Treehandles

In 2016 Alison Wilding, sculptor and neighbour, gave me some broken agate knife handles to see if I could do something with them:



7 AGATE KNIFE HANDLES 2016

They became trees which, although they hang from a chain like a pendant, would be too spiky and somewhat ridiculous to wear. But I liked the way that the chain referred back to jewellery.

After that I started to look for antique and vintage cutlery on eBay and there was a huge amount of it:



VINTAGE CUTLERY

Pickle forks were a particularly interesting category partly because you only had to buy one of them and they were often beautifully decorated:



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Ceramic handles from Germany and Masons ironstone carving sets:



CRINOLINED TREE 2019

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SILVER BONE AND MOTHER-OF-PEARL HANDLES

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19TH CENTURY AMERICAN BREADKNIFE HANDLE

GLASS HANDLE

Once I have had an initial idea, I am intrigued to find out where it will take me and the work. I feel that the possibilities are endless and I know it will carry me through until the next project. It is a sort of challenge and I do get pleasure from the belief that no one has done this before, at least, I don't think they have.

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