



an adventure in  
seven steps

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win some gear for your  
next hike

Ah, summer. There's nothing like those extra hours of daylight for a stroll through the fields or walking home the long way. This issue's giveaways are a celebration of the great outdoors and a grand old cheer to summer adventures. To win one of these outdoor treats, drop a line to [free@ohcomely.co.uk](mailto:free@ohcomely.co.uk) and tell us a story of camping antics. Let us know what goodies you've got your eye on too.



This sturdy painted slingshot from Men's Society is made for mischief.

[giftsbymenssociety.com](http://giftsbymenssociety.com)



This kite is hand-crafted by the Powell brothers, whose father Peter pioneered the design.

[www.peterpowellkites.co.uk](http://www.peterpowellkites.co.uk)



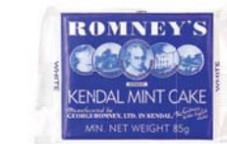
Gained a new skill? Award yourself a badge from The Scout Project.

[www.etsy.com/uk/shop/TheScoutProject](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/TheScoutProject)

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Keep hiking spirits high with this sugary snack from Kendal.

[www.kendal.mintcake.co.uk](http://www.kendal.mintcake.co.uk)



Wear a piece of the wild with this thin-veined insect wing by Run2theWild.

[www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Run2theWild](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Run2theWild)



A pungent smell of woodsmoke wafts from this tinderbox from Baker and Bell.

[www.bakerandbell.com](http://www.bakerandbell.com)

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Andrew Groves of Miscellaneous Adventures lives in a small barn on a small estate, a bit like a groundskeeper's cottage. His barn is his studio, workshop and living space combined, which is quite a feat considering he is an illustrator, image maker and an aspiring woodsman. However jack of all trades and master of none he certainly is not. We spoke to him about the joke about living in a barn and leaving doors open and rather hope that he will invite us on a miscellaneous adventure.

Carved from trees Andrew's felled himself, Miscellaneous Adventures' handmade wooden tools have never seen factory spotlights. We have a spoon and a toggle to give away; whisper your favourite word to [free@ohcomely.co.uk](mailto:free@ohcomely.co.uk) for a chance to win.

Wood must be a wonderful material to work with. Once a living thing, it has its own story and somehow this must inform what you make it into. Do you find this so? Yes, absolutely. Each piece of wood has its own character and grain patterns, which are the result of where and how the tree has grown and this definitely informs the outcome of the object I'm making.

**What is your preferred tool to whittle with?** My favourite tool to work with is a handmade knife I made with my father; it's very satisfying to create things with a tool you made yourself too.

**Can you give us a tip for enjoying the wild, wild woods?** Walk slowly through the woods, look under things and in holes. You are bound to find something you didn't even know existed. Take a pocket tree guide book with you the next time you go too, and learn to identify a few well-known species. The woods are even more fascinating once you know a little about what's in them.

**Miscellaneous is a wonderful word. Do you have a favourite?** Crepuscular.

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what we listened to  
songs that made this issue and illustrations by marion barraud



Playlist for Issue 21  
Inspired by the wilderness +  
Californian road trips.

1. Canned Heat - Going Up The Country
2. Sister Rosetta Tharpe - Didn't It Rain
3. The Tallest Man On Earth - The Gardener
4. Mac DeMarco - Blue Boy
5. Belly Davis - They Say I'm Different
6. Blake Lips - Boys In The Wood
7. Lann Del Rey - West Coast
8. E.M.M - California
9. The Knife - Bird
10. Little Big League - Summer Wounds
11. La Roux - Tropical Chances
12. First Aid Kit - Stay Gold
13. Amankou & Moïam - Sénégal Fast Food
14. I Mowter - Daydream In Blue
15. Deven & Bauhart - Camenista
16. Simon and Garfunkel - Scarborough Fair
17. Lou Reed - Satellite Of Love
18. Björn Olsson - Let i H-Moll
19. Foo's Gold - Surprise Hotel