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## Brooklyn man wants you to burst bubble ... but one day at time

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Fort Greene resident Stephen Turbek, 36, manufactures and sells bubble calendars. His son Tomus, 3, pops a bubble.

A Brooklyn man has figured out how to combine his love for popping bubble wrap with his love of making money.

Stephen Turbek, 36, who works nine-to-five in the financial industry, spends his free time designing and producing interactive bubble wrap calendars - and his income is, well, popping.

Turbek, of Fort Greene, fashioned the pop-a-day calendar using a long sheet of paper with the month and dates printed in columns, then covering the whole thing with a sheet of bubble wrap.

He's selling them online for \$30 to \$50 a pop, and has already sold thousands, he said.

The calendar does require a degree of restraint on the part of the popper - you're only able to burst one per day - but Turbek said he has found a way to incorporate people's love of popping bubble wrap into a daily activity.

"Like many people, I really enjoy popping bubbles. I thought it would be fun to put it to some purpose," Turbek said.

There's even a market for the bubble calendar overseas. Turbek says he has shipped them to Australia, Latvia, Korea and Japan. Turbek has a German and Japanese language version of the calendar, and wants to produce even more language options next year.

"It's a testament to the universal appeal of popping bubbles," he said.

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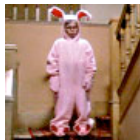
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