

# **schmick**

## **contemporary**

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# **hearth**

**MITCHEL DAVIS****JESSE HOGAN**  
**CHARLOTTE SIMPSON**  
**GEORGE SQUIRES****JUSTIN TRENDALL**

Jesse Hogan  
*Pressed Skirt (Schmick  
Contemporary)*  
2024  
Keane terracotta clay  
185 x 17 x 5cm

Charlotte Simpson  
*Tuesday*  
2024  
Galvanised steel prop.  
330 x 15 x 15cm.

Mitchel Davis  
*Every Day is a Lifetime*  
2024  
Childhood blanket, cotton  
thread, sewing pins,  
wadding, acrylic paint, tent  
poles, cloth tape cable  
ties, millinery elastic, and  
builders string line.  
Dimensions variable.

Justin Trendall  
*Untitled*  
2024  
Earthenware, wood,  
and acrylic paint.  
Dimensions variable.

Justin Trendall  
*Wide Open Road*  
2024  
Unique state screen  
print on fabric.  
38 x 48cm.

George Squires  
*Gathering*  
2024  
Wood, carved wood.  
Dimensions variable.

Charlotte Simpson  
*a farewell for any occasion*  
2024  
Beeswax, steel fragment  
4 x 4 x 4cm

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## kept

By the hearth, we are kept.

We are kept as:

- An inn
- A shop
- Resolve
- A ledger
- A lover fed and clothed  
is kept.

And we keep the fire going.

It is a labour to keep, to support anything so long, but here, there's never the pull to falter. We make and are made ourselves. We meet here, in a room always teeming, where works watch over shoulders but are done no disservice. Everything is in service:

The work of the hearth is generous. It often comes together quick & cheap, because we're in a rush to talk about it once it's done. It's made as an excuse to meet.

(The keys relinquishing their grip on any need to knock.  
The quilt over the fence in case we want to find us beneath it.  
The hopeful wood to prop up all-night chat in the face of drowsy fire.)

Keeping the thing is not the same as having the thing. Keep implies that the thing was once lent to us and that, by love or by luck, we were allowed to hold onto it.

We lend ourselves to the hearth as it lends its warmth to us.  
We keep each other close.

love ,

Anthea

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