

Thinktank - Millennium Point, Birmingham
Making Things Gallery



Entrance to Gallery

HAIR GRIP MAKING MACHINE



HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HAIR PINS IN ONE DAY

All Victorian women kept their long and put it up everyday into elaborate styles using hundred of hair pins. No wonder there was a whole industry devoted to making them.

The machine was used by Jarrett & Rainsford around 1880. It took pieces of wire and bent them into the required shape, making thousands every week. After the First World War, women cut their hair into shorter styles – fewer hair grips were needed. The company started to make radio parts. In the Second World War they made thousands of pins that were used in bombs. The company still makes hair pins and other accessories today.



Graphic panel



The Product Wall - Showcases

