

Jacob's Airplane. 2015. Assemblage. 32 x 16½ in.

This assemblage was a Valentine's Day gift to Ronnie. It was designed to hang on the wall between her bedroom and office. This front part of the house has strong geometric shapes and lines in the glass-etched doors, large circular mirror, conical lamp, etc. and I wanted the geometrical shapes of this piece to complement these. The title derives from a toy wooden airplane which I had bought at a thrift store and played with my young nephew, Jacob. I told Jacob that when I would go to Florida in the winter I would take this airplane, take it apart, and use parts of it in an assemblage. I derived great satisfaction in making this assemblage, which presented several new challenges, foremost of which was overcoming a somewhat static horizontal bias in spite of the tray's vertical orientation.