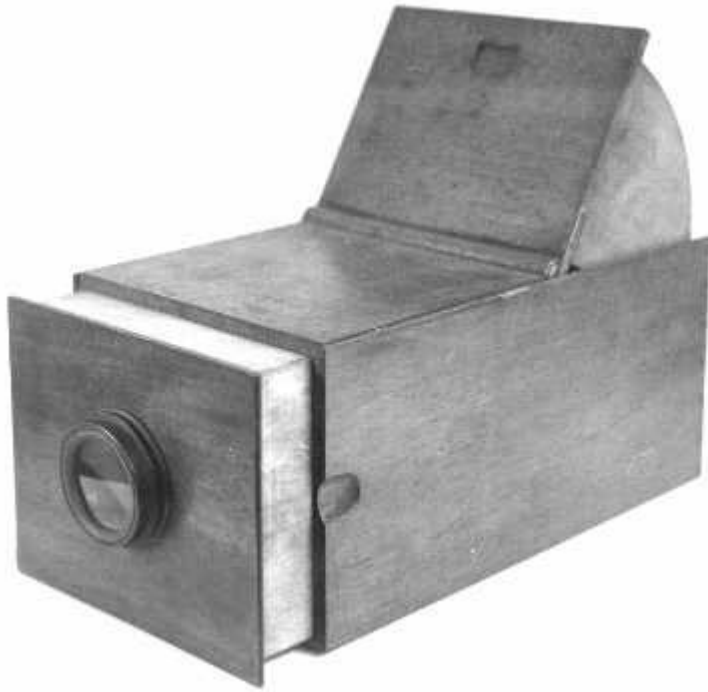


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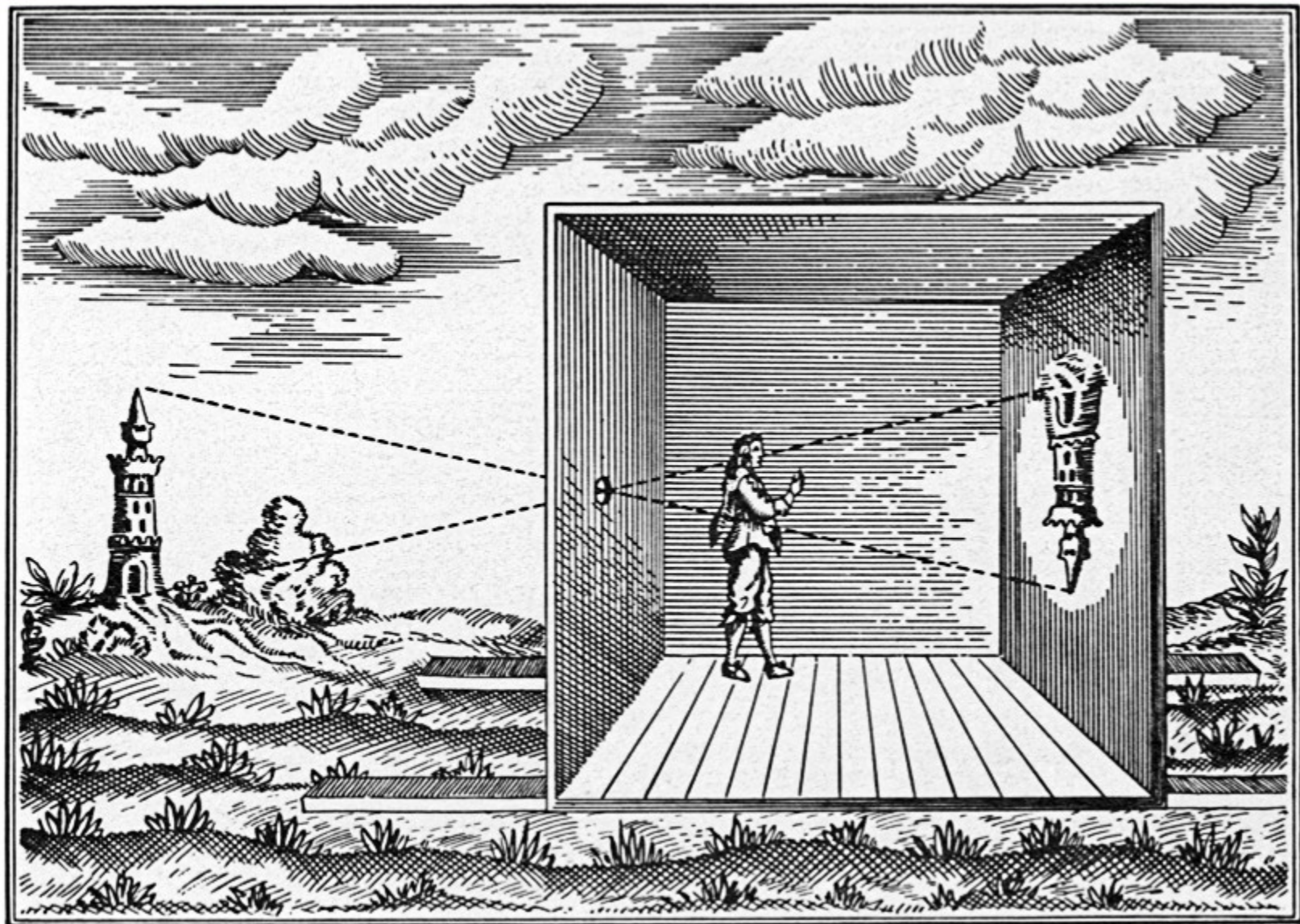


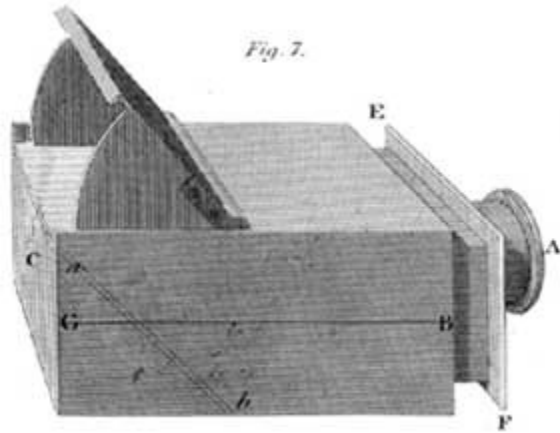
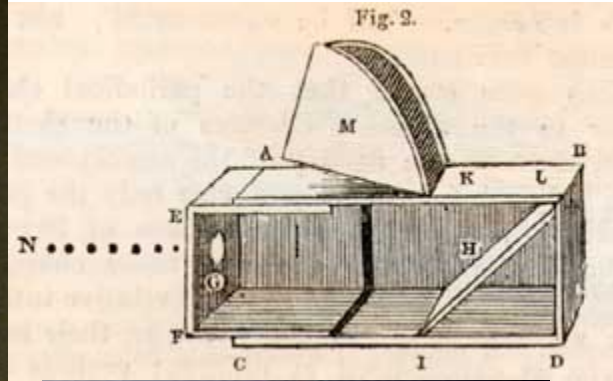
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Camera Obscura









CAMERA OBSCURA SAN FRANCISCO

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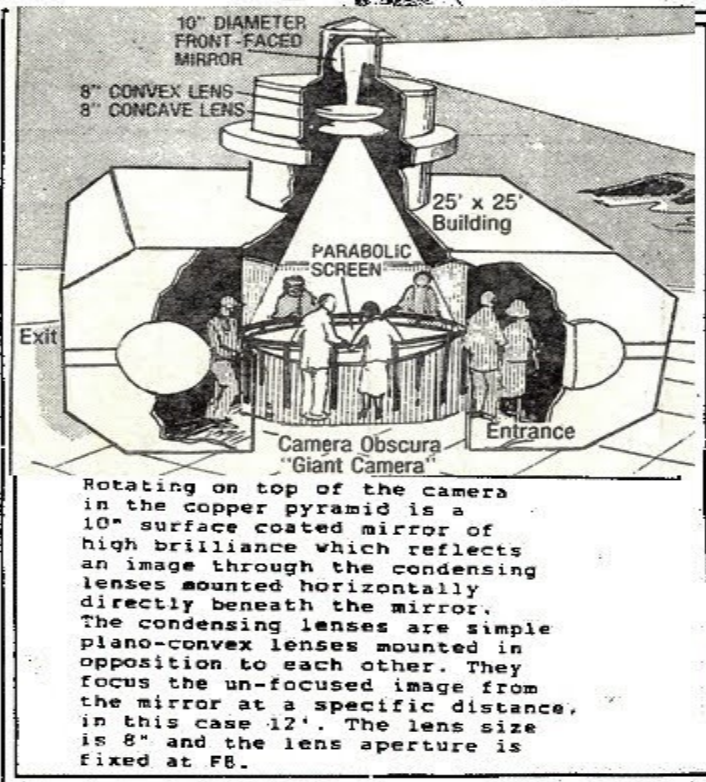
HISTORY:

The word Camera Obscura is Latin and means translated the 'dark room'. Today it is not quite known, when and by whom exactly the Camera Obscura was invented. In the 11th. century the Arabian scholar Alhazen theorized that light waves travel in straight lines and he tried to prove it with a pinhole. What happened between then and the end of the 15th. century is obscure. The oldest forms of the Camera Obscura surviving, are sketches by Leonardo da Vinci and others, probably from around the late 15th. century. He was most likely not the only one, because around 1490 John Baptista della Porta revealed the phenomena in a book called 'Natural Magic'. While it was to the amusement of those scholars, other people condemned it as an invention of the devil. In the following centuries, the Camera Obscura became a wonderful tool for artists and astronomers. Artists, such as Vermeer, used the Camera Obscura as portable instruments for their paintings and portrait drawings.

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Seal Rock area
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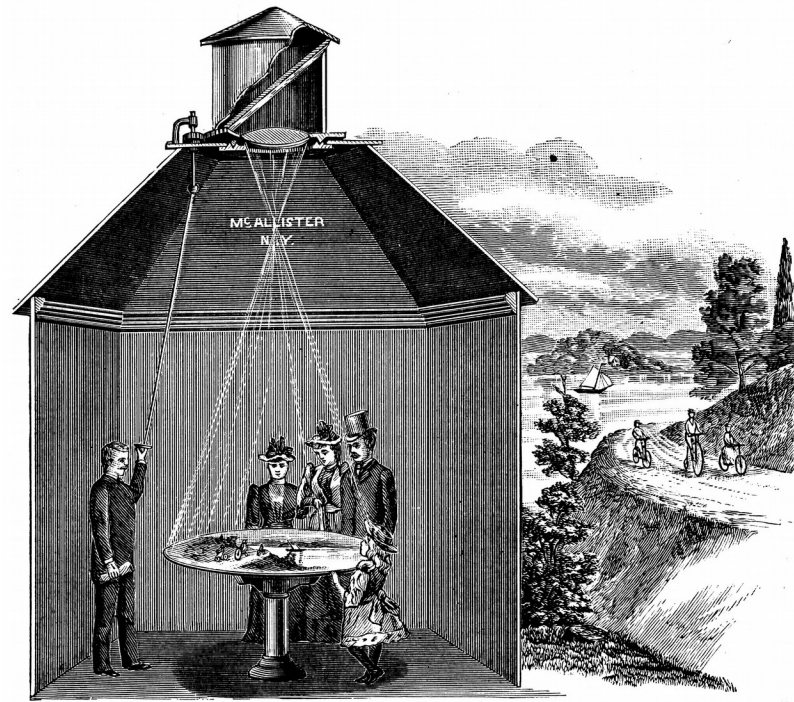
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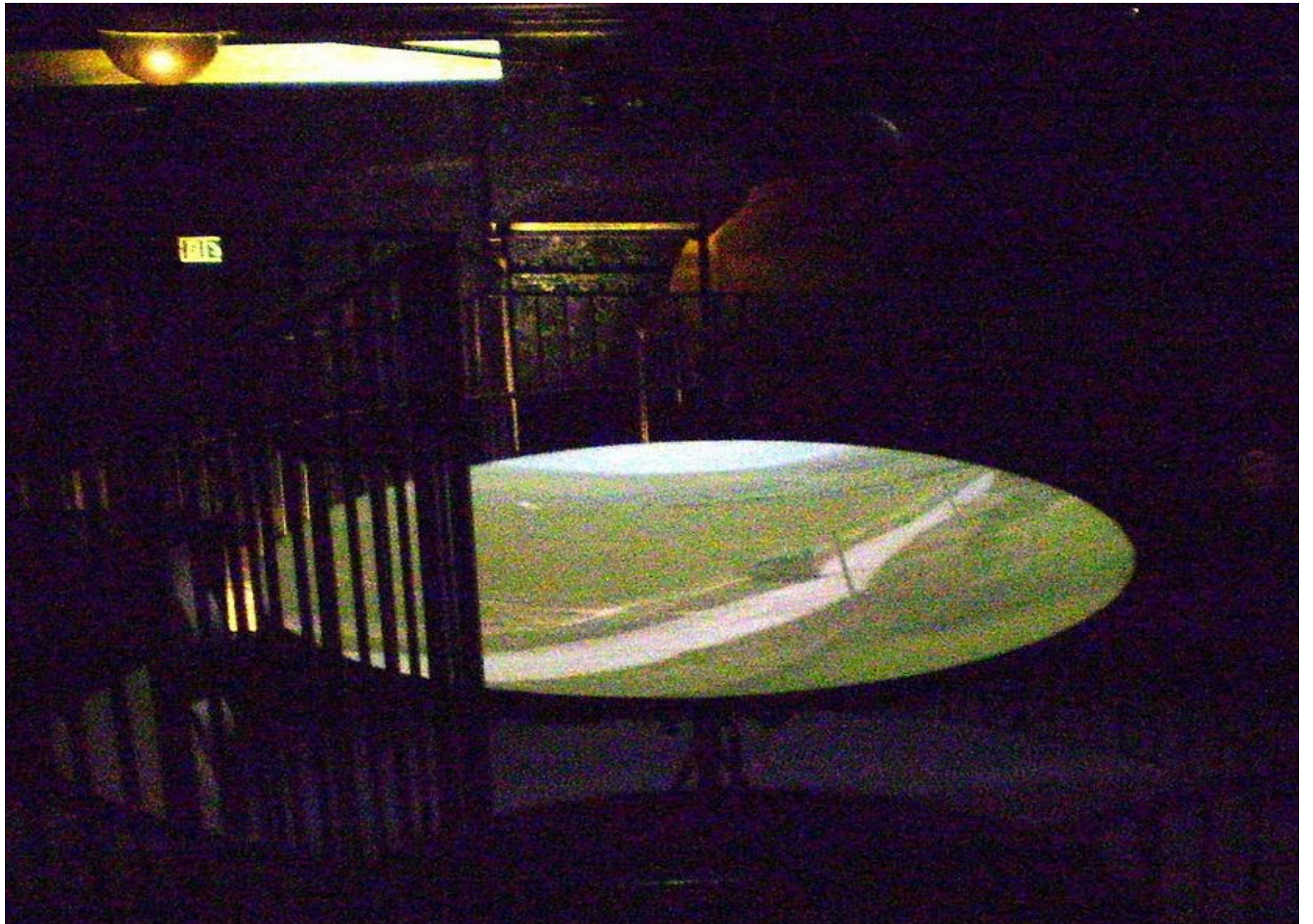


EXPERIENCE THE CAMERA OBSCURA EFFECT

History

The Camera Obscura is the last remaining structure of the World Famous Playland at the Beach. Built by Floyd Jennings in 1946. It was built with the permission of George K. Whitney Sr., then owner of the Cliff House, Sutro Baths and Playland. Mr. Whitney later suggested, to making it look like a Camera, hence the name Giant Camera. This rare attraction is in keeping with Sutro's plan for recreational activities at Point Lobos. This structure provides scenic panoramic views, so spectacular with vivid colors. Making it a fun and learning experience. Walk through this optical instrument, which produces 360 degrees of spectacular **Live Images of the Seal Rock Area**. Magnified Seven Times on a Six foot Parabolic Table. Now you can experience this **Special Effect**. You will be truly amazed, the **Images** standing up and coming at you. After this you will want to learn everything you can about the **CAMERA OBSCURA**. You will be telling your friends. Don't miss it.







Modern Usage of the Camera Obscura

Abelardo Morell (American,
born Cuba, 1948)

*Camera Obscura: Santa Maria
della Salute in Palazzo*

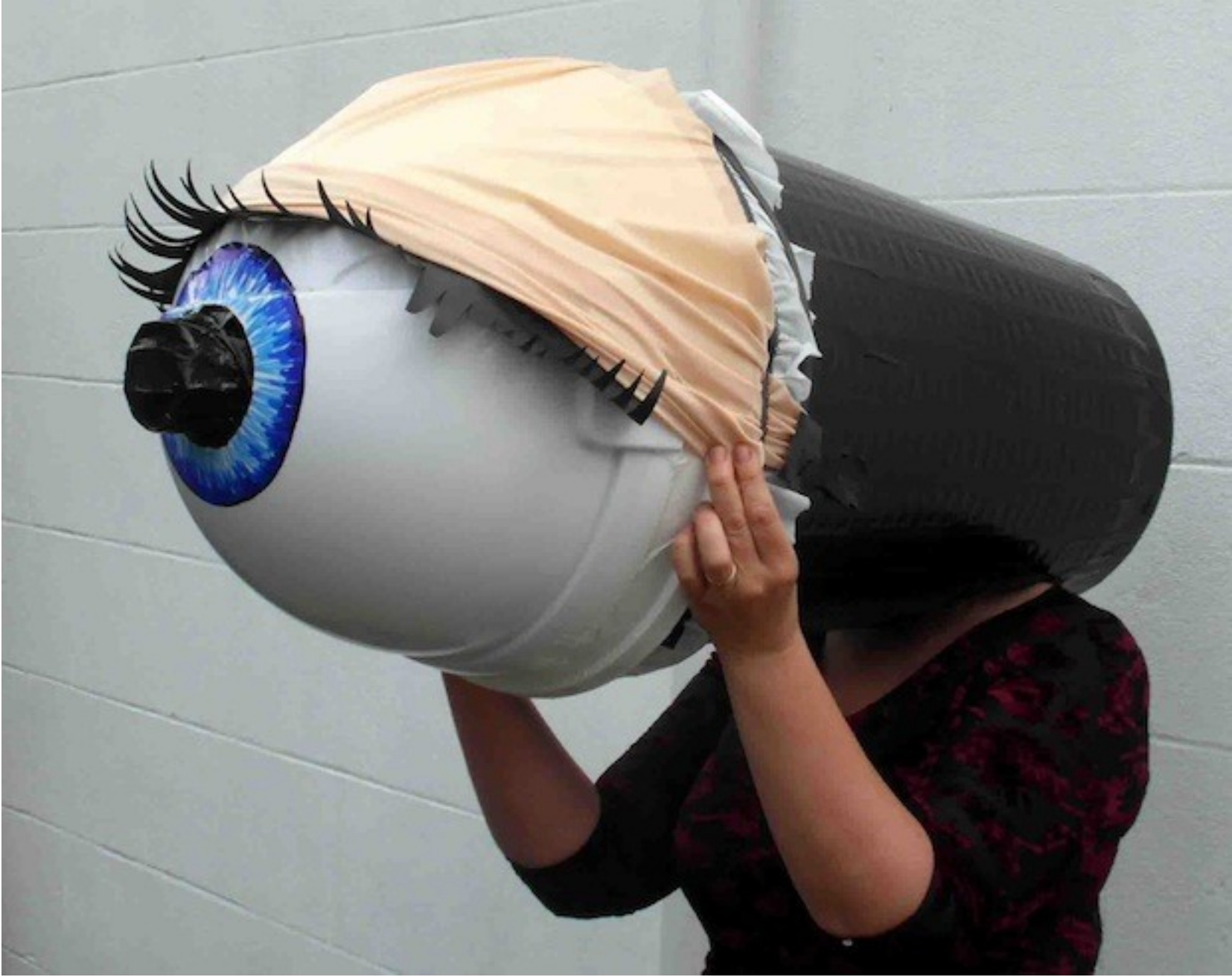
Bedroom, Venice, Italy, 2006

Inkjet print





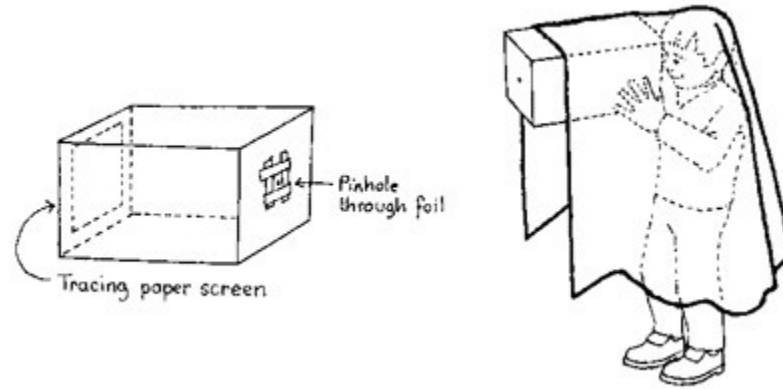








How To:



[Make a room into a camera obscura](#)

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