has made many tiny things, like camels in the eye of a needle and horseshoes on a flea. Some of his works are in _____, and three of them are in the Russian Book of Records. Recently, his tiny artworks even went to space on the International Space Station.

Quiz

1. When did Nikolai Leskov write his story?
2. What does Vladimir Aniskin do?
3. What does Aniskin prefer to work with?
4. Where did Aniskin's tiny artworks go recently?

True or False

1. Nikolai Leskov wrote about a right-handed blacksmith. True | False
2. Aniskin quietly makes tiny artworks in his free time. True | False
3. Aniskin has made things like horseshoes for camels. True | False

Conversation

A: Wow, Vladimir! You made tiny horseshoes for a flea?
B: Yes, it was very challenging but fun.
A: How do you even see such small things?
B: I use a microscope and work very carefully.
A: That's amazing! Your art even went to space!
B: Really? It was so small I thought I had lost it!

Discussion

1. Have you ever tried making something very small?
2. Do you think it's hard to work in complete silence?
3. Would you like to see tiny artworks in a museum?
4. Do you know any other famous artists?
5. What kind of art do you like the most?

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