

ADRIAN & MARTINUS POOL

These Calgary-based brothers do a 180 with old skateboards.

GROWING UP on the Canadian prairie, brothers Adrian and Martinus Pool didn't have access to the skateparks commonly found in urban settings. To remedy this, they tapped into a family woodworking tradition, building ramps and boxes in a neighbor's driveway. Fast-forward to today, and the duo—now certified journeymen carpenters—have merged their passions into Adrian Martinus Design, a business that upcycles old skateboards into sustainable, rainbow-infused furniture and housewares. In Alberta, where the winters are long, used boards can be tough to come by. "Our limited supply really influenced the way we create our stuff," says Martinus. "We had to learn to cut the boards to get as much out of each one as possible." Like butchers, the Pools carve up skateboards with surgical precision, cutting off the nose and tail before removing the flat stretch between the board's bolts. "We use the larger pieces for our big, solid work," says Martinus. "The little bits become accents or tiles for mosaics. It's what makes our creations unique." — GINA DECAPRIO VERCESI



▶ **The record** for longest distance traveled by skateboard is held by Robert Thomson, who skated 7,555 miles from Switzerland to China.

▶ **In 1990**, Tony Hawk received *Thrasher Magazine's* first Skater of the Year Award, and it's still considered the most coveted accolade in skateboarding.

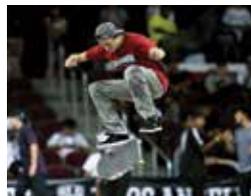
▶ **Paul Van Doren** and his brother, Jim, helped start Vans, a shoe company dedicated to skateboarding, in 1966.

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Skateboards flip into indie films, the Olympic Games and nonprofits.



1 The film *Skate Kitchen*, which debuted last month, follows an all-girl posse of skateboarders around Manhattan's Lower East Side.



2 Skateboarding will be recognized as an **Olympic sport** for the first time at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.



3 Nonprofit **Exposure Skate** works to empower women and girls via skateboarding and raises money to help fight domestic violence.