

“TO BIND”
DESIGN WORKSHOP 4/11

PART 1

12:12 PM	Welcome
12:15 - 12:20 PM	The Design Brief & Resources
12:20 - 12:30 PM	Demonstration & Warm Up
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Exercise #1
1:00 - 1:12 PM	Share & Document

PART 2

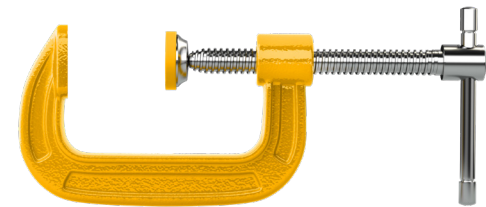
3:00 - 3:20 PM	Tool Demonstration (Cont.)
3:20 - 4:20 PM	Exercise #2 and #3
4:20 - 4:30 PM	Reflections
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Wrap Up & Documentation



THE CLOTHES THEY WEAR:



THE TOOLS THEY KNOW HOW TO USE:





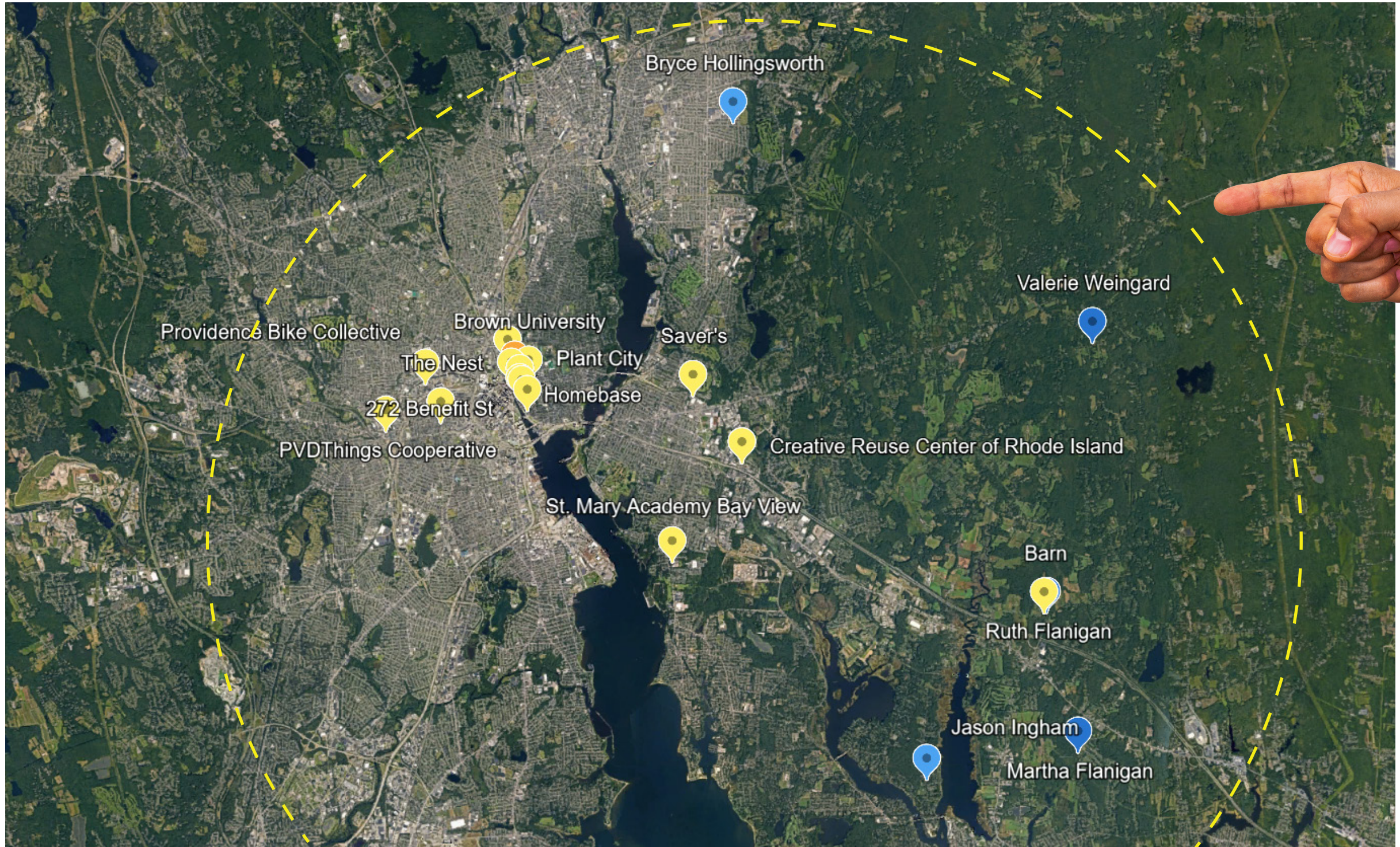
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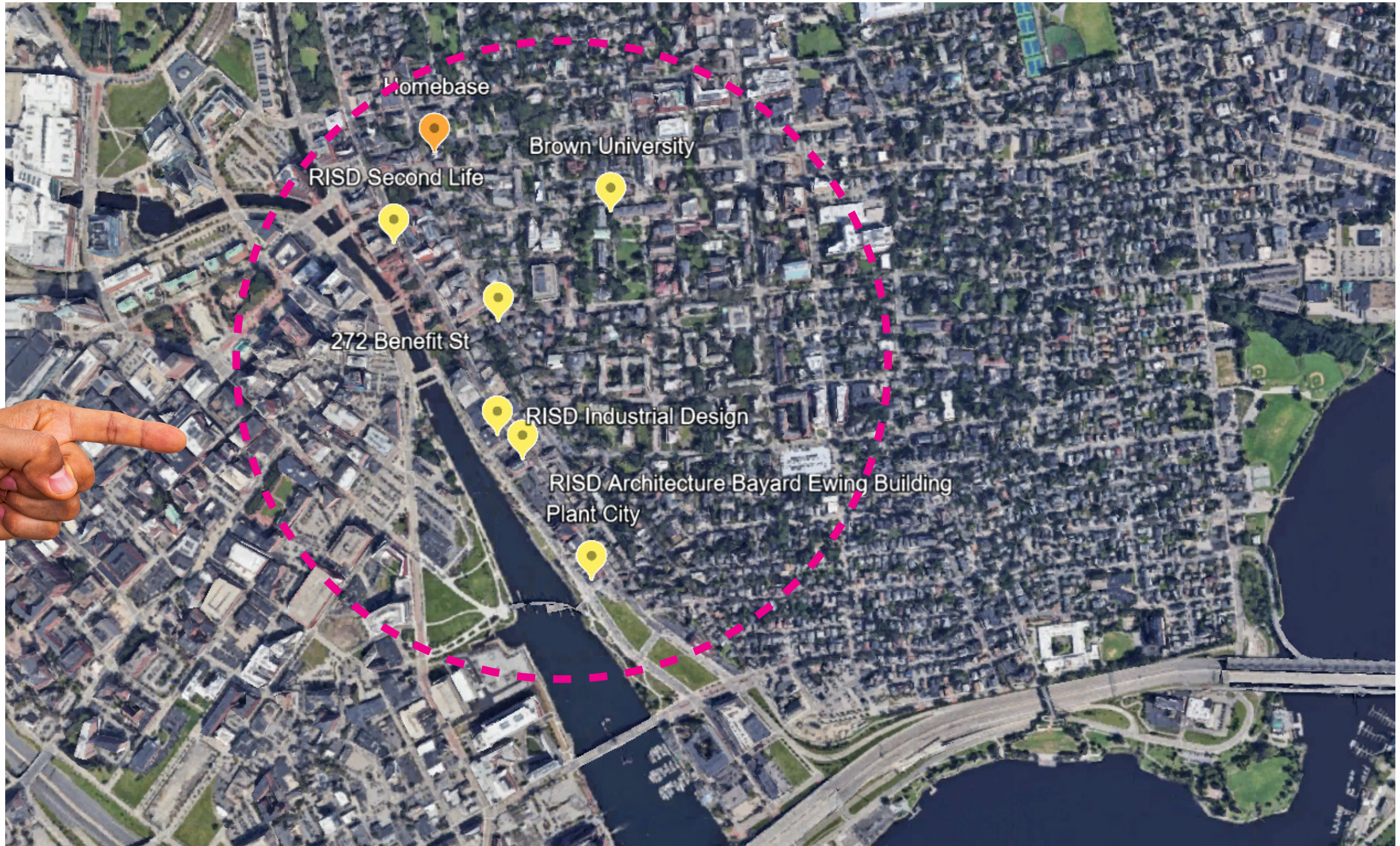
TOOLS & RESOURCES



Online Workshop Guide







WARM UP ACTIVITY

Time: 10 min

Select two different materials and “bind” them using string.



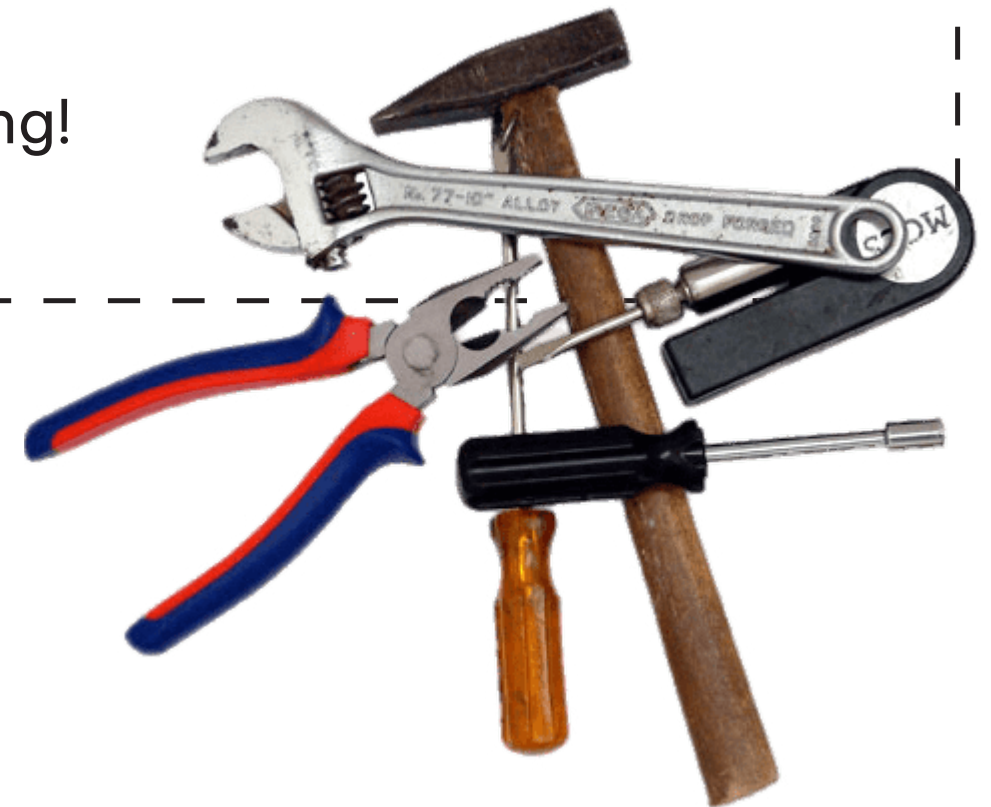
EXERCISE 1

Time: 30 min

Form groups of 2-3. Then, choose a combination of materials (i.e. wood and fabric) and a type of connection method (i.e. hooks). Work together to experiment with different “binding” techniques.

As a team, present your prototypes/models and provide a short reflection on the creative process (challenges, accomplishments, etc.)

HINT: Plan and document your assemblies through sketching!



DOCUMENTATION & REFLECTION

Time: 5 min

Photograph your work! Any photos taken on personal devices can be uploaded to the shared Google Drive Folder named “Photos_041124.”



Upload Here!

Thesis Statement

- Investigates and designs with local systems of repair and material recirculation in R.I. and southern M.A.
- Revalues industrial waste based on availability and cooperation
- Builds alongside existing community efforts
- Collectivizes knowledge sharing and skill

Key words: discard studies, collective education, sistering, maintenance rituals, repair ecologies, labor, capacity, social infrastructure, economy of extraction, architectural salvage, deconstruction, reuse, prototyping, experimentation, disassembly

SISTERING

Sistered beams and other sisterings: a partial ongoing glossary

Cynthia Deng & Elif Erez
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“Sistered beams” = a term used in construction, and specifically in the repair and adaptation of existing structures. Refers to the addition of extra material to reinforce an existing, damaged structural member.



sistering telephone poles

**“Three Sisters” = beans, corn, & squash;
indigenous agricultural practice.**

Sistering is a close partnership wherein individuals’ unique traits build off of each other to create something greater for an entire ecological community—it imagines abundance through deep collaboration.

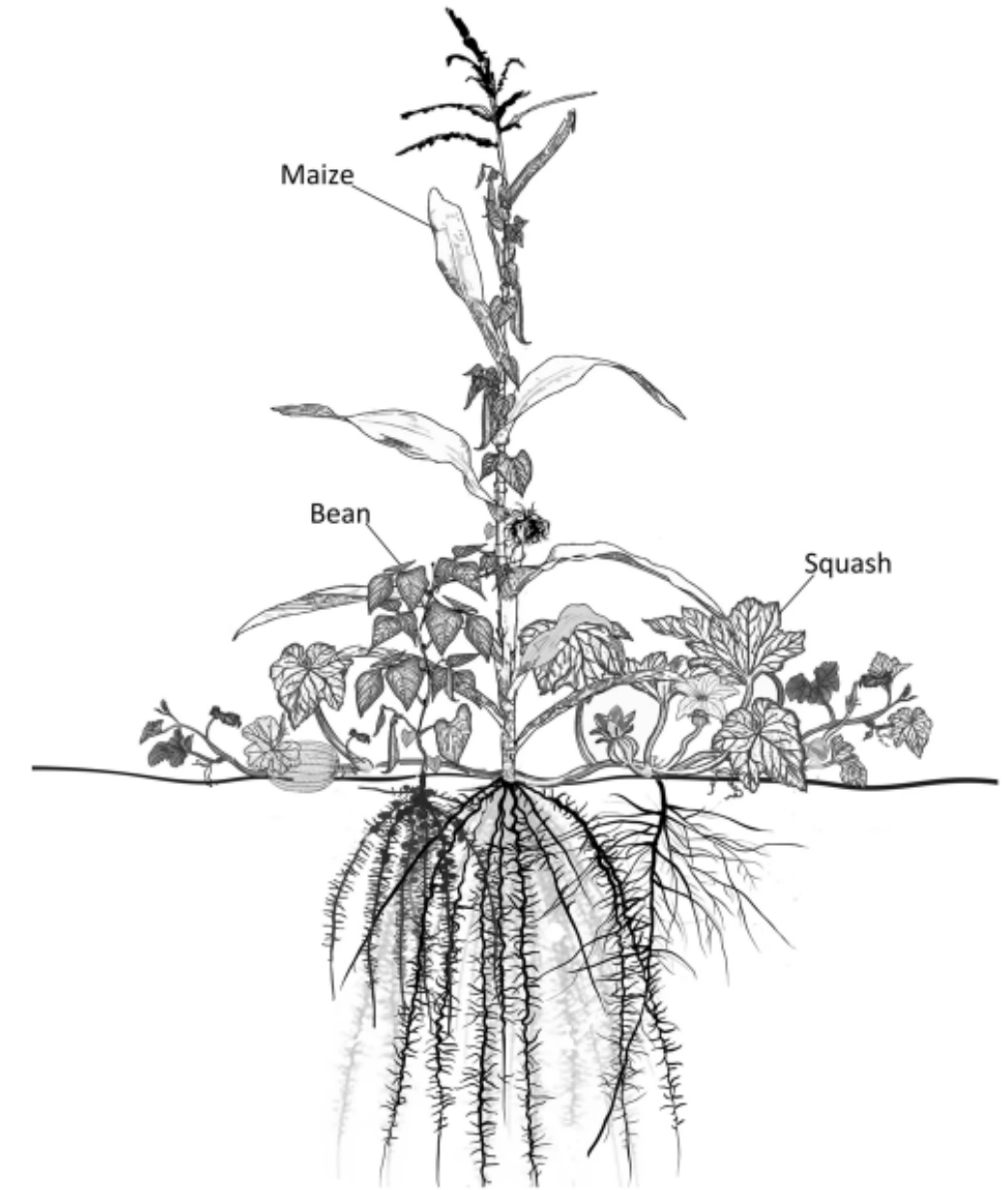


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Audre Lorde's "I am Your Sister" =

Sistering acts on core connections between individuals in spite of differences, and recognizes those differences as a key source of strength.



©Robert Alexander, 1983

“Sister cities” = geographically distinct cities that form an intentional social and commercial partnership.

Sistering creates place-to-place bonds of mutual aid—it holds the possibility of transcending borders and political boundaries.



San Fransisco's Sister Cities sign post, 2018

Excerpt from “Notes on Sistering” by Lily Song = “Sistering proceeds by inviting, showing up, sharing and listening out. It is a series of call and response, pushing each other further and further with mutual challenges and affirmations...”

Sistering is a process and method of relationship-building and ongoing solidarity work, complete with the generative tensions and conflicts that come with creative interdependence.



Activists and organizers with ACT-LA. (Courtesy ACT-LA)