



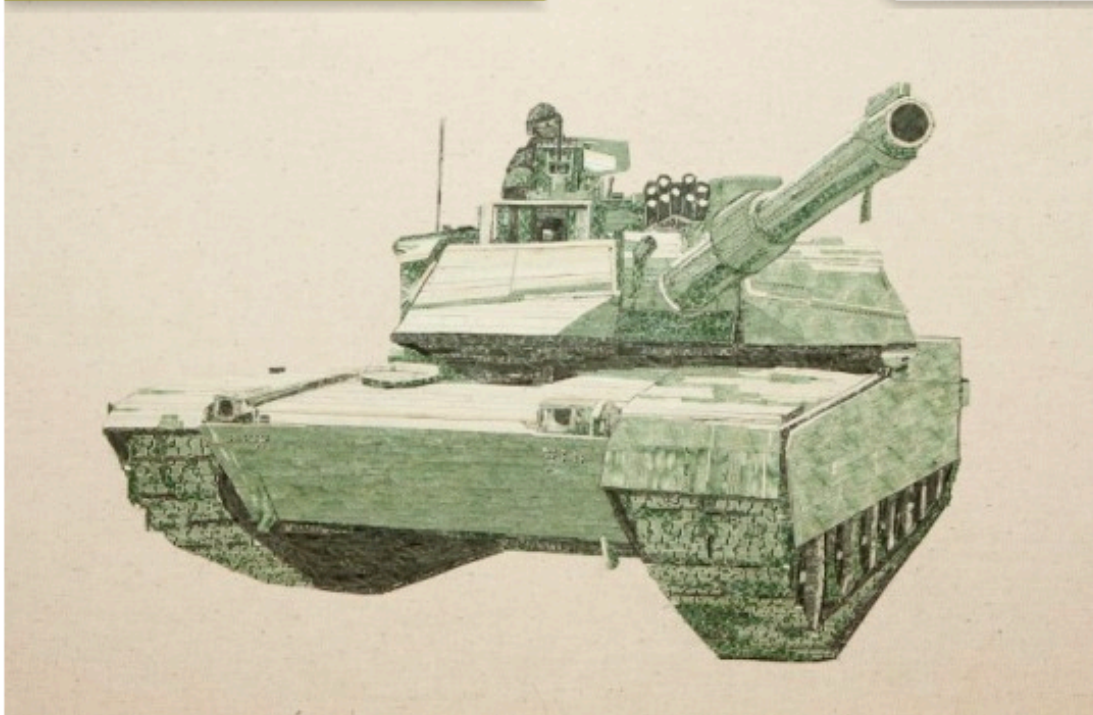
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Weaponry Collages Made from Cut Money to be Displayed at Joshua Liner Gallery in Chelsea by **Helen Morgan**, 04/13/12

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Chad Person creates these **incredible collages** with dollars, slicing up the United States currency and reassembling it to create intricate images. Many of these are war-themed, taking the form of weapons, tanks, and other military machines. Playfully titled TaxCut, the artist has been destroying hundreds of dollar bills professionally for two years, and he cheekily deducts the amount as material expenditure on his taxes. He makes images of weaponry to call attention to the U.S. government's excessive defense spending.



Person is used to making controversial moves in the art-world, when he created a post-apocalyptic shelter experiment – **the Resource Exhaustion Crisis Evacuation Safety Shelter** – complete with a sculpture of a shotgun. And now embarking on this TaxCut series made from destroy money is sure to cause a stir, especially considering that Person contextualizes the work as taking money "out of the IRS coffers." He writes on his website, "Imaging the weaponry that I'm not buying with those dollars is a reminder for me that a little creativity can be quite empowering."

But his work looks brilliant: Each piece of layered currency pops out from the wall so realistically it's hard to believe **the collages are simply layers of money**. Opening on April 19 at NYC's **Joshua Liner Gallery** you can see Person's most recent piece as part of a group exhibition.

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