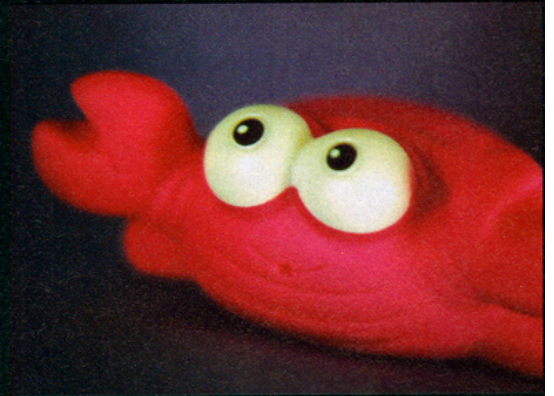


Clockwise, from top right: lion bath toy; Hello Kitty keychain; crab bath toy; Yoda Pez dispenser; toy car; octopus.



# ROB ADAMS

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closet full of Pez dispensers? Adams, a 33-year-old Somerville, Massachusetts, resident, buys at thrift shops, yard sales, and toy stores so he can explore "the unique design and character" of toys. "Color plays a significant role in my images," says Adams. "I try to create a look that draws out the toys' sculptural elements." He refines the effect via a wide aperture, Konica's saturated Centuria 100 print film rated at ISO 50, and low-light conditions. It's a combination that "produces vibrant color and lends an emotive quality to the object." He shoots with a Minolta X370 and 70-210mm f/2.8 Vivitar lens, sometimes stacking them with multiple magnification filters. You can find his prints at the Robert Klein Gallery in Boston. Adams consults with New England galleries, and is working on a children's book featuring his toy photos. 📷

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