

AlgaeShape

Workbook

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Reflection in action & Documentation of Digital Craftmanship

Project name	Natural dyes & patterns			Photo
Project description				
Stage	☒ Open ended ☐ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name				
Changed by		Date	19/2/20	
Keywords	Watercolour paint, cotton			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Watercolour pigments will attach to the cotton and not directly rinse out

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Can we paint be used to dye cotton.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Creating different samples and test them differently

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different?
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	-
Machine setup	-
Machine settings	-
Material(s)	-

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make?
Properties	What is it like?
Behavior	What can it do?
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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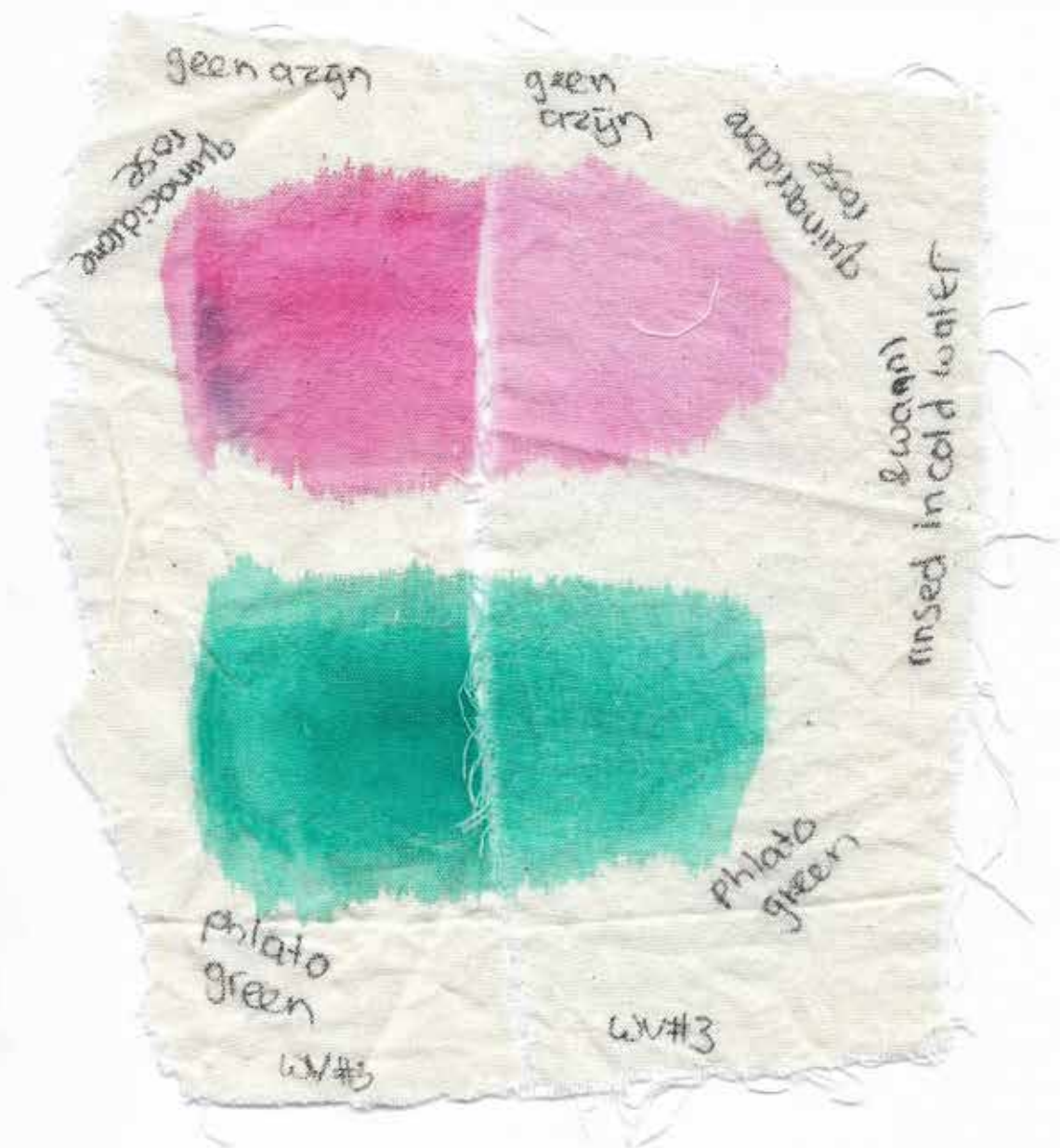
Method:

Apply paint with wet paintbrush and add more water if needed

Paints used: see samples

Wv #:

- #1: Paint applied on dry cotton and more water on the right of each colour.
No vinegar
Cotton attached to wc paper
Bled quite a lot
- #2: Paint on dry cotton
No vinegar
Cotton attached Dried with hair dryer
Rinsed first in cold water
- #3: Paint on dry cotton
No vinegar
Cotton attached
Cut in half and dried with hair dryer
One part rinsed in first cold water, next warm
- #4: Cotton completely wet
Paints: Ultramarine, quinacridone rose, phthal green, turquoise green
Bled a lot
No vinegar
- #5: Paint on dry cotton
Vinegar
Seemed to need more water to apply paint
- #6: Paint on dry cotton
No vinegar
Glue applied before paint and dried ~2 hours
- #7: Paint on dry cotton
Vinegar
Cut in half and dried with hair dryer
One half rinsed in cold and next warm water



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Keywords	Turmeric, cotton			

Highlights

What should I remember about this?

No difference at first between vinegar / not + longer / soaked → darker colour

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? The behaviour of natural dyes
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Paint unbleached cotton with turmeric with adjusting some variables

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different?
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Hardware

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Yellow coloured cotton
Properties	What is it like? Same as before dyed
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? See other paper

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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Method:

~2 el tumeric powder on $\pm$ 1 liter water
Bring to a boil and add fabric

Ku# $\rightarrow$ tumeric samples

Samples:

#1: Not boiled in vinegar
Simmered for 30 minutes
Rinsed in cold water

#2: Boiled in vinegar (see box)
Simmered 30 min
Rinsed in cold water

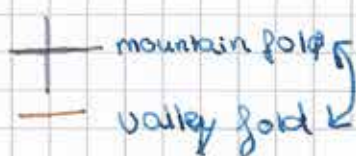
#3: Boiled in vinegar
Simmered 30 min + 18 h off heat
Rinsed in cold water

#4: Not boiled in vinegar
Multi dye clear added and dried for 2 hours.
Added to still warm dye $\rightarrow$ 18 h off heat
Rinsed in cold water

#5: No vinegar
Folded arcadeon and secured with stitches
Simmered 30 min
Rinsed in cold water
Removed stitches before drying

#6: No vinegar
Folded arcadeon + dubbel gevouwen $\rightarrow$ stitches
Simmered 30 min
Rinsed in cold water
Remove stitches before drying

#7: No vinegar
Pattern folding $\rightarrow$
Simmered 30 min
Rinsed in cold water
Removed stitches before drying



mountain fold

valley fold

Boiled in vinegar
1 part vinegar : 4 parts water
Simmer wet fabrics for 1 hour.
Rinse in cold water

if not fabric rinsed in cold water and added wet to the dye

Ku#2

#4

15.50

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Changed by		Date	19/2/20	
Keywords	Red cabbage, cotton, pH, colour changing			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Colour depends on pH and can be changed afterwards

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Will the pH still influence the colour after dyeing and effect of soaking time for the colour
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Soak multiple samples different times & dip in water+vinegar and water+ baking soda

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? pH of pan has influence. Weak colour if soaked for a short time. perhaps more cabbage. pH can be changed afterwards
Next steps	What am I making next? See if you can have both pH < 7 & pH > 7 in same sample when dyeing for the first time

Technical specifications

Hardware

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Machine setup	-
Machine settings	-
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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Coloured cotton & watercolour paper
Properties	What is it like? Shades of blue, purple/rose, yellow ochre
Behavior	What can it do? Change color
Technique	How was it made? See added paper

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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Red cabbage

19/2/'20

Method:

1/3 cabbage in pieces + ~0,75 l water + 1/2 el salt
Simmer for 25 minutes

For ~~pop~~ watercolor

→ Batch 1 → in overschaal

Let sit for 1 hour

Remove cabbage

→ Batch 2

Watercolour paper samples:

• Batch 1

#1: soaked for 15 min.

#2: soaked for 30 min

#3 - #8: soaked for 19 h

! #4, #5, #6, #7 all were from the same paper sample as #1

#4: held in saturated water with baking soda

#5: held in water with vinegar

#6: soaked in saturated water with baking soda

#7: saturated water with baking soda applied with paintbrush

Cotton samples

RK

#1: No vinegar

Batch 1

Soaked for 19 h

Rinsed in cold water

#2: Vinegar

Batch 2

Simmer 30 min

Rinsed in cold water

#3: Vinegar

Batch 2

Simmer 30 min + 10 h off heat

Rinsed in cold water

Cut in samples #3.1, #3.2, #3.3

#3.1: Same as #3

Dipped in saturated water with baking soda
Rinsed in cold water
pH > 7

#3.2: Same as #3

Dipped in water + vinegar

Rinsed in cold water

pH < 7

→ blue stains are from contact with #3.1

#3.3: Same as #3

First completely immersed in sat. water with baking soda.

Rinsed in cold water.

Dipped in water + vinegar

Rinsed in cold water

#4: No vinegar

Batch #2

Simmer 30 min

Rinsed in cold water

#5: Vinegar

Batch 1

Soaked for 19 h

Rinsed in cold water

#6: No vinegar

Batch 2 + baking soda

Simmer 30 min → but burnt, all water was evaporated
even with a lid

Rinsed in cold water

#7 = #6

#8: No vinegar

Batch 2 + baking soda

Cold soaks for 11 hour

Rinsed in cold water

#9: No vinegar

Batch 2 + vinegar

Cold soaks for 11 hour

Rinsed in cold water



#1

15 min



#2

30 min



#3

19h



#4

19h
baking soda
ph > 7



#5

19h
vinegar
ph < 7 ?
blue so ph > 7



#6

19h
baking soda
p > 7



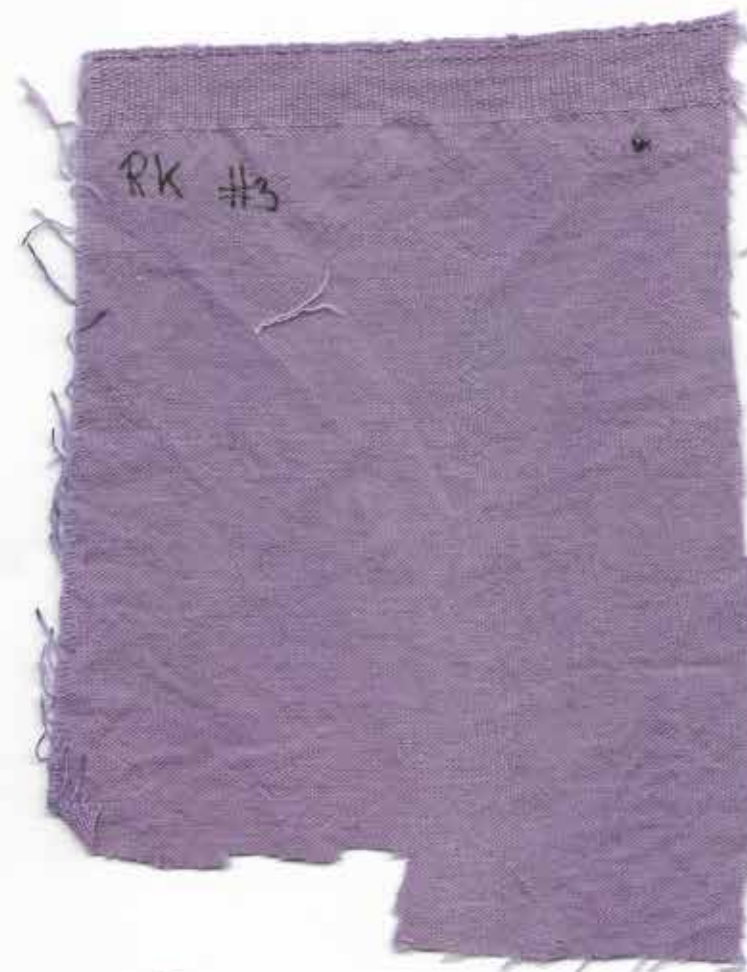
#7

19h
baking soda "point"
ph > 7



#8

19h



RK #3



RK #3.1



RK #3.2



RK #6

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Changed by		Date
Keywords	Beetroot, dye, (palette dye)	

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Beetroot gives a p
washes out

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Whether cold beetroot juice could be used as a dye
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? By dyeing a sample in left over beetroot juice

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? I only had very little juice, but very concentrated. It still worked but most colour disappeared when rinsed
Next steps	What am I making next? Tests with red cabbage & golding

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	-
Machine setup	-
Machine settings	-
Material(s)	-

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Pink cotton
Properties	What is it like? Nice colour and same textural feeling
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? Dyed with juice from vacuum beets

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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Part name			
Changed by		Date	25/8/20
Keywords	Red cabbage, folding, pH, blue, green, purple, pink		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Extreme pH = extreme colours + folding does not work well for pattern

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Can I create coloured patterns through different pH levels.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Origami in dye + origami in acidic/basic solution + droplets of acidic/basic solution

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? See each sample file
Next steps	What am I making next? Woven sample of dyed yarn

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	-
Machine setup	-
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Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Cotton samples
Properties	What is it like? -
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? -

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? More cabbage → stronger colour absorbs quick and solution continues to spread on a wet fabric

Notes

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Method

- 366 g red cabbage + 1 tbs salt
- 1.7 L water

Simmer for 1 hour

Rested one hour with cabbage

Cabbage removed

Samples added → not soaked in cold water

Cotton fabric cooked 30 min 16:10 heat turned off
Thread 20 min

Soaked for 20h rinsed in luke warm water
some only 4h

! Too little red cabbage → colours are really "matt" light

Two samples with beeswax → applied before hand with iron

No vinegar since previous test showed no difference, except hue of colour



Sample ironed on cotton
setting with steam.
↓
turned more purple.

Water sprayed on sample
with iron → turned green
even when ironed

Water → alkaline (pH > 7)
but due to heating the
steam is acid/neutral



reference sample

sample # 3 of previous test → hue is more
intense while soaked and cooked for a shorter
time but with more cabbage compared
to water



Background: colour after dye bath red cabbage #2

~ pink: drops of lemon juice (not fresh)

~ greenish: saturated water with soda (baking)

Vinegar with water has a higher pH = more purple than undiluted lemon juice

The colour spreads after you apply it and becomes more intense



saturated water with baking soda

The green & ^{lemon} pink are a way more intense and green resembles tint of previous test (#2)

↓
but still lighter see #3.1 from previous test



Vinegar + water

27/2/20



sample from method red cabbage #2

#1: soaked open in dye. When dry folded in pattern and first dipped in water + vinegar and next in water + baking soda. First only green on folding edges

• but spread quick on still wet fabric

→ stitched #2 folded in dye bath. Pattern hardly visible → soaked for too long (20h)?

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Changed by		Date	26/2 2020
Keywords	beewax, resist, red cabbage		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Only use beewax in cold (or not hot < 50°C) water

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? The use of beewax as a natural resist.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Apply beewax on samples and dye it with red cabbage

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? In the warm/simmering water the beewax melted. In cold water stayed in place and worked as a resist but yellow not (yet) removed.
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	-
Machine setup	-
Machine settings	-
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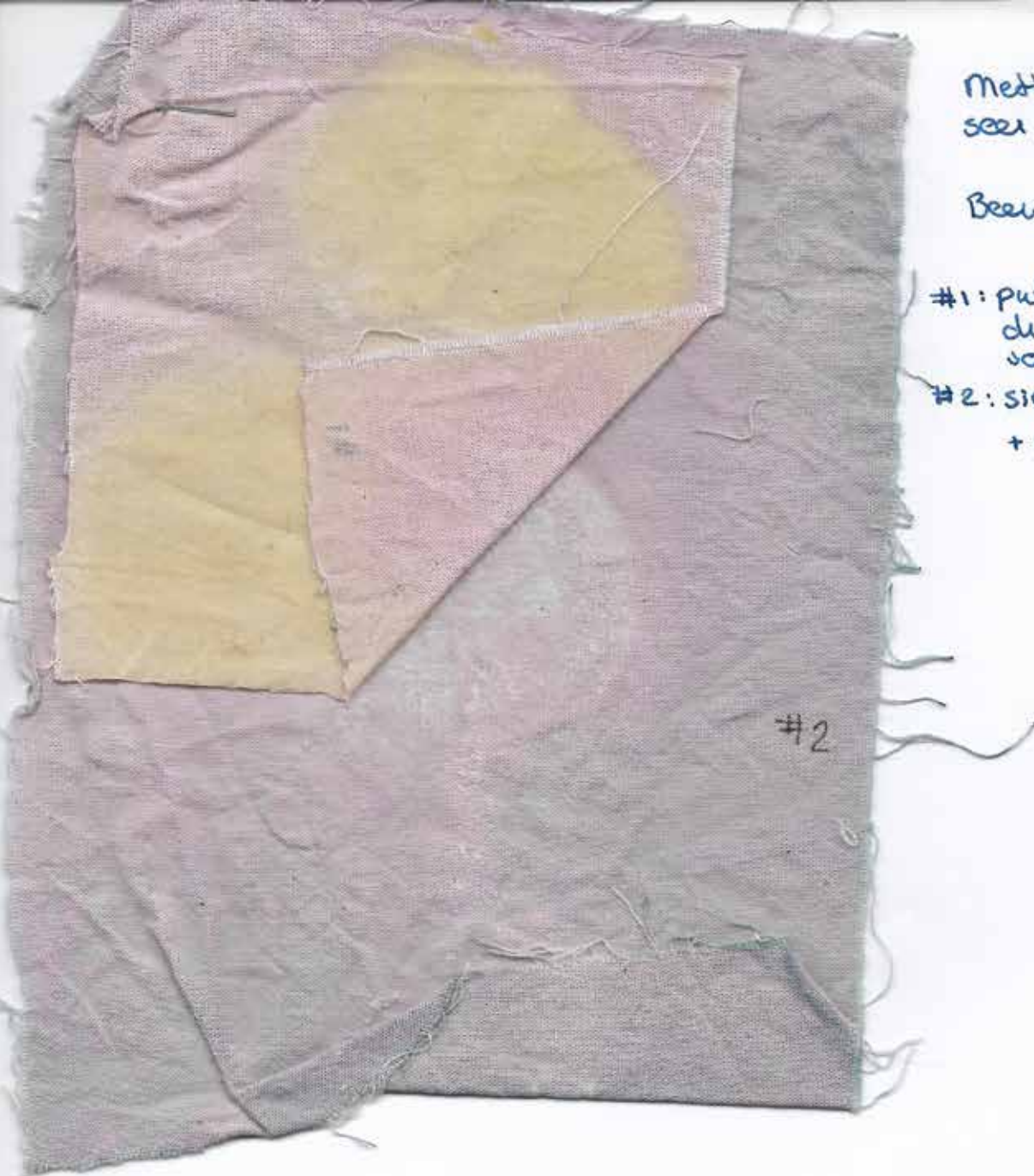
The material/artefact	What did I make? Cotton with beewax
Properties	What is it like? #1: hard, greasy #2: partly melted, greasy
Behavior	What can it do? Resist dyes, fold well. keep good "fresh"
Technique	How was it made? With iron, grater, baking parchment apply beewax. Dye in simmering/cold water

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Beewax can function as a (fixed) resist in cold dye

Notes

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Method:
see red cabbage #2

Beeswax

#1: put in cold
dye water
soaked 4h

#2: simmered 30 min
+ soaked 20 h

#2

Wax melts when in warm water → dye can reach it but
slightly more purple

In cold water it stays in place → but wax is yellow from
nature and not easy to remove

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Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	5/3/20
Keywords	Weaving, cotton, red cabbage		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Same properties + beautiful

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Pattern Colour changing with a hand woven fabric due to pH
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Dye cotton yarn and use it as weft thread

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? After dyeing different tones. In ^{hot} water turned green and in vinegar pink/purple. Baking soda had little / no effect.
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Handwoven sample with dyed weft thread
Properties	What is it like? Thick but soft & flexible
Behavior	What can it do? Change colour when the pH changes
Technique	How was it made? Weaving with undyed cotton thread as warp thread and dyed (red cabbage #2) weft thread

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Rinse in water, dip one side in soda and other end in vinegar
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Initial "pattern" disappears when in a different environment and this cannot be reversed

Notes



After dyeing and weaving

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Project description				
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name				
Changed by		Date	1/3/20	
Keywords	Alginate, turmeric, orange			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Turmeric turns orange with alginate + becomes easily to thick

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? How can alginate be used with natural dyes
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Create a dye with turmeric + alginate and paint with it on cotton

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The alginate makes the colour darker + it lays the dye on and not in the fabric
Next steps	What am I making next? Cotton immersed in alginate

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
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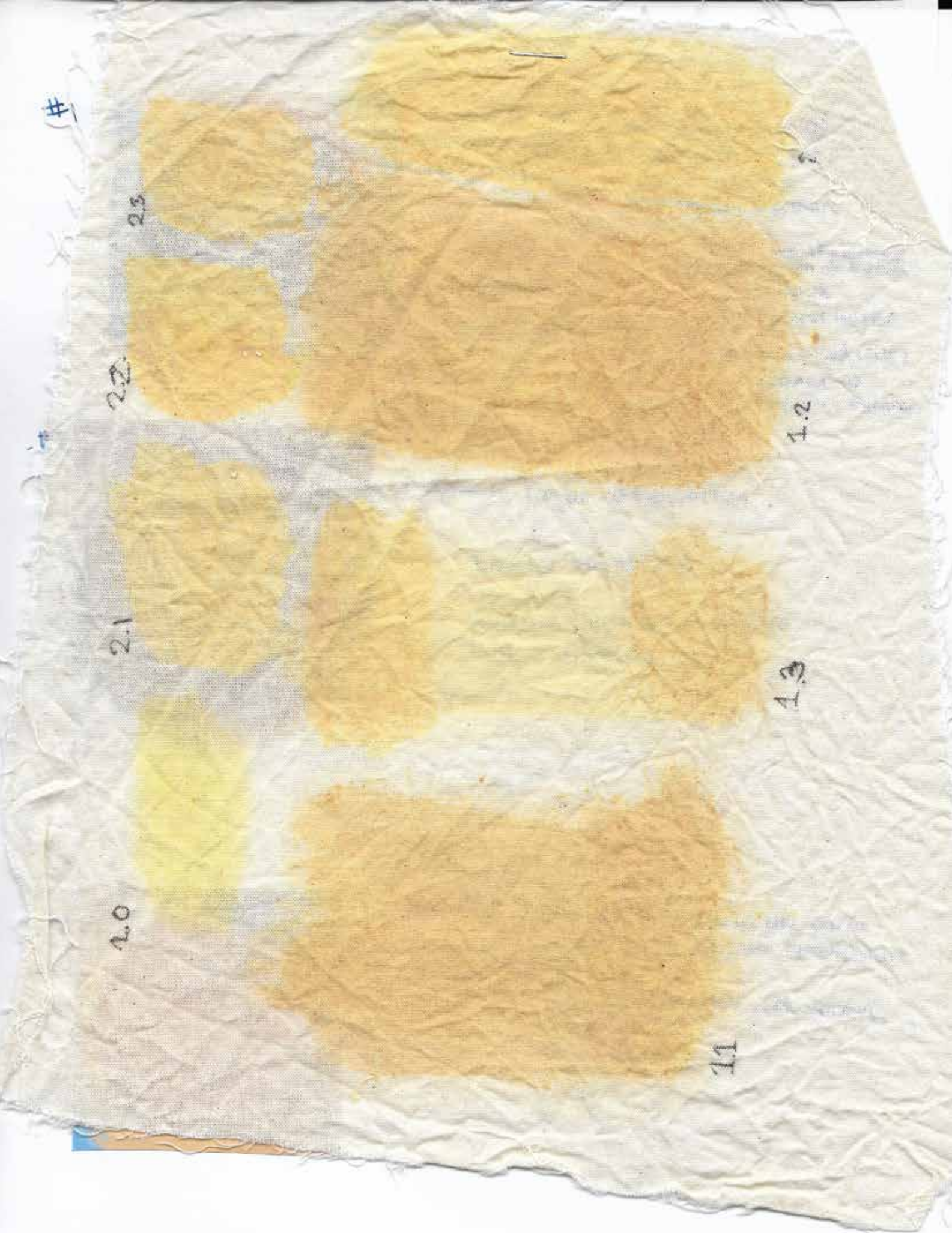
The material/artefact	What did I make?
Properties	What is it like? Before rinsing "horrelig"
Behavior	What can it do? Dye fabric
Technique	How was it made? See separate paper

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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#1



2,5 g turmeric
0,25 L water
10 g alginate } all dissolved in warm
water and rest for
45 minutes
mixed with spoon

→ very thick gel

→ not everything dissolved

- 1.1 directly painted with mix from above
- 1.2 thicker layer
- 1.3 diluted with water to make it thinner

#2



→ alginate lumps at the bottom

↓

blender might help

or

dissolve alginate in alcohol
before adding water

#2



1 g turmeric
125 ml water
5 g alginate

Dissolve turmeric in the warm
water. Leave till room temperature.
Paint 2.1
Add alginate, stir with spoon.
Wait ~ 5 min
Paint 2.2
Wait ~ 5 min
2.3

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Project description			
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Part name			
Changed by		Date	2/31'20
Keywords	Alginate, cotton, watercolour paint		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Cotton with alginate absorbs water quicker.

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Effect of alginate on cotton fabric
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Soak cotton in alginate solution + test with wc paints

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Absorbs more water, spreads a lot. With little water absorbed, it doesn't feel as wet as normal
Next steps	What am I making next? Cotton thread soaked in alginate for weaving Dye of wc paint + alginate

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Cotton with alginate
Properties	What is it like? It feels stiffer
Behavior	What can it do? Absorbs water
Technique	How was it made? See other sheet of paper

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Absorbs water quicker

Notes



Alginate when left overnight

ALGINATE COTTON

2/3/20

1 cup warm (58°C) water

3g alginate

Stir + shake, still alginate powder on bottom

Cotton fabric & thread added.

Stir frequently

Soak for 15 minutes

Dry on a paper towel, do not rinse!

At the same time soak a 2nd piece of fabric in water of ~same temperature and let it dry at the same time as the alginate sample.

Observations

- feels stiffer, starchier in comparison to before
- When water is applied to the fabric, it absorbs it much faster than regular cotton (lays on top) → see photo on other side
- Feels not wet when water is applied in a small quantity
- Watercolour paint spread a lot when applied
- Same amount of w/paint sets dyes a bigger area, but less intense



cotton with alginate

untreated cotton

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Part name			
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Keywords			

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Highlights

What should I remember about this? Too much alginate + wc paint will make it crack

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Do you need less pigment when using alginate & wc
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Add 1/2 tsp to water with some watercolour pigments & each time, till a gel forms

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Colours do intensify a bit. When it is a gel it will crack
Next steps	What am I making next? Alginate fibers or cotton fiber with alginate

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Dye with wc pigments & alginate
Properties	What is it like? Pink and with a layer on the fabric → can be peeled off
Behavior	What can it do?
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? The gel cracks when too thick

Notes

Why does it crack with a wc pigment but not with turmeric. While turmeric gel was even thicker.
↳ binders in the watercolour pigment that might react?

ALGINATE WATERCOLOUR PAINT

2/3/20

Watercolour paint dissolved in 1cm of water in peanut butter jar. Adding 1/2 tsp each time. Mixing with paint brush and sampling. If two samples, first directly applied and second after the paint stood for around 5-10 minutes, etc.

1 = 1/2 tsp

2 = 2 · 1/2 tsp

3 = 3 · 1/2 tsp, etc.

After 2 tsp / 2.5 tsp it became a thick gel

Sample rinsed in cold water when completely dry

Observations

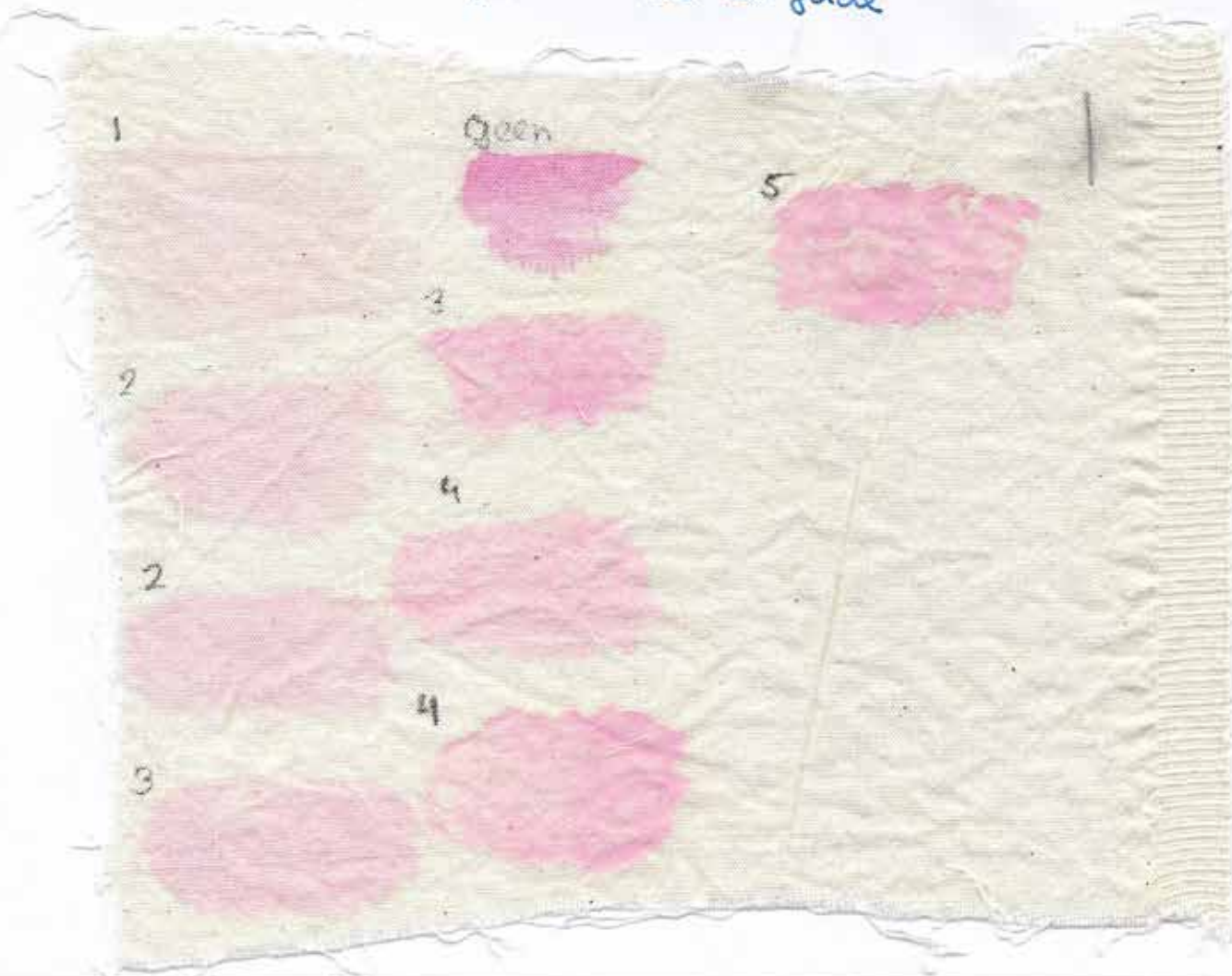
- paint water becomes less translucent.
- need a lot of alginate before it becomes a gel
- mixing with nr. 10 paint brush works well
- when more a gel, it stays on top of the fabric
- when it is a thick gel it will rest on the fabric and cracks (see back)
- ^{partly} when rinsed a layer disappeared, colours did not fade



Amount of watercolour water + 1/2 tsp



The gel that formed after 2 tsp



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Keywords	Cotton, alginate, Weaving		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Alginate cotton absorbs more water

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? If the same properties apply for a yarn as for the earlier tested fabric
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Soak cotton yarn in alginate and use that as the weft + normal warp yarn. Compare with non treated.

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? It absorbs water better
Next steps	What am I making next? Use it as warp thread

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	Same alginate solution as the cotton soaked in alginate
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	100 % cotton from durable

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Not rinsed

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Outcomes

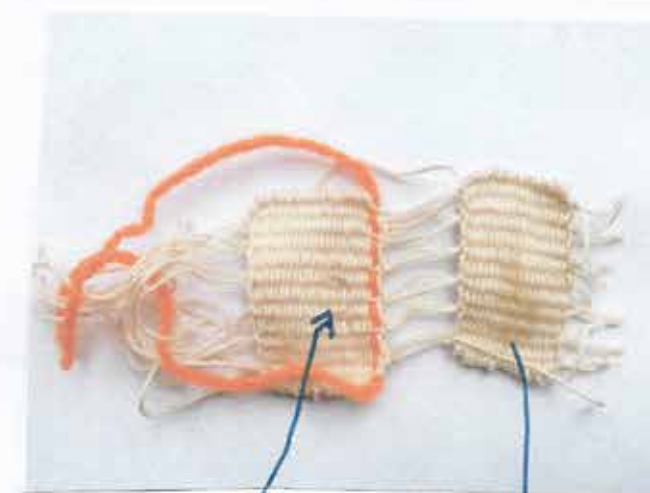
The material/artefact	What did I make? Small pieces of handwoven cotton fabric of which one with alginate
Properties	What is it like? The one with alginate is less soft, more starchy
Behavior	What can it do? Absorb water quick
Technique	How was it made? With a handloom

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Place water droplets on the fabrics.
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? still absorbs water better, even with only the weft thread treated.

Notes

The untreated sample is marked with an orange thread



drop of
water
on fabric

water in the
fabric

Alginaat katoen # 2

16/3/2020

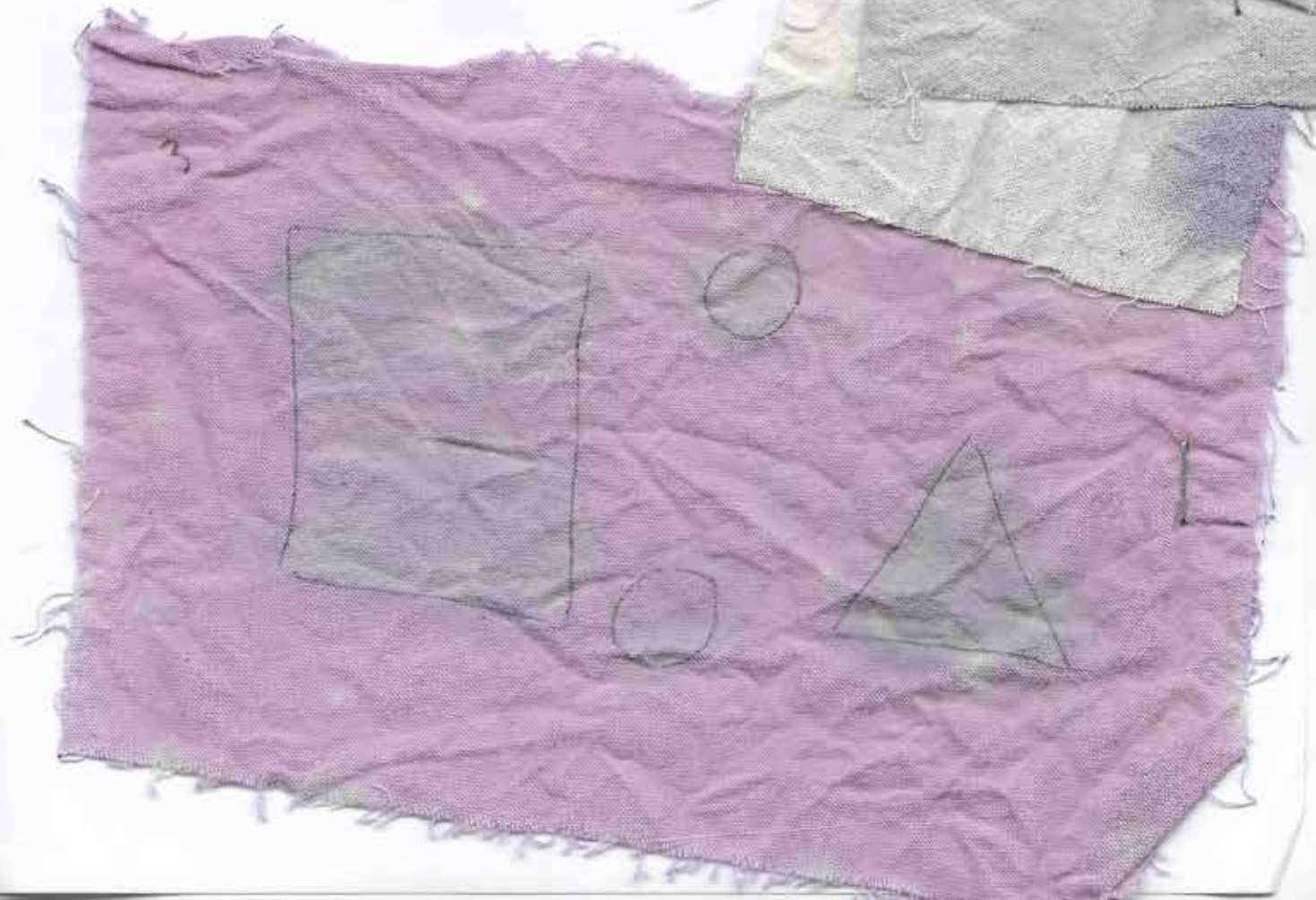
2½ cup warm water
8 g alginaat
mengen met verghwast.

15 min

#3 na 5 min □
10 min △ ○ → 10 min rode kool verf
15 min ○ → waar alginaat is → groener

#4, 2 15 min waken
laten drogen oppapier in zon

1: 10 min in verghbad, uitgespoeld
2: 2 min in verghbad



Alginaat katoen # 2

- lap in alginaat
zie Alginaat katoen # 2
- droogen
- ahondeon vouw
↳ vast zetten met elastiekjes
- 10 min in verghbad
- droogen in de zon
↳ blauw!
- openen
- uitspoelen
↳ blauw verdwijnt

! Alginaat → basisch





Alginaat hasoen #2

- lap geweeht
- drogen
- vouwen en met elastiekjes vast zetten
 - 1) abordeon vouw
 - 2) driehoekjes
- 10 min in verfbou
- drogen in de zon
- openen
- spoelen met koud water

Na het drogen in de zon werd de stof donker blauw aan de buiten kant maar dit spoelt eruit

more dark blue



Project name	Natural dyes & Komora Alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	20/3
Keywords	Alginate, CaCl ₂ , fibers		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? No fibers produced → not enough cohesive/gel → too thick

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? How to create fibers from alginate using CaCl ₂ (aq.)
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Create different gels with different w/v% alginate (& glycerol) and eject in CaCl ₂ -solution

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The gels became very thick and when in syringe they would not be ejected smoothly → CaCl ₂ (aq.) seemed to have no effect.
Next steps	What am I making next? A bioplastic film with a recipe of biofabrication course

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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Finish & Post-production

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Alginate gel
Properties	What is it like? wobbly, no cohesion when stirred
Behavior	What can it do? nothing
Technique	How was it made? See recipes

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Bring in contact with CaCl ₂
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? CaCl ₂ had no effect → gel is too thick

Notes

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Alginate fibers

recipe #1

- 1g alginaat 1w/v% → te dun
- 100 mL water

recipe #2

- 4g alginaat 4 w/v%
- 100 mL water → te dik

recipe #3

- 1g alginaat
 - 20g glycerine 20w/v%
 - 100 mL water → te dik
- eerst glycerine dan water

ρ glycerine
 $= 1,260 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 1,260 \text{ g/mL}$
 $= 1,260 \text{ kg/L}$

1. Roeren

2. uur laten staan

3. Spuiten met dosseerspuit in 10% w/v CaCl_2 oplossing

recipe

13:50

- 1g alginaat 2%
- 24g glycerine 48%
- 25g water

blijven roeren om de paar minuten



→ result when injected in $\text{CaCl}_2(\text{aq})$



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Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	23/3/2020
Keywords	Alginate, fibers, CaCl ₂		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Not 100% alginate of tapwater contains too much calcium?

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Creating a bioplastic according to recipe to test if it works
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Use recipes from fabricademy

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The solution became thick after 1/2 hour → not pourable while that should be the case
Next steps	What am I making next? Researching alginate → testing the different variables (water, Alginate)

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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Finish & Post-production

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Little bits of alginate & alginate "moulds" of the cups
Properties	What is it like? Like gelatin pudding → set but wobbly
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? See recipes → mixed with paintbrush 1, 2, 3, 4

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? One of my materials is wrong

Notes



	bron: bio materials 2020	
#1	Flexible thin foil	
%w/v = 3,125	12,5 g alginate 30 g glycerine 400 mL water	! let mixture sit for a few hours to allow all air bubbles to escape
	10% (volume) sodium chloride	
#2	Flexible thicker thin foil	
%w/v = 0,25	8 g alginate 20 g glycerine 200 mL water	
	10% sodium chloride	
#3	Flexible bio-plastic → thicker	
%w/v = 6	12 g alginate 20 g glycerine 10 g sun flower oil 200 mL water 10% sodium chloride	

	alginate dissolved in 50wt% glycerol under stirring for 10l at 25°C	
A ₁	Alginate wt% 1,25	glycerol wt% 49,375
A ₂	1,50	49,450
A ₃	1,75	49,125
	Electrospun into 80wt% ethanol aqueous solution containing 10wt% CaCl ₂	
	Test	
#1	recipe 1/4	9:30
#2	recipe 2/2	
#3	recipe 3/2	
#4	recipe 1/2 without glycerine	

Project name	Natural dyes & Kanmura Alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	23/4/2020
Keywords	Alginate, CaCl ₂ , tapwater, distilled water		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Panduroalginate powder is probably not 100% sodium alginate + too

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? See if I have 100% sodium alginate and /or if the tapwater contains too much calcium
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Test the alginate powder in distilled water

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The alginate did not dissolve in distilled water and hence did not set.
Next steps	What am I making next? Same test with other alginate powder

Technical specifications

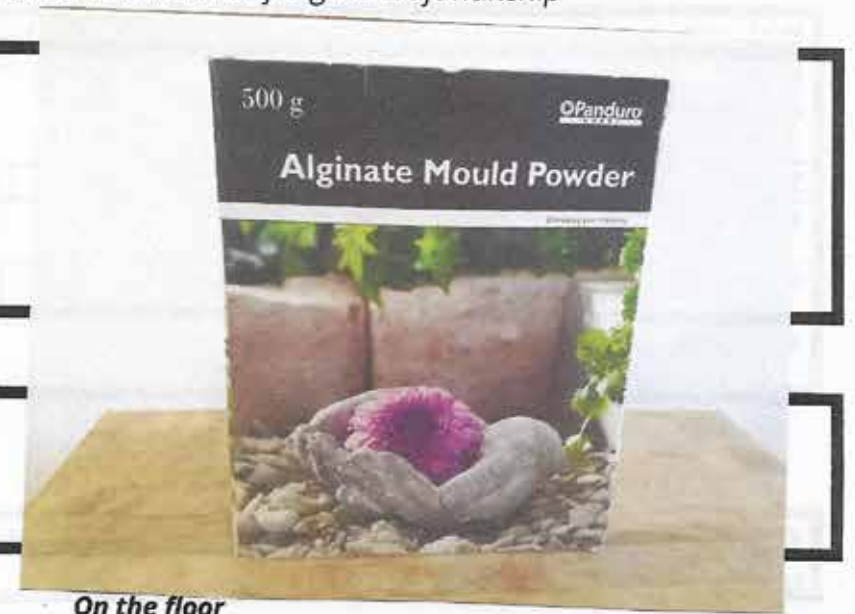
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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make?
Properties	What is it like?
Behavior	What can it do?
Technique	How was it made?

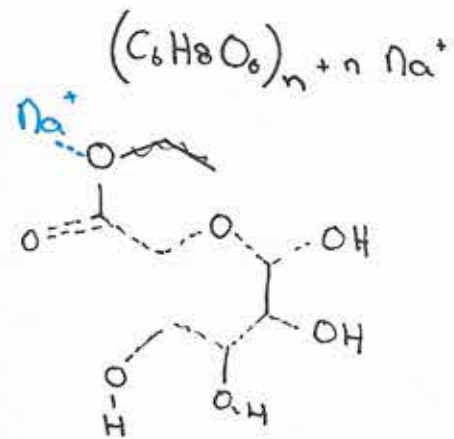
Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

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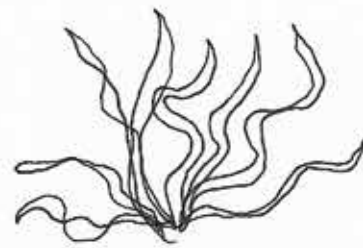


ALGINATE



Alginic acid + sodium
= alginate

♡ → hydrophilic
↳ 3/4 water
hydrogen bonds



brown seaweed/algae
→ alginic acid gives strength
and flexibility to the
algal tissue and regulates
the water content in the
seaweed

CALCIUM ALGINATE

sodium alginate (aq) + calcium chloride (aq)

↳ becomes a gel

- higher w/v % of alginate → thinner stronger
- higher (10%) w/v % of $CaCl_2$ → thicker gel

↳ water proof in neutral
or acid water

↳ heat resistant
till 150°C

Applications

- wound dressings
- moulds
- thickener (E404)
- dyes → screen printing
- bioplastics
- fibers

BIO PLASTICS

Sodium alginate + glycerol + water
+ flexibility → without brittle
10% calcium chloride (aq)

- 1) mix with blender till smooth
- 2) Let sit for a couple of hours to allow air to escape
- 3) Prepare surface of molds → spray with $CaCl_2$ solution.
- 4) Cast the alginate solution without inglobating air. Spread with spatula
- 5) After a couple of minutes, spray with $CaCl_2$.
- 6) Once cured, rinse with water

24/3/2020

EXPERIMENTS

- different sort of threads
 - mechanical properties (more/less alginate & glycerine)
 - shapes
 - thickness
 - plied yarn
- colours
 - different natural pigments
 - red cabbage → colour change?
 - turmeric
 - powder
 - filtered water
 - other pigments
 - 2 or more colours in fiber
 - core ⊙
 - gradients
 - half-half ⊕
- processing methods
 - knitting
 - weaving
 - sewing
 - embroidery
 - casting / moulding
 - 3d printing?

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Project name	Natural dyes & Alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	25/3/2020
Keywords	Alginate, fibers, bar CaCl ₂		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? It works both with tap & distilled water

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? If this alginate powder works
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Create 2 gels with both tap & distilled water

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Fibers set direct but outer lay does become thicker with time
Next steps	What am I making next? Experiment with knitting

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	-
Machine setup	-
Machine settings	-
Material(s)	-

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Software

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Alginate fibers
Properties	What is it like? Transparent, too some degree flexible, cold
Behavior	What can it do? Be used as a thread
Technique	How was it made? See other sheet of paper

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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recipe #1:	10:00
% w/v = 4%	
• 4 g alginate	
• 0 g glycerine	
• 200 mL water (tap)	
recipe #2:	
• 4 g alginate	→ dinner
• 200 mL distilled water	
Mix with blender till smooth	
Sit for hours.	
Eject with 5 mL syringe in fast	
10% w/v $\text{CaCl}_2(\text{aq})$.	
Set dry.	
Rinse in cold (tap) water	
Notes:	
• 4% w/v really thick	
• blender (stap mixer) incorporates	
lots of air bubbles	
• not directly a difference between	
tap & distilled water	

12:00	
#1 work both	
#2	
with turmeric → works less well to	
create a long thread is difficult	

→ glue like
thickness & consistency



→ directly
after mixing
with blender



left: after 1h

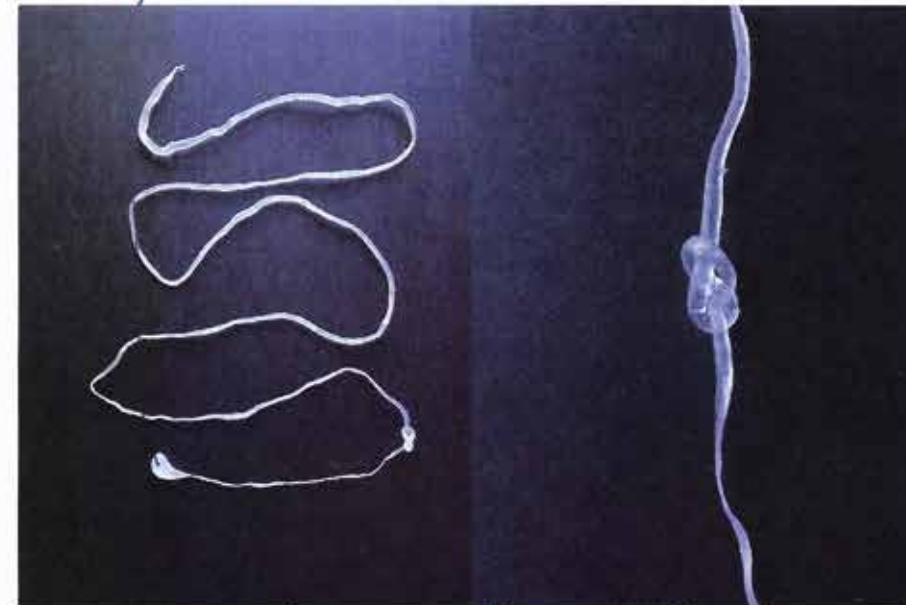
right: after 2h
↳ used for
samples



↓
with turmeric

↳ with glycerol

beginning is
always thick



→ flexible



left: espes

right: thinnest part
less flexible



→ giant bubble
(egg size) formed
when pouring.
not clear why
(see other picture).

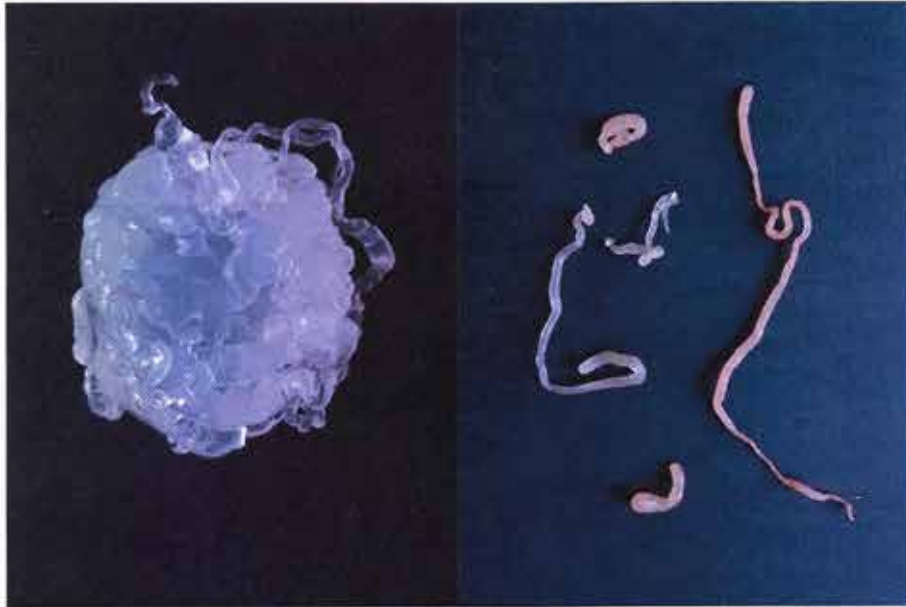
stayed in CaCl_2 solution
for ~15 min. and
became firmer

↓
gel wand thickness
increases when
longer in CaCl_2 solution

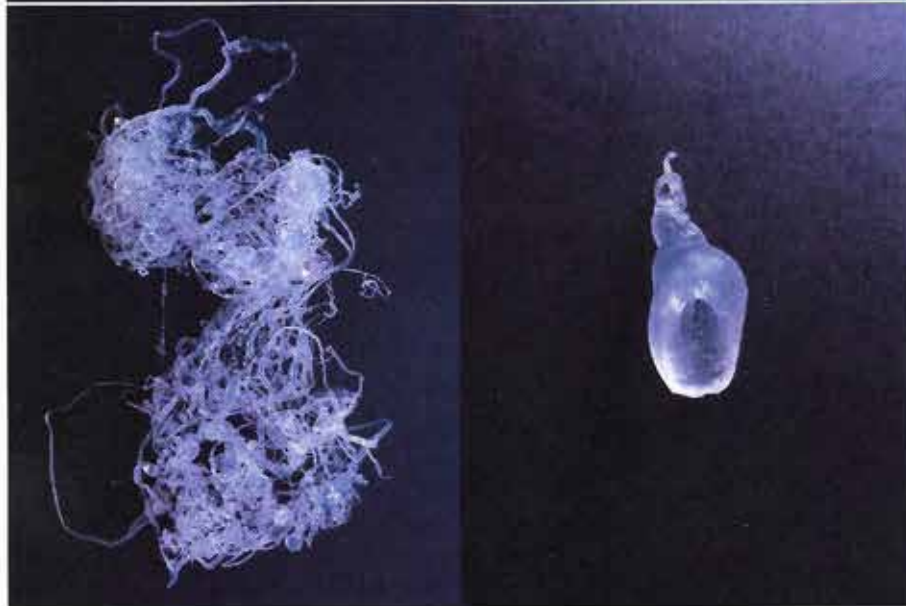
↓
when pouring from container
some "blobs" form (not smooth?)
already noticeable when pouring

other side of big bubble.

theory: I poured in a lot in one go → created an island of connected threads. New alginate came on top, did not touch the CaCl_2 bill it sank and formed the bubble

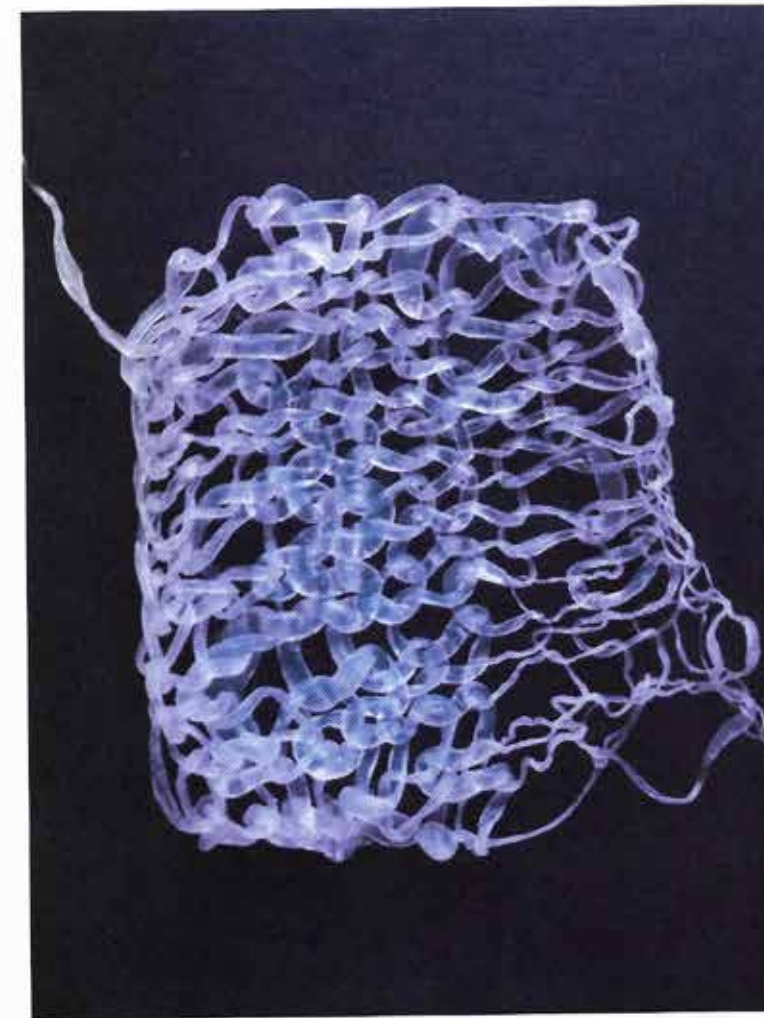


→ colours not true, more orange.
Alginate mixed with turmeric after 2h. became more brittle
→ not possible to make a long thread with the syringe



↓
the mess of threads when I poured a lot in at once. Still after when pouring it mingled in the solution.

↳ intersection of a thicker part. Inner part still "liquid" but outside is set.



knitted with needle 3,5

not really stretchable

strange to knit with:

- different thickness + flexibility
- afraid it would burst open and spill liquid
- thread that is too thick does not bend well

Feels really cold (dried outside)

threads with $d=2\text{mm}$ feel nicest + knit easier
↳ flexible + soft

really thin parts are quite rigid but not brittle

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Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	26/31'20
Keywords	Alginate fiber, glycerine, CaCl ₂		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? If the glycerine Perhaps a bit more flexible

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? If the glycerine makes it more flexible
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Add glycerine and make fibers

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Bit more flexible & can be straightened by stretching
Next steps	What am I making next? Add turmeric too colour the fiber

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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Software

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Finish & Post-production

Stretching the fiber after the bath too make it straighter

On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Transparent fiber
Properties	What is it like? Cold, flexible
Behavior	What can it do? Bend
Technique	How was it made? With syringe

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

When

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Project name	Natural dyes & Karrasa Alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	26/3/'20
Keywords	Alginate fibers, turmeric, CaCl ₂		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Also 1% w/v alginate works

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Can you colour the fiber with turmeric powder
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Directly blender the turmeric with the alginate powder

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? When making it seemed very thick, but colouring worked well
Next steps	What am I making next? Use red cabbage water instead of normal water to make it red/purple/pink

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Orange fiber
Properties	What is it like? Light orange with speckles insight
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? 1% w/v alginate

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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27/3

#1

6 g alginate
10 g glycerine
5 g olive oil
100 ml water

! oil separates

→ white

11:00

2g alginate

200 ml red cabbage juice/water

Mix with blender

Leave for ? hours

Eject with syringe in CaCl_2 Spread on flat surface with CaCl_2 .

Leave to dry overnight

↓
dehydrated, became very hard and brittle + shrunken a lot.

Did not work!

! Already very thick when mixing
→ pH?

#2

6 g alginate
16 g glycerine
200 ml water

→ transparent

+ turmeric → yellow

Cover baking sheet with plastic foil and spray CaCl_2 (10%) -solution on it.

With a plastic knife spread the gel as thin as possible → very hard to get a thin layer

Pour CaCl_2 on top, let sit for 1/2 hour.

To get an even thicker coating, soak in CaCl_2 solution.

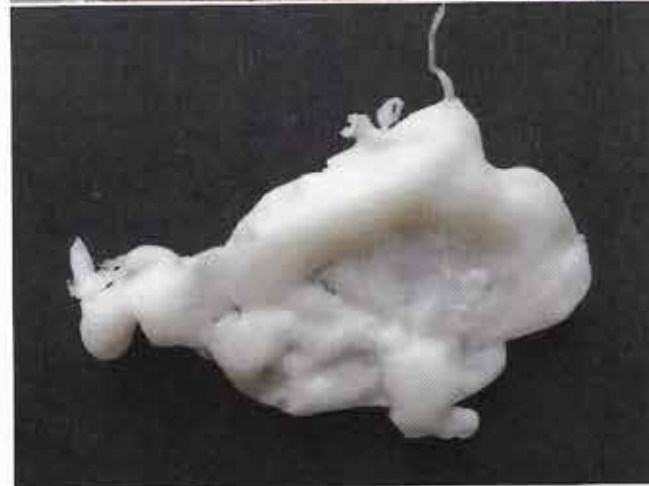
Rinse in cold water

Leave to dry in cold room

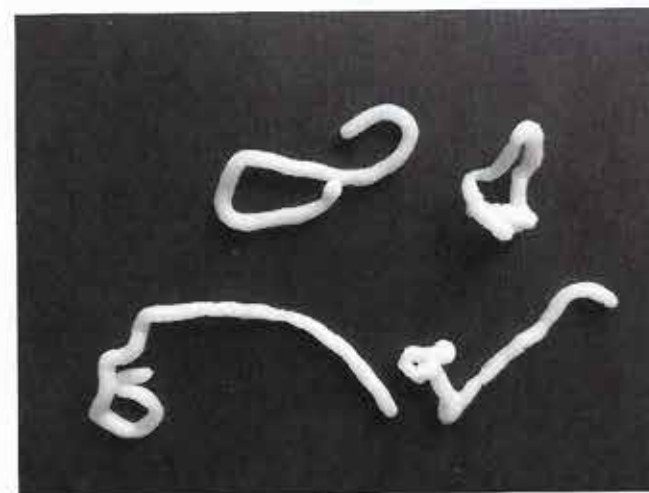
30/3



-turmeric
+ on top transparent gel



→ with more glycerine +
olive oil
hard to spread
evenly



→ not possible to extract
a long thread

After a few days:

- harder
- less flexible
- more yellowish



weaving



knitting



casting



3D



3D "printing"

CLOTHES

- shirt
- sweater
- jeans
- trousers
- socks
- underwear
- pyjamas
- jacket
- dress
- skirt

Raincoat

- film is waterproof
- seal seams instead of sewing?
- change of colour?
- does not breath

BAGS

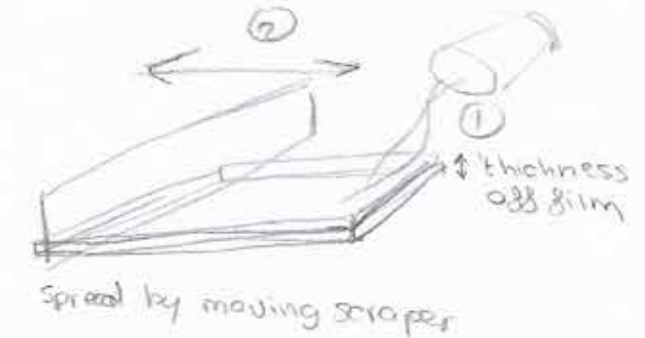
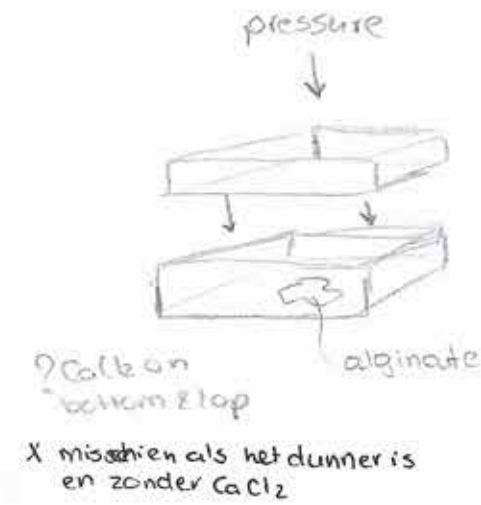
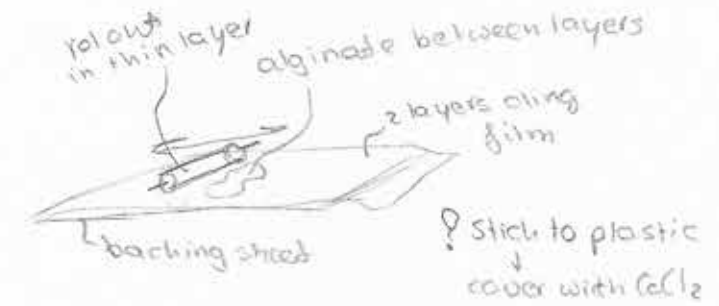
- fibers or film
- how strong?
- food bags
- pencil case

BIO plastic

- coating?
- bags (food)
- bottles
- containers
- glass
- cases (mobile)
- packaging
- straw
- cutlery
- toys

STAINED GLASS EFFECT

ALGINATE FILMS



PROPERTIES

FIBERS

- no to little stretch
- cold to touch
- dehydrates
- biodegradable $\rightarrow$ high pH
- transparent/white or coloured
- different thicknesses
- water resistant
- heat resistant (150°C)

Calcium alginate layer
dissolves in very
basic ($\text{pH} > 7$) water.
starts bubbling
Does not directly dissolve

Films

- water resistant
- heat resistant (150°C)
- cold to touch
- biodegradable

COATED COTTON

- To some degree water repellent $\rightarrow$ but it does penetrate
- when dried $\rightarrow$ stiff a bit like paper
- not as cold to touch
- not soft

Project name	Natural dyes & alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	31/3
Keywords	alginate coating, cotton, red cabbage		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Only reacts to pH < 7 otherwise turns green

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Does the colour change work + is it water repellent.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Coat cotton (dyed) with a thin layer of alginate and expose to water & pH < 7 & > 7

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? pH < 7 pink, pH > 7 dissolved (alginate) + green, not water resistant & cracks when dry
Next steps	What am I making next? Cotton coated with a thicker alginate layer

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Coated cotton that can turn pink with acid
Properties	What is it like? It is irritating your skin (schuurt)
Behavior	What can it do? Change colour
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Stretch it + alginate breaks
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

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31/3

Strength test

- houd 2 soorten draad en trek met evenveel kracht

← glycerine →

result. without glycerine slightly stronger

Rode lool #2

- 200 ml rode lool water → 30 min koken laten afkoken
- 6 g alginaat
- 8 glycerine

Dunne film met glycerine

- 200 ml water

- 6 g alginate

- 15 glycerine

→ bit thinner

werkt best zonder CaCl_2
→ op de bodem

! Need to be thinner to
cast very thin films

! Shrinks a lot → becomes
thicker

Thin film → witte bol

- 300 ml water

- 49g alginate

- Meng paar tl rode lool sap met de gel → geelt af
- Meng paar tl rode lool sap met de gel → nog steeds verkleuring bij andere pH
- Meng paar tl rode lool sap met de gel → blauwig (pH > 7?)

- Cast film by spreading with knife or if thin enough tilt the surface

Rode lool samples geven af

Bending test

- 100g

- laat drogen op verwarming en herhaal



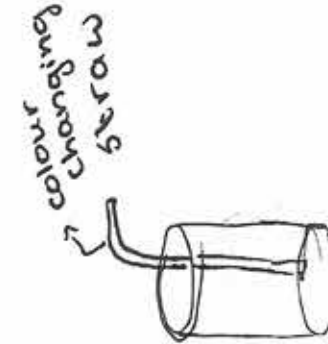
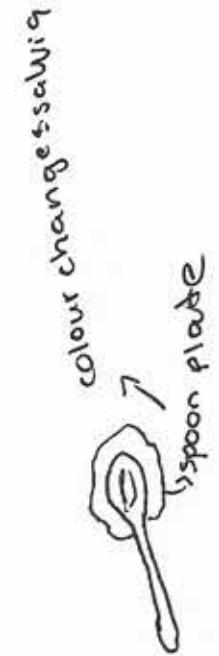
no CaCl₂ beforehand
 it and spread by moving /
 hitting
 alginate with glycerine casted
 in a "wit balje"
 shrunk a lot
 One part very thick



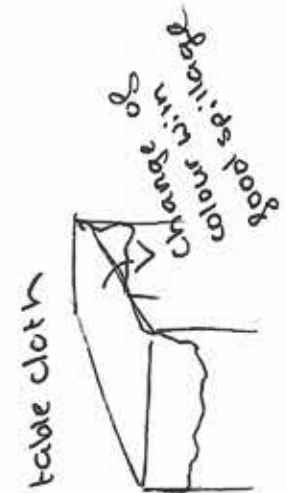
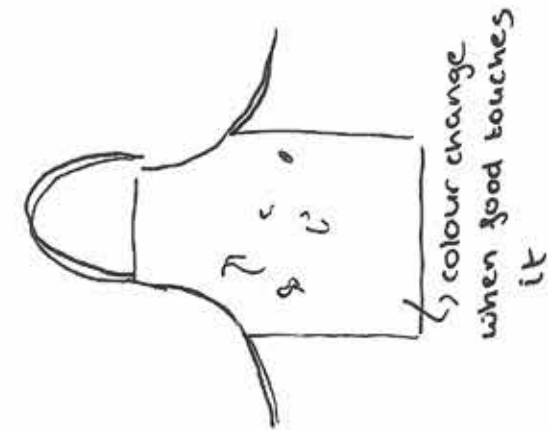
→ alginate film with red
 cabbage dye
 → turns slowly pink with
 lemon juice but only the
 thinner piece



→ very thin film
 → gel was thinner / more liquid
 due to the red cabbage juice
 → after 2 days → dehydrated and
 could easily tear + less flexible



raincoat
 water repellent



Project name	Natural dyes & alginate			Photo
Project description				
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name				
Changed by		Date	2/4	
Keywords	Cotton, pH, alginate coating			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Lemon juice spreads less quick on coated cotton + more irregular shape

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Difference in spreading between coated & not coated
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Drip lemon juice on 2 samples

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? On cotton first a drop but spread eventually faster and in a circle
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make?
Properties	What is it like? Alginate coated less flexible, but even coated + thinner coating & a bit of shine
Behavior	What can it do? Change colour
Technique	How was it made? Turn mixture of midterm video

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Drip lemon juice on it
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes



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Project name				Photo	
Project description					
Stage	☐ Open ended	☒ Ideation	☐ Development		☐ Implementation
Part name					
Changed by		Date	2-4		
Keywords	Alginate cups, pH				

Highlights

What should I remember about this? When in water the colour disappears

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Colour change with pH < 7
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Fill with lemon juice, rinse and then soak in water

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? With pH < 7 turned pink and the colour disappeared in water
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Alginate cups
Properties	What is it like? Flexible cups
Behavior	What can it do? Turn colour
Technique	How was it made? See midterm video

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Soak in lemon juice & water
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? The colour disappears

Notes

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Project name				Photo
Project description				
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name				
Changed by		Date	2-4	
Keywords	Alginate cups			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Dries out → becomes hard

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Create alginate cups
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Spread thin gel in cups and pour in CaCl ₂

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Shrunk a lot but worked and after 5 days really hard
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Alginate cups
Properties	What is it like? In the beginning flexible, turns harder & shrinks
Behavior	What can it do? Hold water
Technique	How was it made? See midterm video

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Leave 5 days
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Turns very hard & shrinks even more & can break

Notes

See eggbox 2-4

2/4

Cotton with alginate coating
↳ pre dyed with red cabbage

3/3



→ pH < 7 still works, reverse not
→ immersed in gel and with
fingers removing excess
little shrinkage but does
cracks & does n't feel nice

Sweat pH ≈ 4,5

beer & wine

PH

milk pH ≈ 6,7
spoiled milk pH ≈ 5,7



intelligent food packaging

fish spoilage

4/4



thicker gel on only
one side
First hours still flexible
and gel like

magic

intriguing

traces

COLOUR CHANGE

information

expression

movement

versatile



↳ did shrink and
hence fabric rippled

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Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended	☒ Ideation	☐ Development
Part name			
Changed by		Date	
Keywords	Alginate coating cotton, red color		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? It can shape the fabric

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Effect when only on one side
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Spread thick alginate. Set. Dehydrate overnight. Drizzle water

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Went not water resistant? but could also be because it's not underneath (not flat)
Next steps	What am I making next? Try a flat layer or just one line

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Coated (one side) cotton
Properties	What is it like? underneath soft, top stretchy
Behavior	What can it do? Change colour
Technique	How was it made? See back of midterm video → thick gel

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Completely stretched it → broke and removed pieces of alginate
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Alginate layer becomes really hard

Notes

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Project name	Natural dyes & alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	4/4
Keywords			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Extra alginate makes it very strong & harder

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Can you use the nozzles to create different shaped fiber
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Have a thicker gel

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Gel held the shape in the air but once it hit the CaCl_2 it shrunk into a round shape
Next steps	What am I making next?

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

Software

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Very strong thread when pulled, but breaks when twisted
Properties	What is it like? Hard, yellowish, bit flexible
Behavior	What can it do? Bent, dissolve, give support
Technique	How was it made? See midterm video

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it?
Remarks/insights	What did I learn?

Notes

Project name	Natural dyes & Kaumera		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	8/4
Keywords	Singlet, tricot, alginate		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Creates interesting shapes

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? How the alginate feels when wearing it
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Put alginate on a tricot top and wear it.

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Before it dried, it felt cold, was flexible but the thickness irritated. After the alginate broke → hard and no longer cold.
Next steps	What am I making next? Samples with different kind of samples

Technical specifications

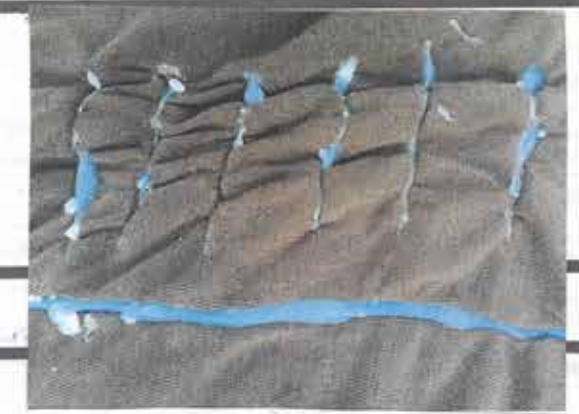
Hardware

Machine/equipment	(1) 6 g alginate 200 ml water (2) 10 g alginate 200 ml water
Machine setup	(1) 15 min. rinse dry (2) links → also tied up to feel light
Machine settings	
Material(s)	



Software

Attributes



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Leave it to dehydrate for 5 days

On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? A tricot singlet with alginate stripes
Properties	What is it like? Cool (when not dried), hard (when dried)
Behavior	What can it do?
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Wear it twice for an hour
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? You get used to the cold, but when it changes place, it still feels cold. The fabric curled around, but the thickness

Notes

did not feel nice → little irritation

Dried: The gel formed sticks and they broke → stick in your skin when trying it on, but not when wearing. Not limiting movement and no longer cold.



The thick alginate gel was sharper when broken and broke quicker

Project name	Natural dyes & Kumata Alginate		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☒ Ideation ☐ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	8/4
Keywords	10*10 cm, alginate, shrink, stretch		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Thin fabrics shrink the most

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Retel Behaviour of different types of fabric
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Cut 2 10*10 cm squares of different fabrics and apply 3 w/o % & 5 w/o % alginate in a + shape

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? Samples shrunk + fabric cut around the gel
Next steps	What am I making next? more intricate patterns

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	3 w/o % 6 g alginate	5 w/o % 10 g alginate
Machine setup	200 ml tapwater	200 ml tapwater
Machine settings	Leave overnight Apply with 5 ml syringe on dry fabric  and submerge 1 min in 10% CaCl ₂ , drop & rinse in cold water. Dry outside overnight + 5 days inside	
Material(s)		

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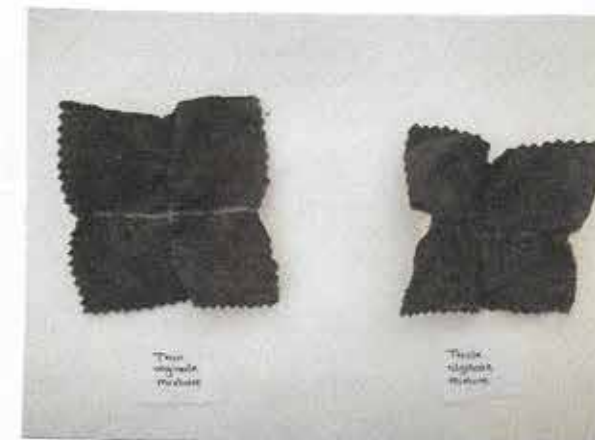
Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Different samples
Properties	What is it like? stiff
Behavior	What can it do? Shrink + knitted fabrics can still stretch in the other places
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Measure normal length before, stretched and after → data analysis
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Light weight fabric shrinks more

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Project description				
Stage	☐ Open ended ☐ Ideation ☒ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name				
Changed by		Date	22/1/4	
Keywords	alginate, ml			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? More alginate, more shrinkage

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? The influence of the amount of gel / 10cm on the shrinkage.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Have a lot of samples with and apply 0.2 - 5 ml per 10cm with the syringe.

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? More alginate gel → more shrinkages + curved
Next steps	What am I making next? Test with different curing times

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? 16 samples with different quantities of gel
Properties	What is it like? The fabric gathered & alginate became hard in a curved shape
Behavior	What can it do? Provide structure
Technique	How was it made? 3 w/v% alginate

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? measure before & after
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? The amount of shrinkage depends on the volume / 10cm

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Project description					
Stage	☐ Open ended	☐ Ideation	☒ Development		☐ Implementation
Part name					
Changed by		Date	24/4		
Keywords	Alginate curing time				

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Curing time has effect on final shrinkage

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? If the curing time is of influence on the final shrinkage
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Set samples cure for different amount of times and measure before + after

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The alginate/fabric shrunk more when cured for a longer time
Next steps	What am I making next? Apply alginate in patterns

Technical specifications

Hardware

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Machine setup	
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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? 5 samples with 2 mL alginate / 10 cm
Properties	What is it like? Alginate is hard and curved
Behavior	What can it do? ?
Technique	How was it made? 3 w/v % alginate

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? measure before & after
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? A longer curing time will result in more shrinkage.

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Project name	Alginate & fabrics		
Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended	☐ Ideation	☒ Development
Part name	Alginate patterns		
Changed by		Date	16/24/14
Keywords	Alginate cotton		

Highlights

What should I remember about this? It easily looks messy due to all the wrinkles

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? The influence of a pattern of alginate on the properties
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Create different patterns of alginate on 10x10 cm samples

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The fabric curled around the alginate + shrunk in the directions of the alginate
Next steps	What am I making next? Trying to use alginate as seam instead of sewing

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
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Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? 5 small samples with different patterns
Properties	What is it like? Very wrinkled
Behavior	What can it do? The Σ pattern can easily be pressed like an archdeon
Technique	How was it made? 3% alginate applied with syringe, cured 10% CaCl ₂

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Press it in both directions and bend
Remarks/Insights	What did I learn? You can make patterns but I haven't yet found a purpose for it

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Project name	Alginate & fabrics			Photo	
Project description					
Stage	☐ Open ended	☐ Ideation	☒ Development		☐ Implementation
Part name	Sealed cotton				
Changed by		Date	16/4		
Keywords	Cotton, alginate, seams				

Highlights

What should I remember about this? It sticks but can easily be torn apart, but did not really shrink

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Can alginate be used instead of sewing for a seam.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Use a syringe to get the alginate on one fabric and place another on top of it. Then cure

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The samples stuck but can also be torn apart
Next steps	What am I making next? Test different volumes of alginate Jacket to wear it

Technical specifications

Hardware

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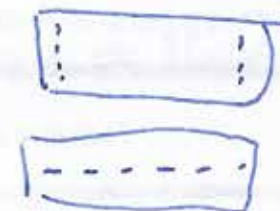
Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Different samples & patterns
Properties	What is it like? Two pieces of cotton sealed together
Behavior	What can it do?
Technique	How was it made?

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Apply pressure on it: crackles and tried pulling apart
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? It's not super strong as seam

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Project name	Alginate & fabrics			Photo
Project description				
Stage	☐ Open ended ☐ Ideation ☒ Development ☐ Implementation			
Part name	Jacket			
Changed by		Date	23/4	
Keywords	Cotton jacket, alginate, 1 st pp			

Highlights

What should I remember about this? Cold when not dehydrated + no limitations in movement

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? How the alginate feels when wearing it on your skin
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Apply alginate on jacket and wear it 1 h.

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? See document 1 st person perspective
Next steps	What am I making next? ?

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
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Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? A jacket with alginate stripe & circles on the back
Properties	What is it like? Alginate is hard & brittle and the fabric gathered.
Behavior	What can it do? -
Technique	How was it made? With 3% alginate + turmeric

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? I wore it for 2 times 1 hour
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? When you know you need to write what you feel you are more aware of your experiences +

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Project description					
Stage	☐ Open ended	☐ Ideation	☒ Development		☐ Implementation
Part name					
Changed by		Date	6/5		
Keywords	Alginate, glycerine %, tests				

Highlights

What should I remember about this? A higher % glycerine: less shrinkage + feeling greasy + attach less well to the cotton

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? The effect of glycerine on the alginate, will it stay flexible.
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? make different mixtures with 5-50% glycerine and 4% alginate

Design process - end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The more glycerine, the less shrinkage and it feels greasy + mixture is less smooth
Next steps	What am I making next? A more expensive test with 2% alginate and 10% glycerine with 0.2 - 5 ml / 10 cm

Technical specifications

Hardware

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
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Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? 5 samples of each % glycerine
Properties	What is it like? Flexible, not cold, greasy
Behavior	What can it do? shrink the fabric + provide structure
Technique	How was it made? 10% alginate-glycerine, 2% alginate

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Roll it in both direction to see if it breaks and measure dimensions before and after.
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? 5% glycerine is already sufficient to keep it flexible

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Project description			
Stage	☐ Open ended ☐ Ideation ☒ Development ☐ Implementation		
Part name			
Changed by		Date	6/5
Keywords	Alginate, glycerine, X ml/10 cm, test samples		

Photo

Highlights

What should I remember about this? more gel will more shrinkage but less than without glycerine

Journey

Setup

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? Create more samples with Find a line to predict shrinkage based on ml/10 cm
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Create more samples with 0.2-0.8 ml gel / 10 cm.

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? It shrinks only a little
Next steps	What am I making next? Coat a sample with glycerine to see if it also stays flexible

Technical specifications

Hardware

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Machine setup	
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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Test samples
Properties	What is it like? Flexible, not cold, not a bit greasy
Behavior	What can it do? Bend, shrink
Technique	How was it made? 10% glycerine, 2% alginate

Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? measure dimension + test flexibility
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? The width hardly shrinks and the height a little

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Project description					
Stage	☐ Open ended	☐ Ideation	☒ Development		☐ Implementation
Part name					
Changed by		Date	6/5		
Keywords	cotton, alginate, glycerine, coating				

Highlights

What should I remember about this? The coating stays flexible

Journey

Goal	What am I interested in exploring now? If the glycerine can also keep a coating flexible
Process & approach	How do I want to explore? Coat on side of the cotton and let dehydrate

Design process – end of the day

Insights	What happened? What have I discovered? What could be made different? The cotton shrinks + stays flexible but stiffer than before
Next steps	What am I making next? Trying to keep folds in place with alginate

Technical specifications

Machine/equipment	
Machine setup	
Machine settings	
Material(s)	

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On the floor

Outcomes

The material/artefact	What did I make? Coated fabric
Properties	What is it like? Flexible, but less than normal cotton wrinkled, not cold, not greasy
Behavior	What can it do? Not water proof
Technique	How was it made? 50% glycerine, 4% alginate

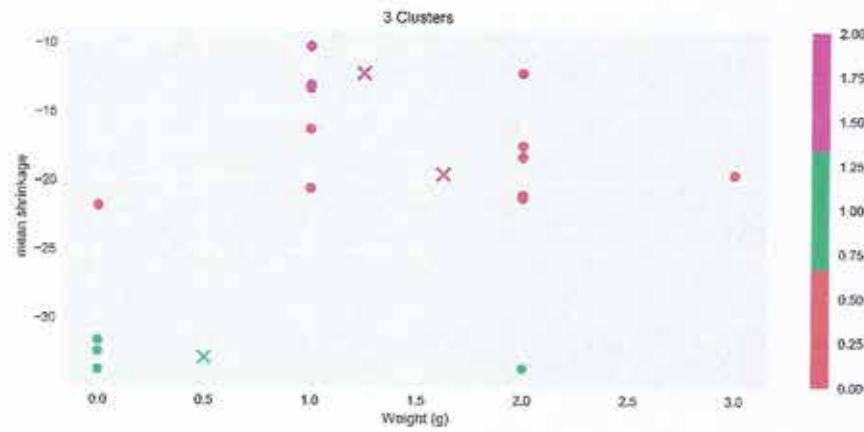
Evaluation

Process	How did I experiment with it? Bend, test it with water
Remarks/insights	What did I learn? Not water proof, shrinks in all directions and stays flexible

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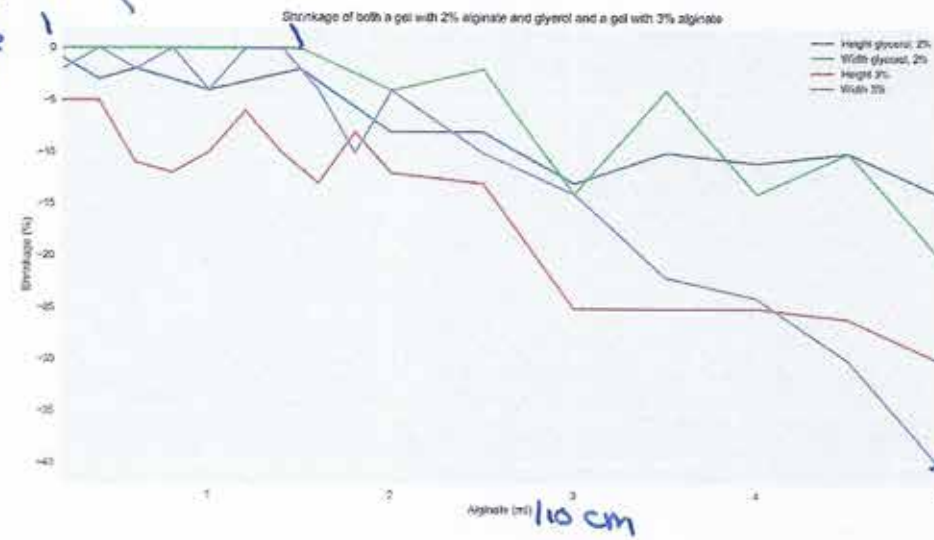


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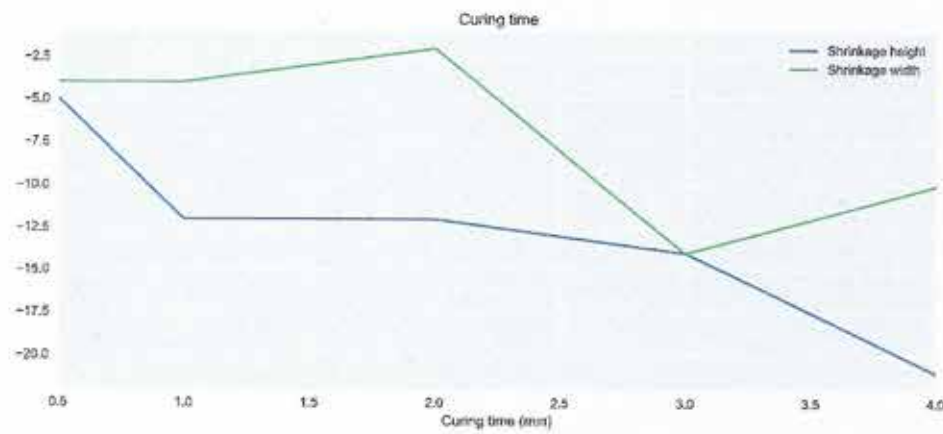


3% & 5% alginate
10 samples of
different fabric

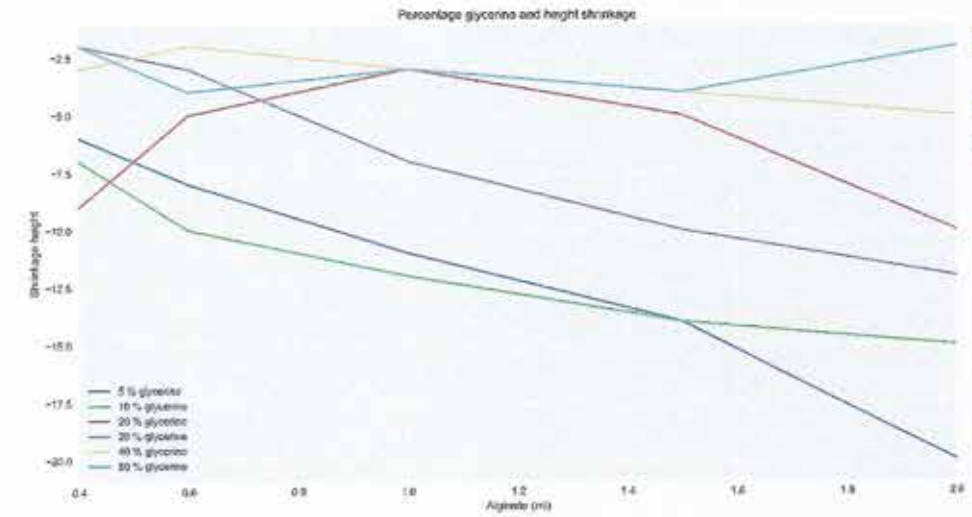
no little
shrinkage
with little
alginate



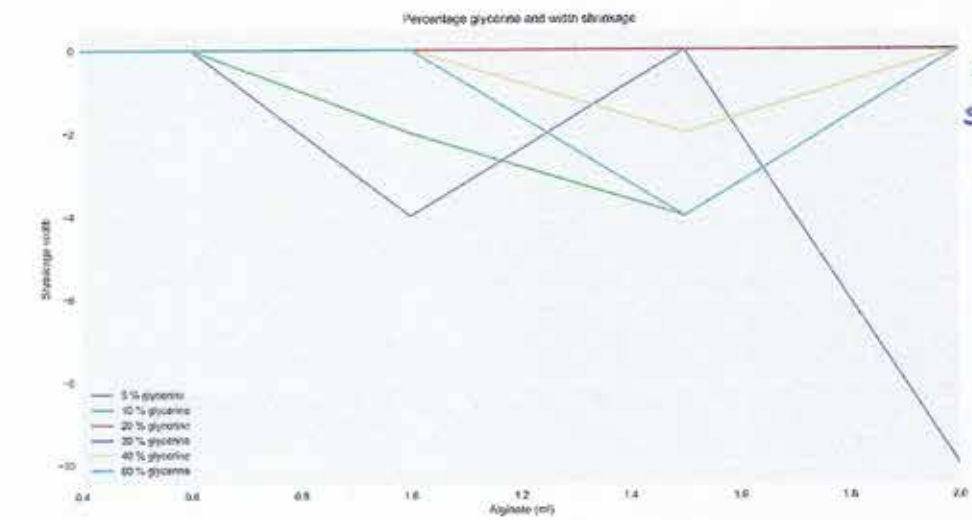
more shrinkage
without
glycerine



34/0% alginate

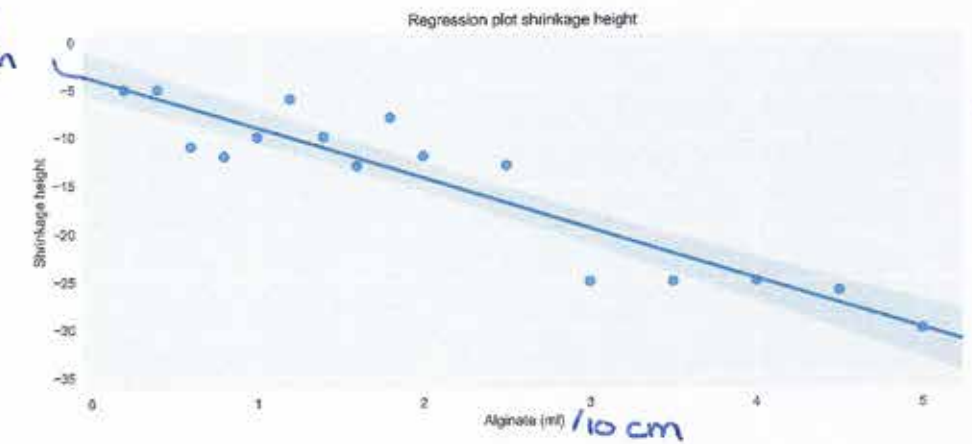


more glycerine
less shrinkage
in height

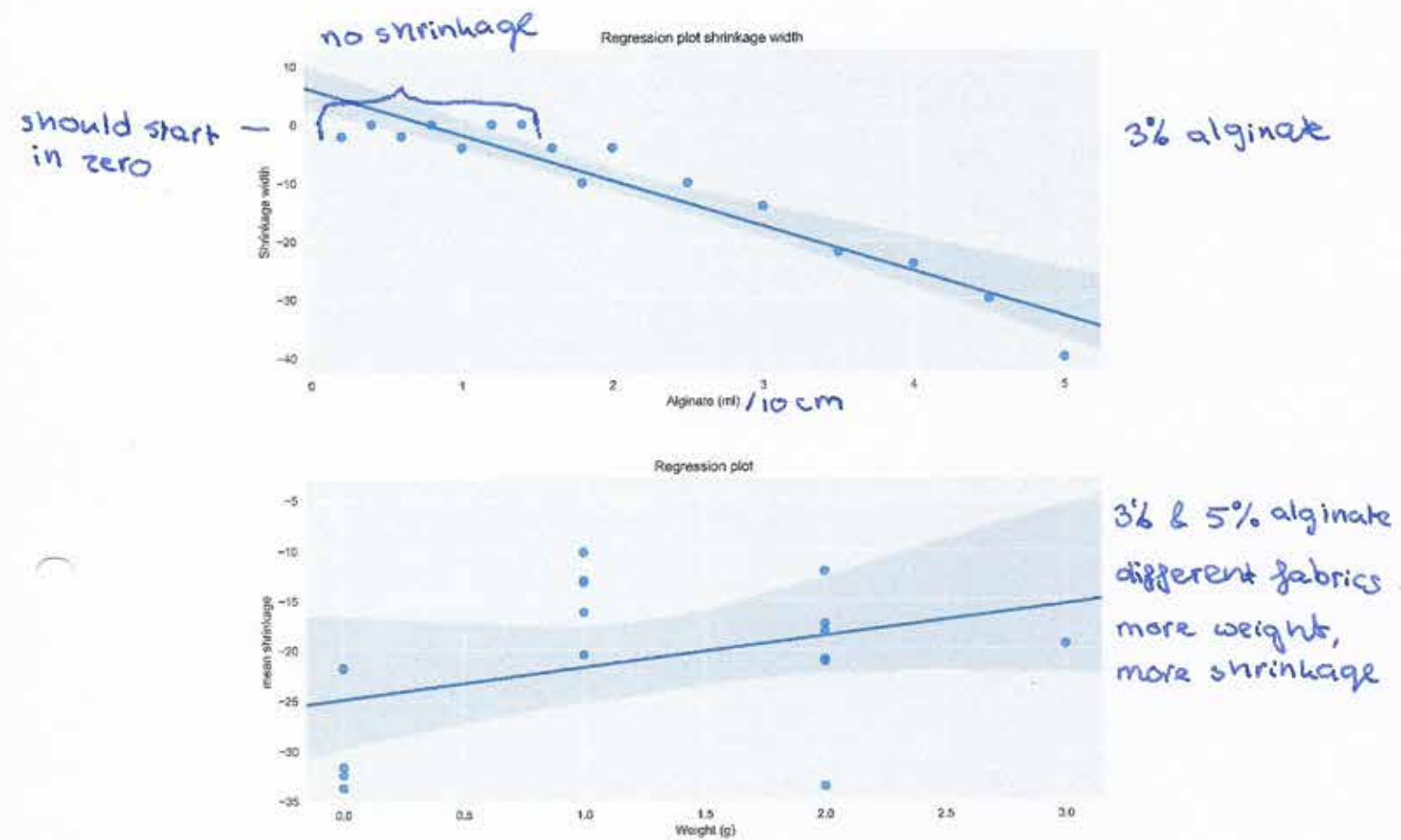


little to no
shrinkage in
width

should
start in
.0



3% alginate



Fabric-type	Weight (g)	mean		median	
Knitted	2	-20.500	-18.2		
	3	-19.500	-19.5		
Woven	0	-29.875	-32.0		
	1	-14.620	-13.2		
	2	-21.000	-21.0		

mean		median	
Weight (g)		Weight (g)	
0	-29.875000	-32.0	
1	-14.620000	-13.2	
2	-20.583333	-19.6	
3	-19.500000	-19.5	

shrinkage (width & height combined)

Weight	Weight (g)		mean shrinkage	
	mean	median	mean	median
light	0.400000	0	-30.62	-32.4
medium	1.555556	1	-15.90	-16.2
heavy	2.000000	2	-19.70	-19.7