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Times they are a changing | With all the media coverage President Barack Obama has received over the past year or so his face is pretty much etched in everyone's minds. However, British artist and designer Benjamin Shine has done a rather good job of creating an exact representation of the president using just a second-hand flag he picked up whilst in New York during the election period. "It was not in bad shape apart from various splits along the edges and a few holes. To me it symbolised 'Old America'," explains Shine. The ripped-up strips from the flag were cut and woven by hand into a nylon mesh panel, which is the same size as the original flag (6ft x 4ft), and built up to make the portrait. Almost like an oversized embroidery, describes Shine.

'Changing Times', a poignant and powerful image of the 44th American President, was unveiled at New York's Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) shortly after the inauguration ceremony on 20 January.

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