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Choosing the front sheet for our frames



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Input

What went in

We talked to vendors online and visited local shops. We compared plastic, glass and acrylic sheets. We checked with the supplier that the acrylic is recyclable.

Activity

Now that Mr. Jacob is making our frames, we are working through the other parts we need. These include reused wood, a front sheet, a back sheet, hangers and clips to hold the back board. We have started with the front sheet. It has to be either recycled or recyclable.

Over the past few days we have talked to several vendors online and checked local shops. Most of the plastic sheets we found did not use recycled material. We looked at glass, but it is not practical for a frame that needs to travel. Then we tried acrylic and asked for recycled acrylic, but every vendor told us it is not available in India.

We have moved to recyclable acrylic. We have found a local dealer in Ernakulam, and we have also checked with the company that supplies the dealer to confirm the sheets are recyclable.

Research

Outcome

We've chosen recyclable acrylic for the front sheet, from a local dealer in Ernakulam. The supplier has confirmed the sheets are recyclable.

Learnings

Recycled options are not always available, even when we look hard. When there is no recycled option, a recyclable one we can get locally is the next best choice. Checking with the company behind the dealer helped us trust what the company told us about the material.

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