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Born into an enviably artistic family, Thomas Heatherwick is considered a modern Da Vinci. His exposure to the arts in his youth was wonderfully eclectic, including music, fabric arts, architecture, and more. This led to a lifelong three-dimensional ambition: "Instead of rigidly dividing artistic thinking into separate crafts and professions such as sculpture, architecture, fashion, embroidery, metalwork and landscape, product and furniture design," he writes, "I wanted to consider all design in three dimensions, not as multi-disciplinary design, but as a single discipline: three-dimensional design." This book charts that life’s work. And what’s more important, it charts the process of the many works of Heatherwick. This means it’s not focused on the final product. The purpose of the
book is to show how he arrived at each completed work though a creative process that is open to unlikely associations, irrational leaps, and by noticing apparently insignificant details. Anyone interested in the process of creativity ought to check this book out. It is highly inspiring to watch seemingly inconsequential conceptual seeds develop into masterworks of design. The book will also be useful for those wishing to synthesize various concepts, disciplines, etc. into a single concept or discipline. In this way, Making Ideas is very practical. Finally, I recommend this book for lovers of art books. It is richly illustrated, and unusual in its focus on process rather than product.

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