Object Labels

'Vice' type potato peeler with table clamp, *c*. 1930s

Clamping the peeler to the table helped the owner to peel potatoes more efficiently and safely.

Potato masher, *c*. 1898

This potato masher was also used to mash or pound cabbage. It looks a bit like a darning mushroom and was a popular object with the co-producers due to its shape and lightweight grip.

Circular wooden breadboard

The smooth backed brown board was compared to the modern red non-slip cutting board which is also on display in this case. The weight of the wood may have made it sturdy when cutting bread.

Wooden bread slicer

This tool ensured that each slice of bread was cut to the same thickness. It would have had a frame to hold the bread at the back. The front section was pushed back and forth to slice it.

Potato masher

This masher is heavier than the wooden one. The co-producers observed that the holes might make mashing potatoes easier.

Bread knife

The handle has been beautifully carved into an ear of corn compared to the simplicity of the modern Easy Grip knife.

The co-producers discussed how modern adapted items for disabled people are often plain with boring designs.

Non-slip food preparation board

Plastic grips prevent the board from moving around the surface it is placed onto. The raised edges or spikes enable the foodstuff to be held in place.

The co-production group used this when making scones and sandwiches.

RNIB Liquid Level Indicator

It makes a loud beeping sound when the liquid touches the sensor which prevents the user from burning themselves or spilling liquid.

Tested by the co-producers (and their helpers) when pouring hot water for tea and coffee.

OXO Good Grips Y Peeler

The thick, rubber handle makes this comfortable to hold, especially for people with arthritis or a weakened grip.

The co-producers used this to peel cucumbers and vegetables.

PETA Bread Knife

The non-slip handle is at a right angle. This makes it easier to hold when slicing bread.

Used by the co-producers to cut bread for sandwiches.

Rotary Vegetable and Fruit Peeler

The fruit or vegetable is placed on the spikes, then the handle is turned to peel it. It is held on the table with suction cups.

The co-producers compared this to the historic peeler nearby, as the concept is similar.

Emergency Food Package
Elora Kadir, 2021

Archival pigment print on Hahnemuhle Photo Rag
24 photos taken in 2020 during the first national lockdown. It records the items delivered to extremely clinically vulnerable people who were told to not go out.

Don't Play with your Food
Roo Dhissou, 2024
Three thalis trays painted in peach glazes. Decorated with Punjabi folk songs that raise questions about caste, food politics and growing.

Attempt at Inventory of the Liquid and Solid Foodstuffs Ingurgitated by Em—Dash in the Course of the Month June Twenty Twenty-Two
Em—Dash, 2022
Poster inspired by George Perec's 'Attempt at Inventory of the Liquid and Solid Foodstuffs Ingurgitated by me in the Course of the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four'. It records egg recipes consumed by Em—Dash as an affordable and nutritious food.