The work presented for the *contrived self(ie)* project contextualises the space of social media as a physical space, a world made up of smaller worlds. These worlds are created via small three-dimensional machines, *self(ie) machines*, that are manufactured from foam board, printed images, wire, mirrors, modified music box mechanisms and clock mechanisms.

The self(ie) machines twitch and wobbly or move smoothly and evenly proudly sharing their construction with glued edges, hand-cut finger joints and modified mechanisms visible. Installed across two walls these works are to be read right to left, starting with evenly spaced square works and ending with a chaotic arrangement of smaller and more fragmented works.