



# Jenny Polak

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## Design for the Alien Within

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**Arte Útil archive nr:**  
229

**Initiator:**  
Jenny Polak

**Location:**  
Online and built installations

**Category:**  
politics, social

**Users:**  
Anyone can visit the website,  
Furniture installations can be  
borrowed or commissioned Artist,  
Jenny Polak, 3D interaction  
designer Peter Mackey.

**Maintained by:**  
Jenny Polak and art galleries  
where her work is exhibited.

**Duration:**  
2006 - ongoing

**Description:**

The project consists of a web-based interactive design tool to help people in designing spaces to hide undocumented immigrants in different locations. The initiator built a prototype of furniture with space for hiding people, which was displayed in several art galleries.

**Goals:**

To raise awareness about the precarious living conditions and danger faced by people living and working without immigration papers, and promote resistance to anti-immigrant authorities.

**Beneficial Outcomes:**

By initiating 'in-store' gallery performances, the artist was able to bring additional awareness to the project and the issue.

**Images:**

