

## Application No. 775: Magnet ornament "The Battle of Alexander"

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### This mural is completely made up of small magnets!

With meticulous handiwork, Simon Wachsmuth created a tableau that is entirely made up of small ferrite magnets. The picture was first exhibited in 2007 at the Documenta 12 in Kassel and has since been in exhibitions in Vienna and Turin.



Only when you move up closer to the picture can you recognize the magnets. The effect is truly baffling.

It depicts a reconstruction of the famous Battle of Alexander mosaic from Pompeii, which is now exhibited at the National Museum in Naples. The magnets serve as a metaphor for the instability of historic conception and narratives.

Artist: Simon Wachsmuth

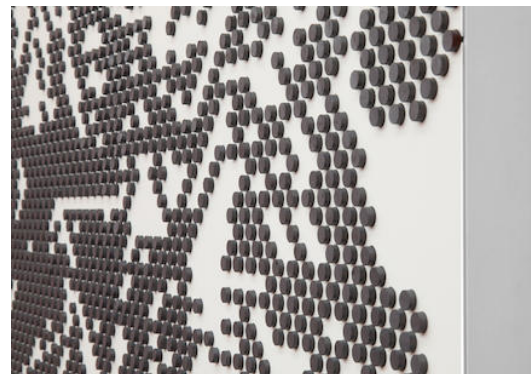
Title: "The Battle of Alexander"

Year: 2007

Material: Ferrite magnets on varnished metal plates (approx. 30 000 magnets)

Photo: Arye Wachsmuth

Courtesy: Belvedere Wien, Simon Wachsmuth



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### Articles used

30000 x FE-S-10-05: Disc magnet Ø 10 mm, height 5 mm ([www.supermagnete.de/eng/FE-S-10-05](http://www.supermagnete.de/eng/FE-S-10-05))

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