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Choosing the wood for our frames



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Input

What went in

Online research on suitable woods, and visits to wood shops nearby to learn what is available locally and where it comes from.

Activity

We've finalised the frame design and what will go inside it, so this week we've been choosing the wood. Sustainability matters a lot to us. So the wood has to be available locally, and we need to be able to buy it regularly.

We've been looking online for suitable woods and ways to improve quality, and over the last few days we've visited several wood shops nearby. We've learned that pine wood is easy to find in Fort Kochi, because pallets are a big local business here. Large company shipments arrive by ship on pine wood pallets. Local shops collect these pallets, make smaller pallets from them and sell those for vegetable and other goods going to local markets.

For now, we've decided to make our samples with new pine wood.

Research

Learnings

The most sustainable choice is not always a special material. Often it is what is already around us. Talking to local shops showed us that pine wood moves through Fort Kochi all the time because of shipping. That means we can get it locally and keep buying it. We still need to see how it works for our frames.

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