

## Stormy Weather stirred

A teapot rendered by Shu Lea Cheang

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I found this yellow Tetley teapot laying quietly among vintage silver Moroccan teapots in the cupboard at the home of madame Rokia Ben Brahim, a 93 year old Algerian woman working all her life as a cleaning lady in Paris.

In a workshop conducted by Marc Dusseiller at la Fonderie de l'Image , I soldered Vive la Resistance aka NanoSmano Sajica , a mini circuit with an oscillator and a resistive gas sensor. It produces sound responding to touch and breath.

Tetley was the first company to launch tea in tea-bags in the United Kingdom in 1953. Tea leaves packed into instant teabags, no fortune to be told. Storm in the teapot, storm out of the teapot. A pot of tea for stormy weather.

Stormy weather, a song written by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehler, first recorded by Ethel Waters in 1933, later recorded & re-interpreted by a string of fine musicians.

I install the NanoSmano Sajica inside the teapot, leaving its circuit board hanging out along with other teabag labels. I touch the circuit board. I blind read the fortune. The noise storms out of the teapot, amplified anarchy. The blue tune of Stormy Weather meets the teapot upheaval, stormy weather stirred and disturbed.

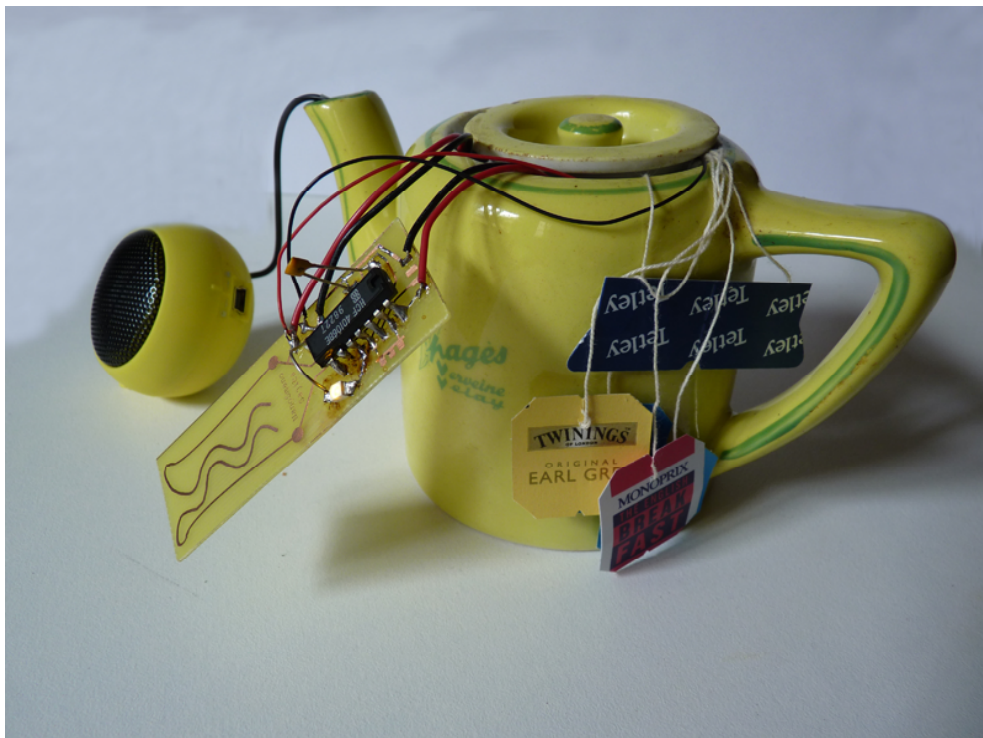
### Tech specs:

Teapot [16cm(L) x 8cm(W) x 9cm (H)]

NanoSmano Sajica (1) with battery & speaker

Speaker (1)

Teabags (5)



Reference:

Vive la Resistance aka NanoSmano Sajica  
Workshop with Marc Dusseiller

[http://wiki.sgmk-ssam.ch/index.php/Vive\\_la\\_Resistance\\_aka\\_NanoSmano\\_Sajica](http://wiki.sgmk-ssam.ch/index.php/Vive_la_Resistance_aka_NanoSmano_Sajica)  
[http:// www.hackteria.org](http://www.hackteria.org)

BabyLove by Shu Lea Cheang  
<http://www.babylove.biz>

For the tea party at V&A on September 24&25, I would like to mix the  
NanoSmano Sajica with Stormy Weather of the following recordings.

Ethel Waters sings Stormy Weather (1933)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SursCSfvIZ8>

Lena Horne sings Stormy Weather (1943)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCG3kjtQBKo>

Billie Holiday sings Stormy Weather (1952)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxrQ-O4-J70>

Shirley Bassey sings Stormy Weather (1956)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMIGIEVHp3Y>

Dinah Washington sings Stormy Weather (1950's)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivUpwfFpkXg&feature=related>

Frank Sinatra sings Stormy Weather (1959)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9o7QSIJL10>

Judy Garland...Stormy Weather (London Session, 1960)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N57hZFIUEVA>

Ella Fitzgerald sings Stormy Weather (1961)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezGHapF8-IY&feature=related>

Joni Mitchell sings Stormy Weather (1998)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59HiGZTY2NM>

Anna Fantastic a.k.a Anna Garcia sings Stormy Weather (2000's)  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0lxFy6dxFc&feature=player\\_embedded#at=118](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0lxFy6dxFc&feature=player_embedded#at=118)

Whitney Houston sings Stormy Weather (2010)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sPMOY9AZsA&feature=related>