

TEAM BLESSED

IDEA PROPOSAL

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WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING SO FAR

Hey Rebecca, Byrum and Antony,

as you probably know already, I wanna do a project together with you about recycling, up-cycling, culture and culture-clash. Meaning: I would like us to try to bring these points together in a useful, fun and inspiring way. In the past weeks, while you were starting to make baskets and experimenting with beautiful forms, techniques and materials, I started my own experiments and learned how to make ropes and using old plasticbags to create them. Now slowly it would be nice if we could get our thoughts and experiments together. My idea is to create traditionally weaved baskets out of these ropes and later if everything works well we can try to recycle other materials and make nice things out of it.

I chose the baskets because it is an old and traditional craft, making them out of old plastic bags - usual trash, instead of the classical materials - we generate a conflict in our products. The tradition meets the realities of the 21st century.



THE NEXT WEEKS

For the next week I have two major things planned. First I want you guys to make me a manual on how to weave traditional baskets, like the one you've already made. For that task you can do drawings, pictures and videos, but try to make it clear and easy for me to understand.

Second, I want you to build a little rope-making machine. Don't worry once you got the idea of how it works, it really isn't hard. For the machine you will need to collect some materials in the next few days.

What you need is:

- 5-6 metal-wire clothes hanger
- 2, or rather 3 piece square timber minimum 5x5cm and 30-100 cm long
- find a possibility to make some holes in the diameter of the metal-wire clothes hanger, like an electric or hand drill
- some screws or nails to connect the wood
- a handsaw, if available



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Once you've collected everything you will get a manual from me on how to build and use it. Meanwhile I would like you to go on making baskets out of everything, develop patterns, etc.

We need your creativity to get good ideas!

While you do all of that I will go on here to experiment and produce more plastic ropes and once I got the weaving manual (which should be your priority in the next days!) I will start to make my first baskets. Once we got all of that done, we can get crazy and try everything, we could use strings from PET-Bottles, old newspapers, everything we can imagine and make, for example, lamps and chairs with our new technique.

Looking forward :)



THE ROPE MACHINE

