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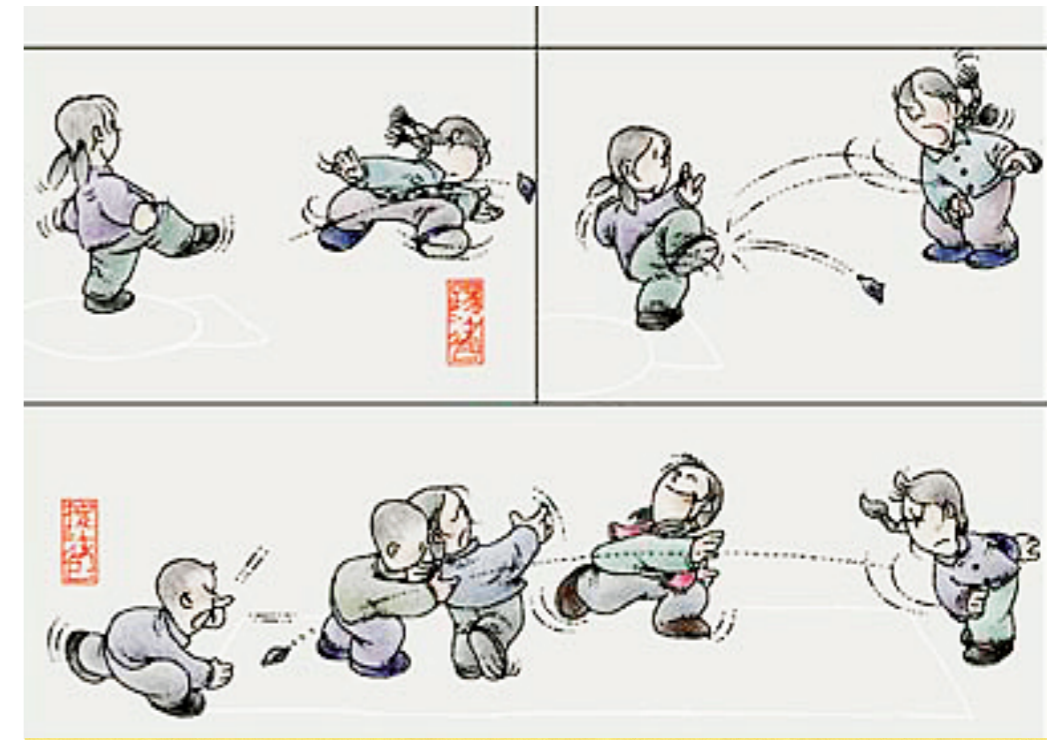




buckwheat pillow



sand pillow for pain relief



sand bag game



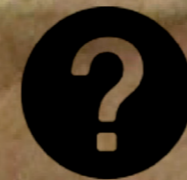
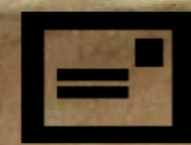
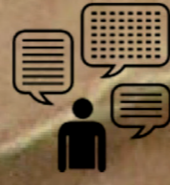
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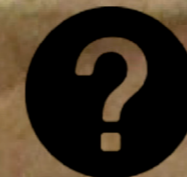
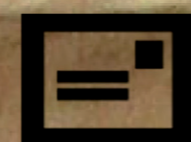
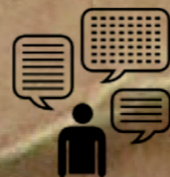
People in early China is poor, some children can not afford to buy toys. So they have to make toys by themselves.

These bags full of sand is made of used fabric.

How to play ?

Three children stand a line, one child throw the bag to another child who stand middle and the middle one should avoid the bag. Then the third child should pick the bag up and throw to the middle one. If the middle one have been touched the bag game over.

story from wen, China

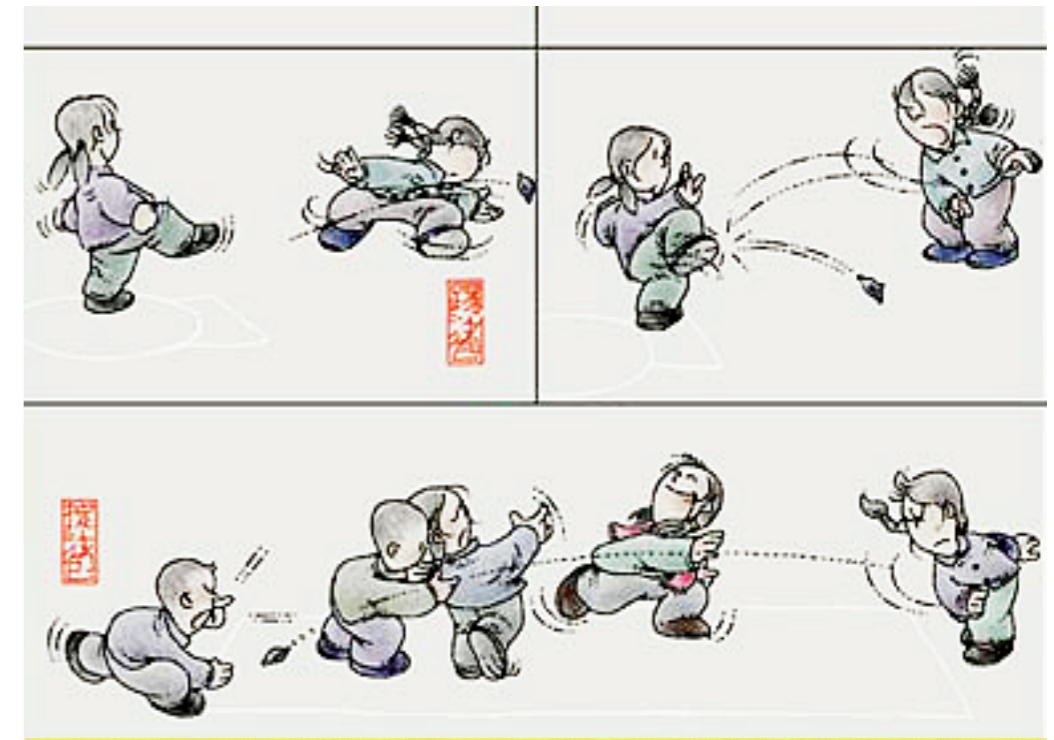




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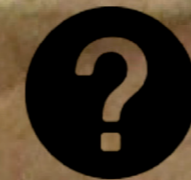
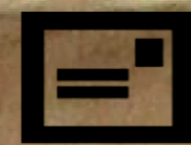
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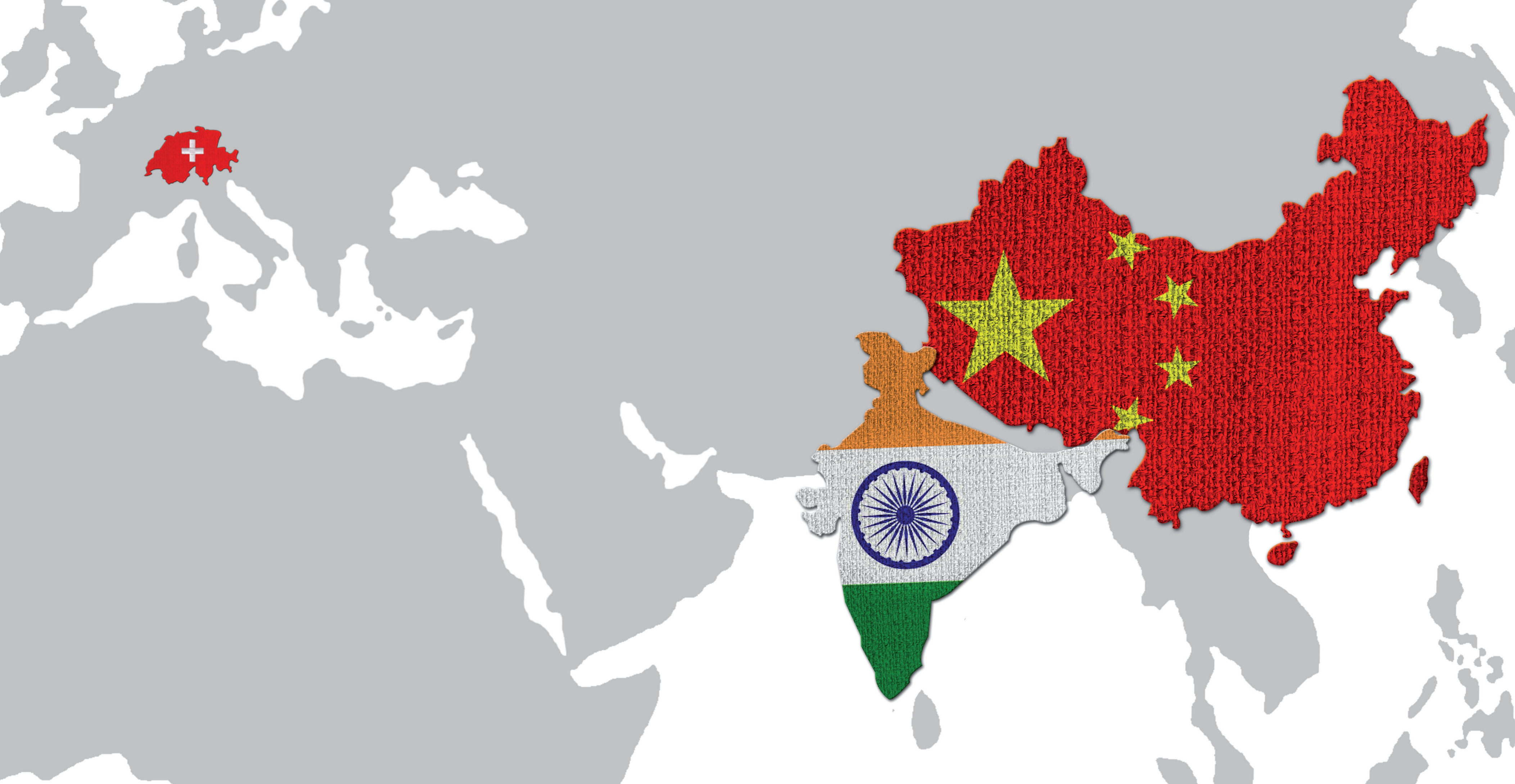


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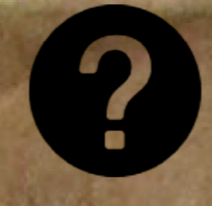


<p>sand pillow for pain relief</p> <p>My grandmother fills sand in cloth made bags so that they can be heated and tied around knee joints and aching muscles of the body as natural physiotherapy treatment and as a pain reliever.</p>	<p>pet bottle for flowerpot</p> <p>All over the world people use pet bottles, can and other rubbish to reuse the material as flowerpots.</p>





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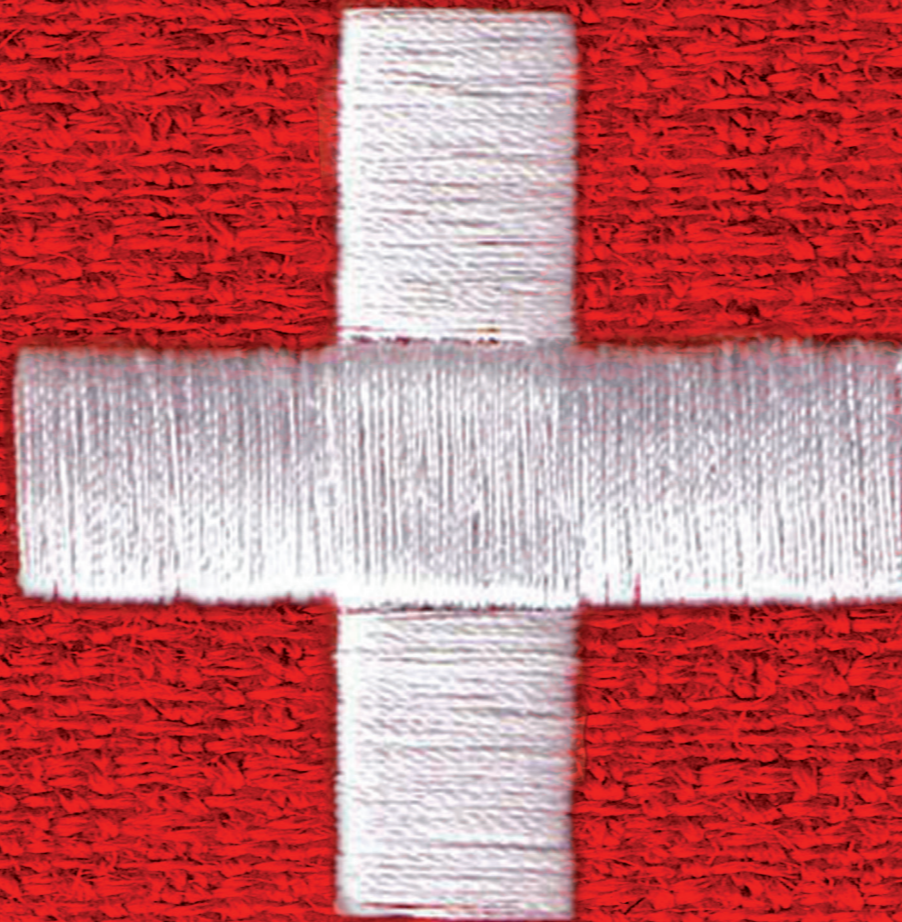
horse manure for beautiful roses



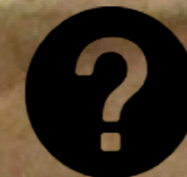
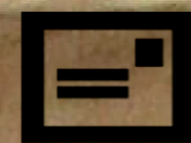
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old tights for coloring easter egg



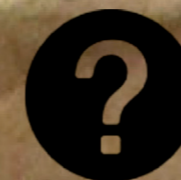
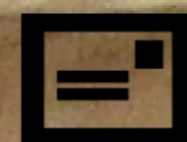
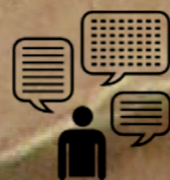
old newspaper for gift packaging



old tights for coloring easter eggs

We collect old tights that maybe got some wholes with the time. The really thin ones that grandmothers in Switzerland wear. We cut them into pieces and use them to attach flowers or plants on the uncooked egg and then put them in the water with the natural color giving materials as for example the peel of onions that gives this brown colour to the eggs that you can see in the picture.

story from selin, Switzerland





Nidhi Dharam Tekwani

Awww...thank you for giving my old tights a new life!



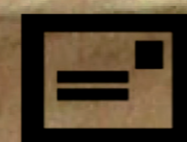
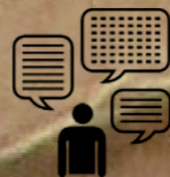
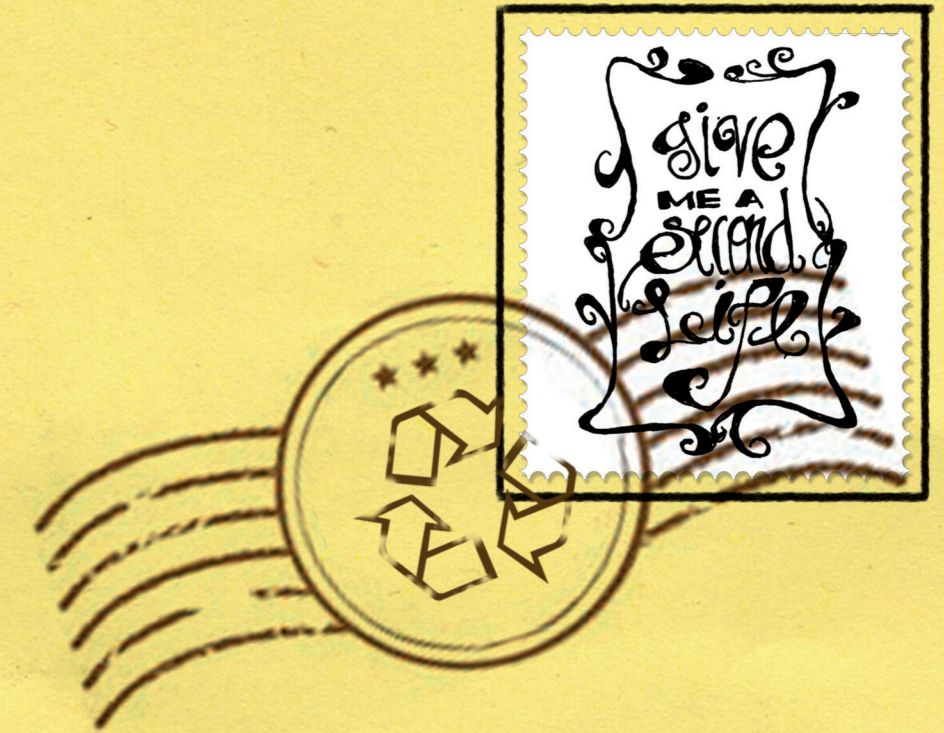
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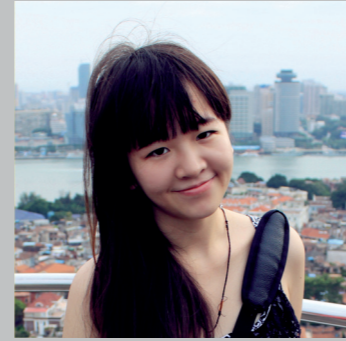
:) You can find more natural colours for egg coloring on this link:
<http://chemistry.about.com/od/holidayhowtos/a/easte-reggdyes.htm>



Wen Chen

It is interesting, thx.





about the project

Traditional and innovative ways of reuse – as strategies to reduce waste

One of our teachers Meera Curam from Shristi School of Art and Design (Bangalore) asked so wisely: Why design new products if there are already so many products in the world?

During the international summer school at Zdhk in Zurich (Switzerland) we (Nidhi from India, Selin from Switzerland and Wen from China) exchanged ideas on the theme of reuse in traditional context and the modern times.

We told each other how our grandparents did not dispose material away and how nowadays our friends reuse materials. Interestingly the thread of „reuse“ runs common between all our cultures. It was more intriguing to observe that the concept was even more important in the generation of our grandparents who made objects of everyday use and delightful crafts with old material. While sharing our stories we also came to realize that the practice of reuse is influenced by the state of poverty and wealth in a country as well. The understanding of material and its up cycling are notions that have become more critical than ever before to solve the ecological and economic problems of the world.

So we came up with the idea to create a platform to share stories about reuse from all around the world. We intend to develop an open platform for people to suggest ways of giving old used and discarded material a second life to reduce wastage and create a group that is conscious about the value of materials.

Our initial ideas revolved around the creation of a personal diary that is mostly a collection of selected stories on reuse. But further probes and discussions with the mentors lead us to realize that by creation of a website we can extend the scope of sharing stories with many more people. An access to such a website will expose one to a larger variety of information and a digital book can be maintained to compile interesting selections from the website. Besides, one also has the option of converting the book to a pdf and later take a print of the same.

Please share your knowledge and stories with us!



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