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Artist Leo gets shirty with discarded cigarette packs

■ Litter sparked idea to create football shirts

■ After 10 years he has 800 miniature strips

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IT brings new meaning to 'drawn on the back of a fag packet'.

An artist has created a new exhibition of miniature football shirts by using discarded cigarette packets he found on the street.

The exhibition will be shown at CUBE gallery in the city centre, as well as in the new National Football Museum in the Urbis.

They'll also be shown at the City of Manchester Stadium and at Old Trafford.

The Post Match exhibition came about after the artist, Leo Fitzmaurice, found a discarded cigarette packet shaped like a

football top on the street. He said: "The idea came to me on a wet afternoon.

"In this kind of weather the glue holding the packets together dissolves and they tend to fall apart.

"One afternoon like that I came across a red Marlboro lid stuck to the pavement. It was almost the finished item, the flaps folded out suggesting the arms of a shirt, Marlboro emblazoned across the little chest and the white V indicating a collar.

"I have developed the idea only slightly."

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Leo has now created almost 800 replica tops from the back of cigarette packets, after 10 years of scouring the streets for discarded packs, and has described the process of as a 'kind of reverse origami'.

He has also turned empty McDonald's fries packets into artistic CCTV cameras in a display in Shanghai.

The exhibition opens at



PERFECT MATCH Artist Leo Fitzmaurice and right, some of his miniature creations

CUBE on Portland Street in Manchester next Sunday, July 9, and runs until August 20.

Leo Fitzmaurice will also be in conversation about the exhibition at an event on July 14.

To book, contact info@cube.org.uk

