

# A new method of using stone paper

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GROUP 3

We learned about stone paper

- Stone paper is a type of paper made from limestone. It is a sustainable alternative to natural paper.
- We want to make it more popular!
- ➔ It is used as an alternative to natural paper.

To make it more popular...

## Strong points

A) ~~Water-resistance~~ ~~improving its weak point~~

- ✓ Color won't fade
- ✓ Tear-resistant

B) ~~We suggest having a new stone paper project~~  
trees.

## Weak points

✓ It deteriorates by UV.

✓ We can't use all glues.

✓ We need to use offset printing

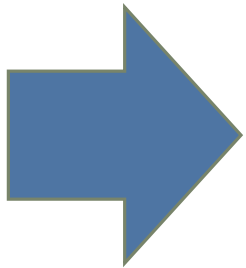
because it is weak against heat.

✓ It is heavier than paper made from pulp.

Deterioration due to UV



We may be able to use it outdoors.



TiO<sub>2</sub> coating can prevent stone paper from deteriorating.

## What is a photo-catalyst?

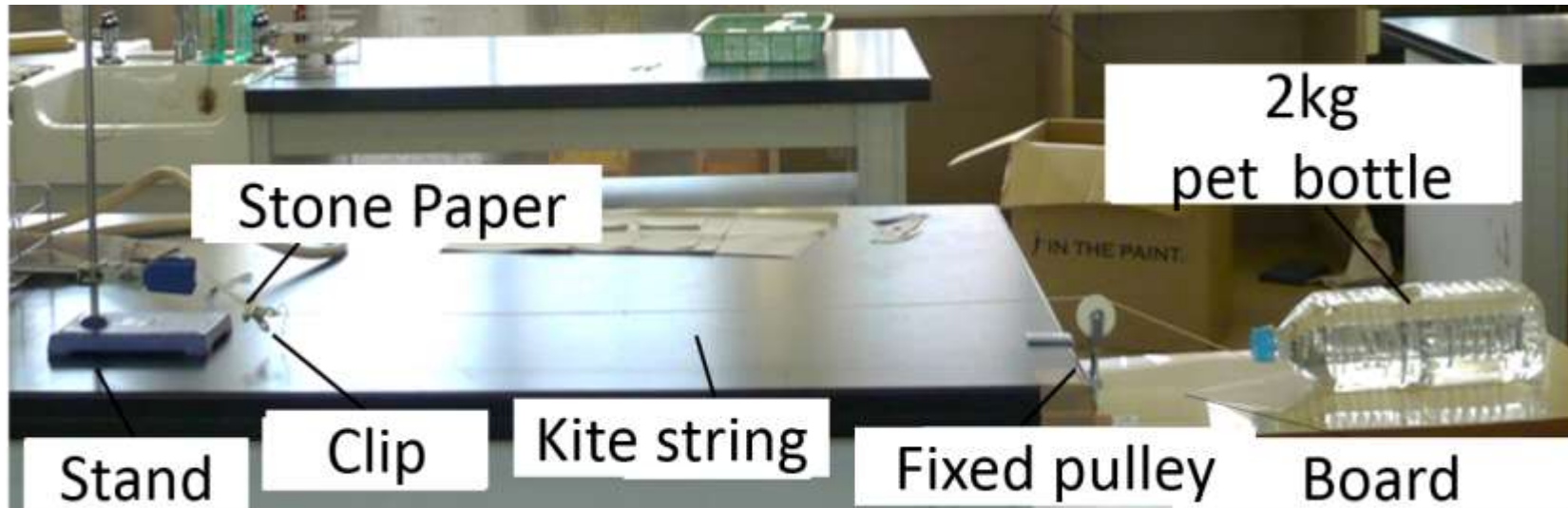
- A material which works as a catalyst when exposed to light.
- It absorbs UV and self-cleans.



Hypothesis

It may block UV radiation  
and prevent Stone Paper from deteriorating

1. Prepare three kinds of the Stone Paper
  - A : coated in  $\text{TiO}_2$  , and exposed to UV
  - B : not coated, but exposed to UV
  - C : not coated, no UV
2. Measure paper strength



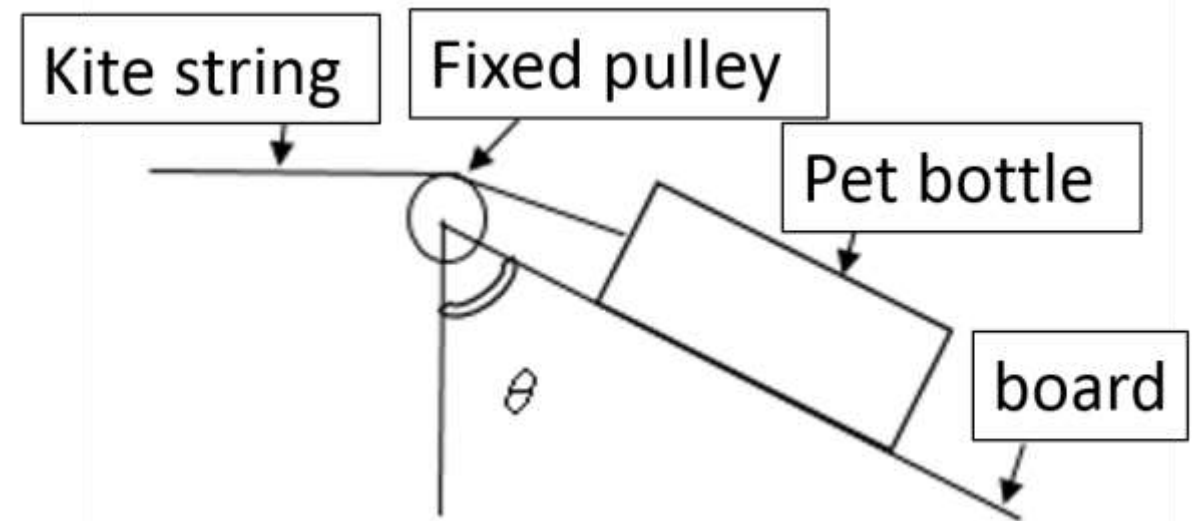
3. Incline the board with the pet bottle on it  
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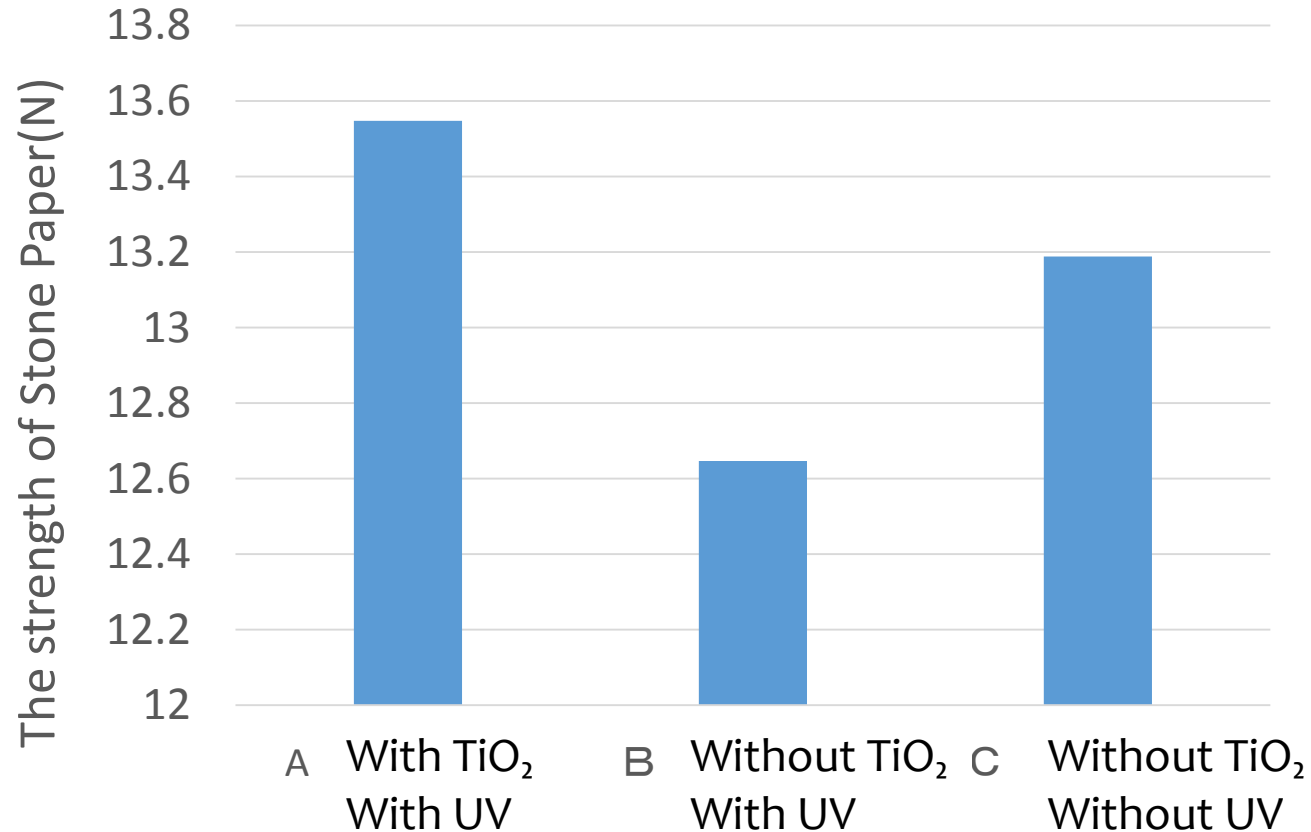
Check the angle when the paper tore

4. Calculate paper strength using this expression

$$9.8[m/s^2] \times 2.0[kg] \times \cos \theta$$

$$- 0.0167 \times 9.8[m/s^2] \times 2.0[kg] \times \sin \theta \quad (N)$$





- Stone Paper was degraded by UV exposure
- TiO<sub>2</sub> didn't prevent UV degradation by absorbing UV, but did make a film on the surface of stone paper.



We measured D's strength.

The TiO<sub>2</sub> coating

makes Stone Paper strong.

We can use it outdoors for a longer time.

With NO<sub>2</sub>  
With UV

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To make it more popular...

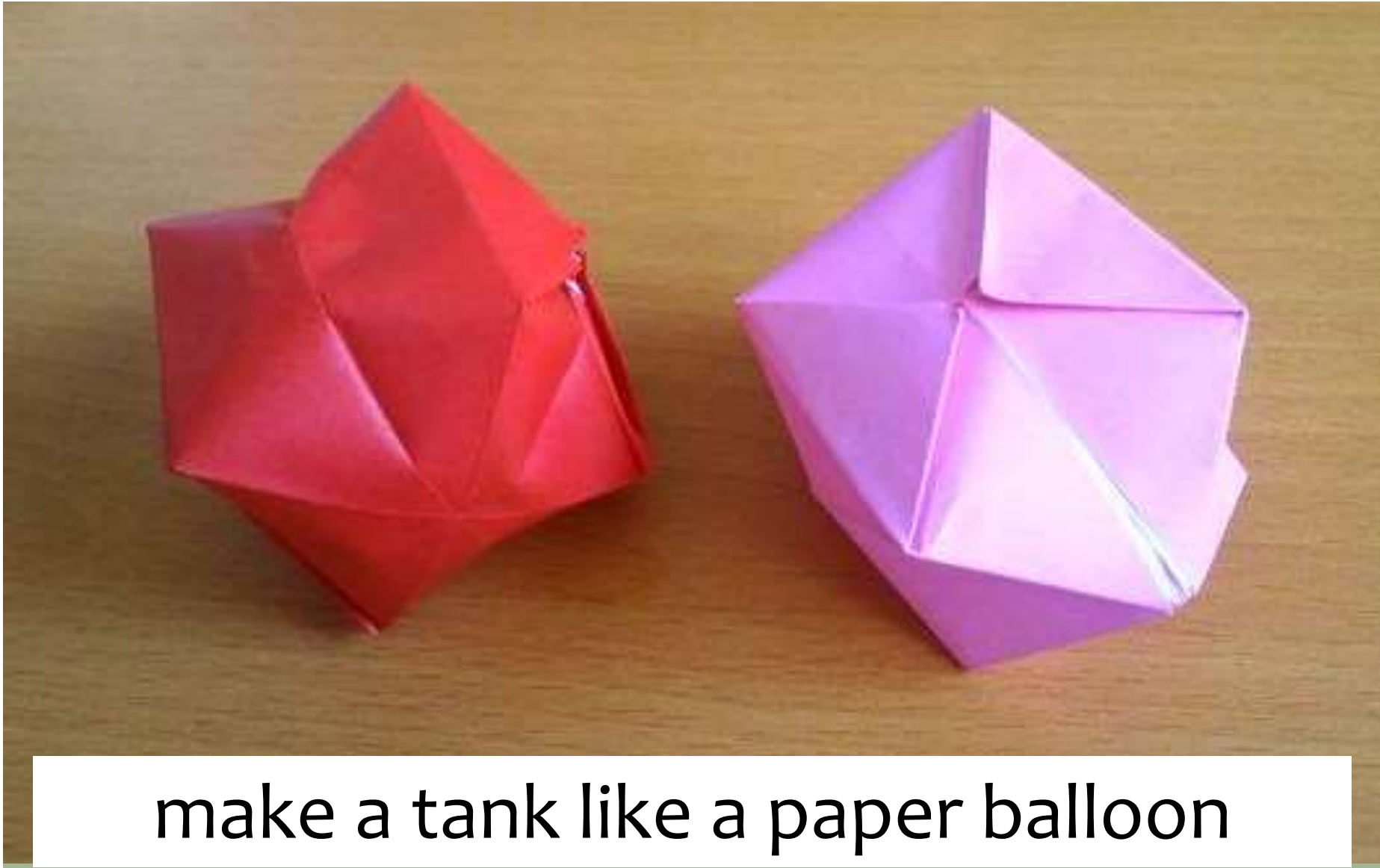
we found that a lack of water tanks is a problem.

A) Improving its weak points ↓

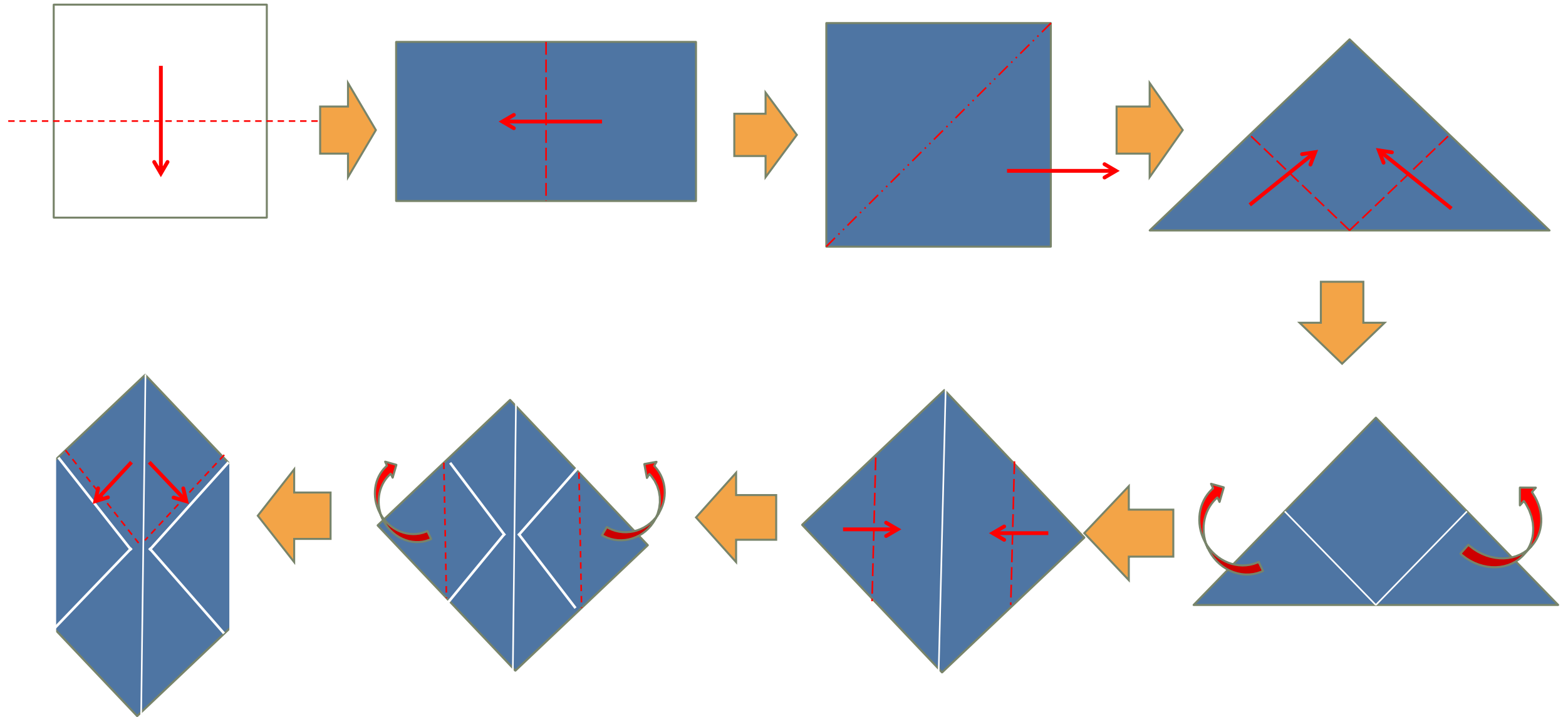
Let's make a simple water tank

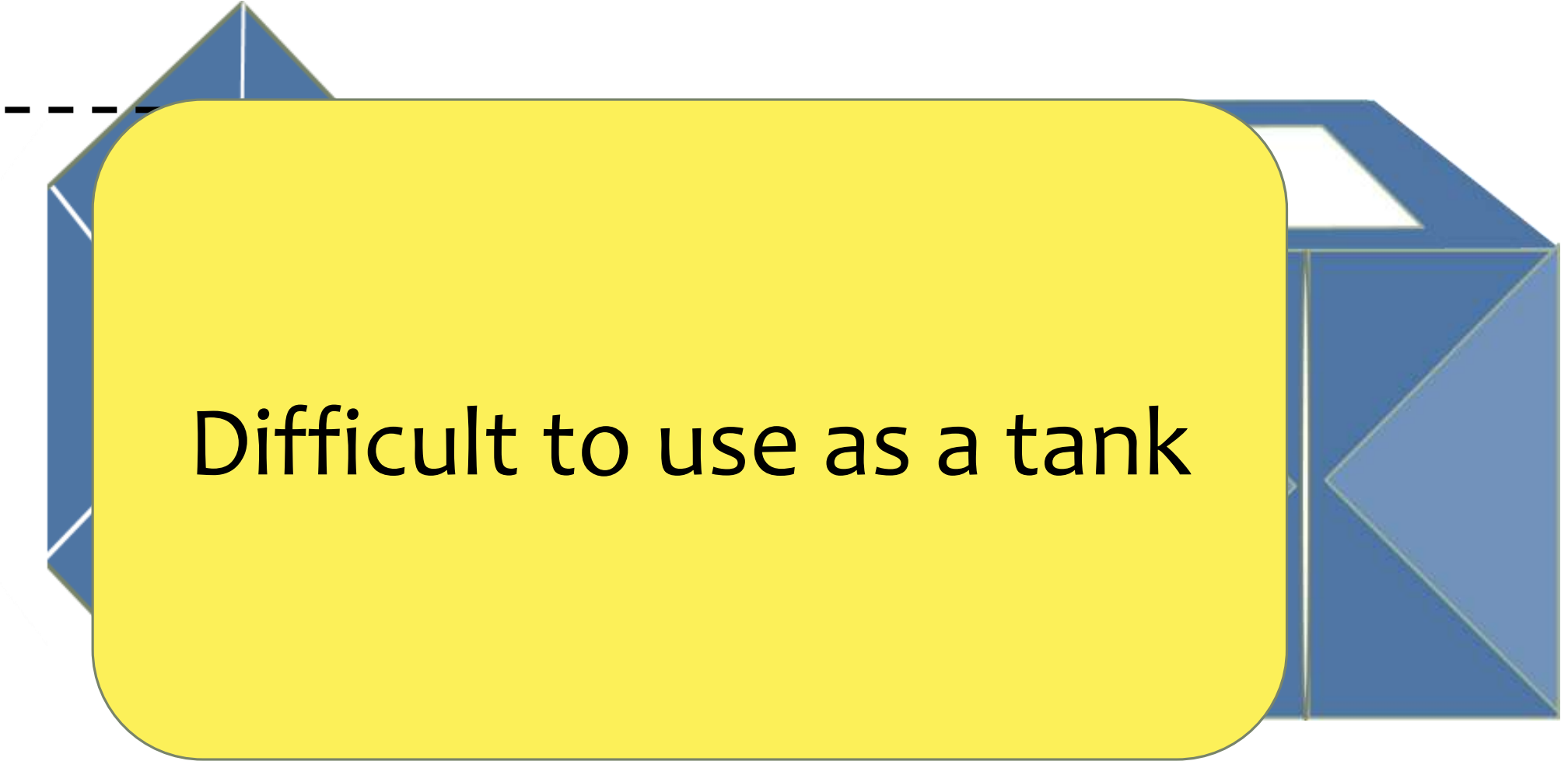
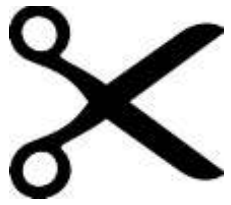
B) Suggesting a new stone paper project  
taking advantage of the strong points

of foldable Stone Paper!



# Method B: Suggesting a new stone paper project



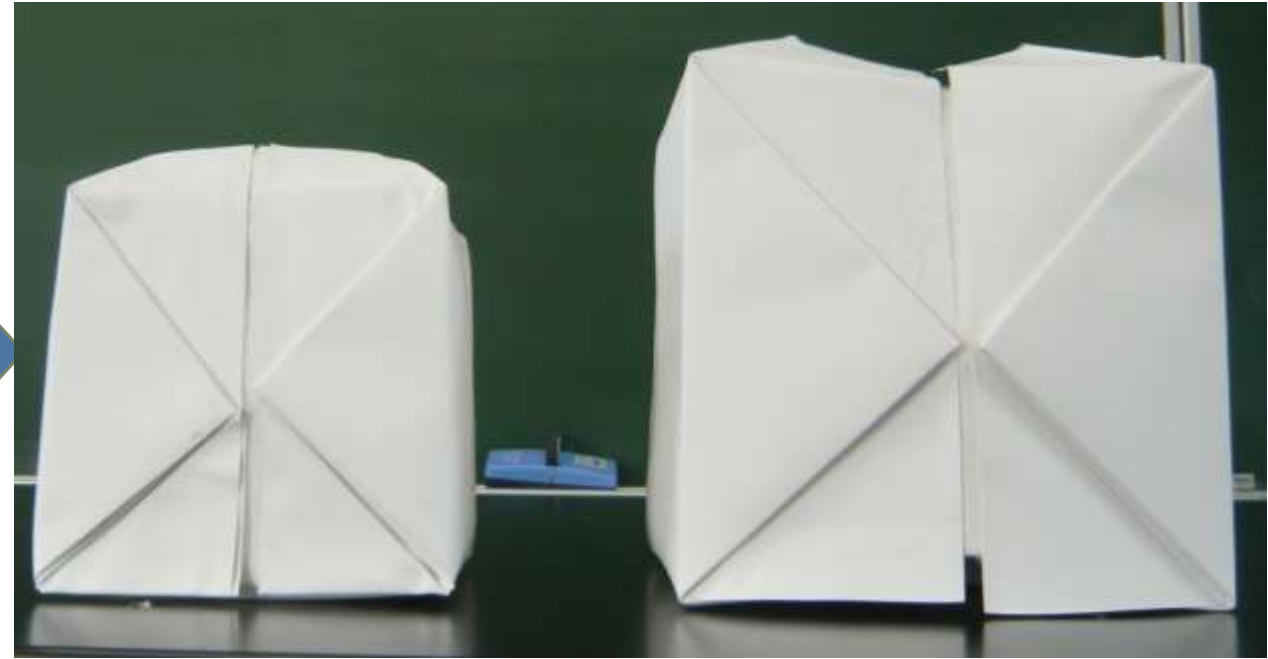
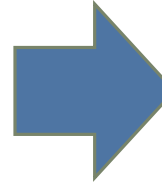
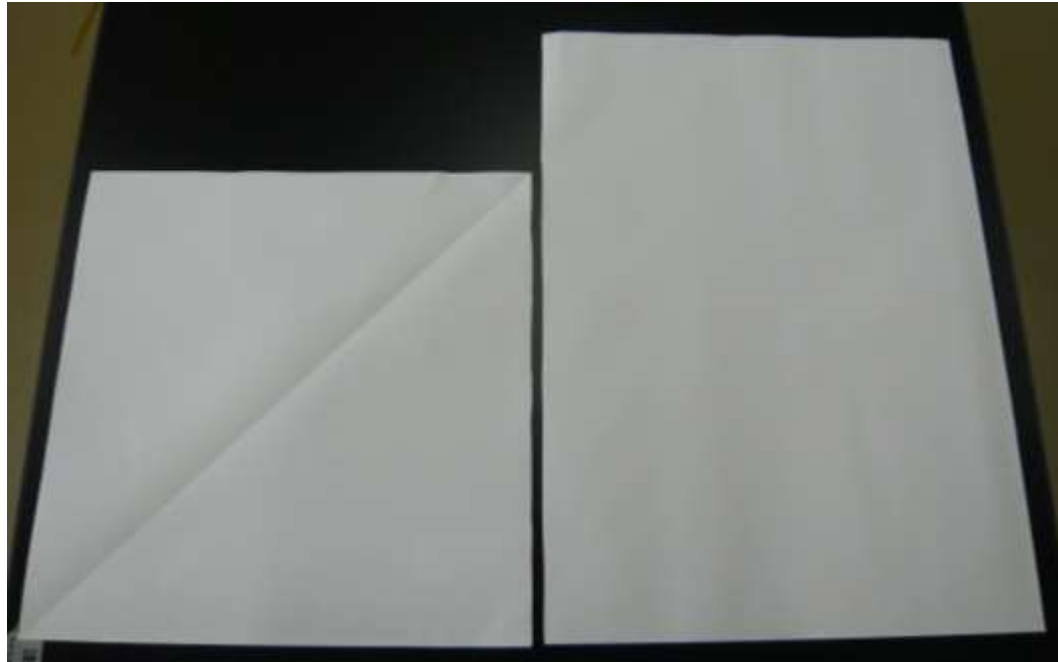


Difficult to use as a tank

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2. The size of the opening
3. Where the “wings” are
4. Handles

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## comparison



Left: square (46.95cm per side)

Right: rectangular (63.6cm × 46.95cm)



point

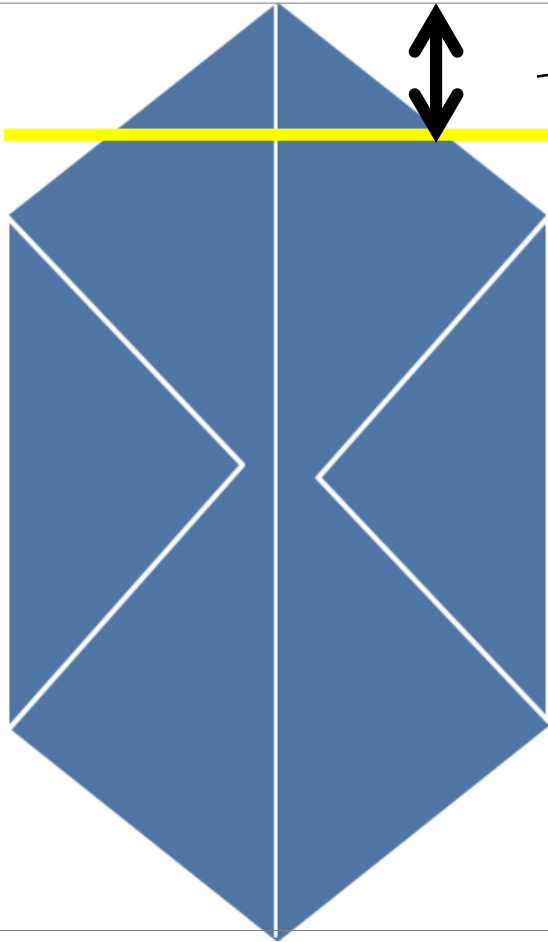
- Whether they lose their shape

The rectangular one lost its shape  
more than the square one



square

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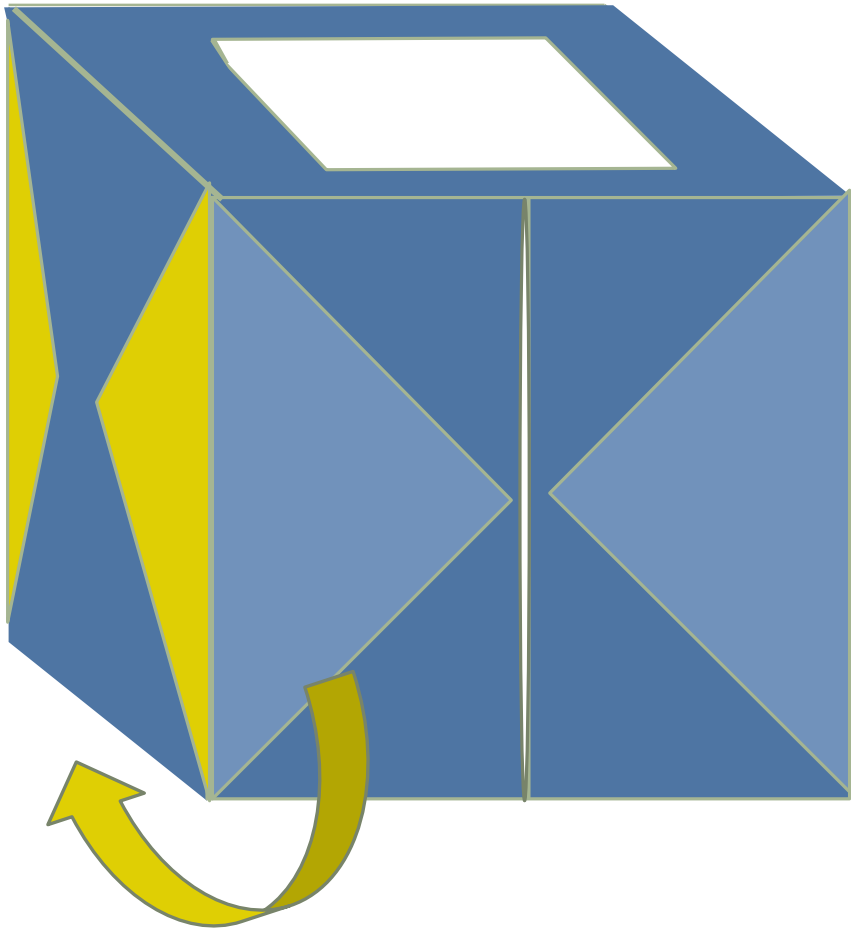


We changed **this length**  
in 0.5 cm increments



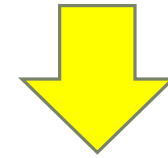
The best length is 3.5cm

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Fold back

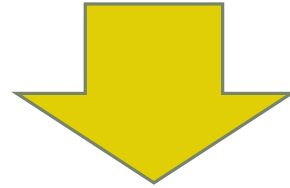
The sides are liable to  
lose their shape



Folded the back and stuck  
“wings” to the sides

### Results

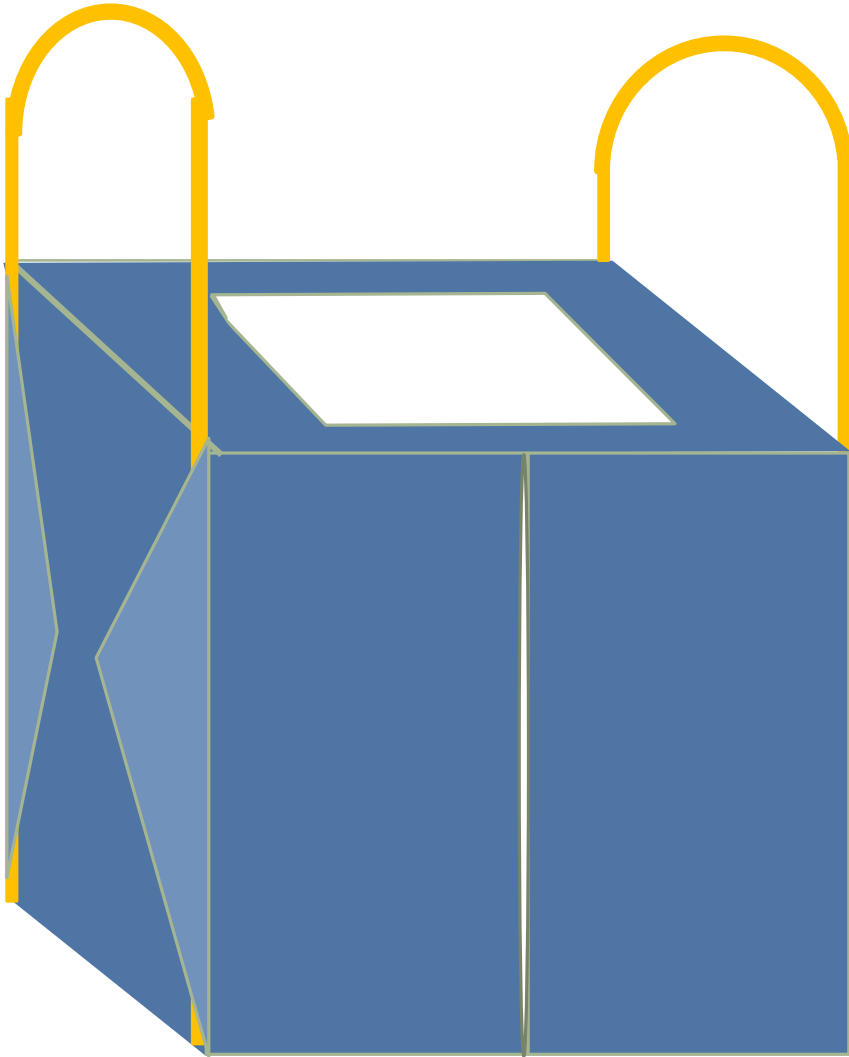
- There was not a big difference in shape
- The problem of tank deformation was solved



Fold back and stick “wings” to the sides

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Install handles on the tanks to make them easy to carry.



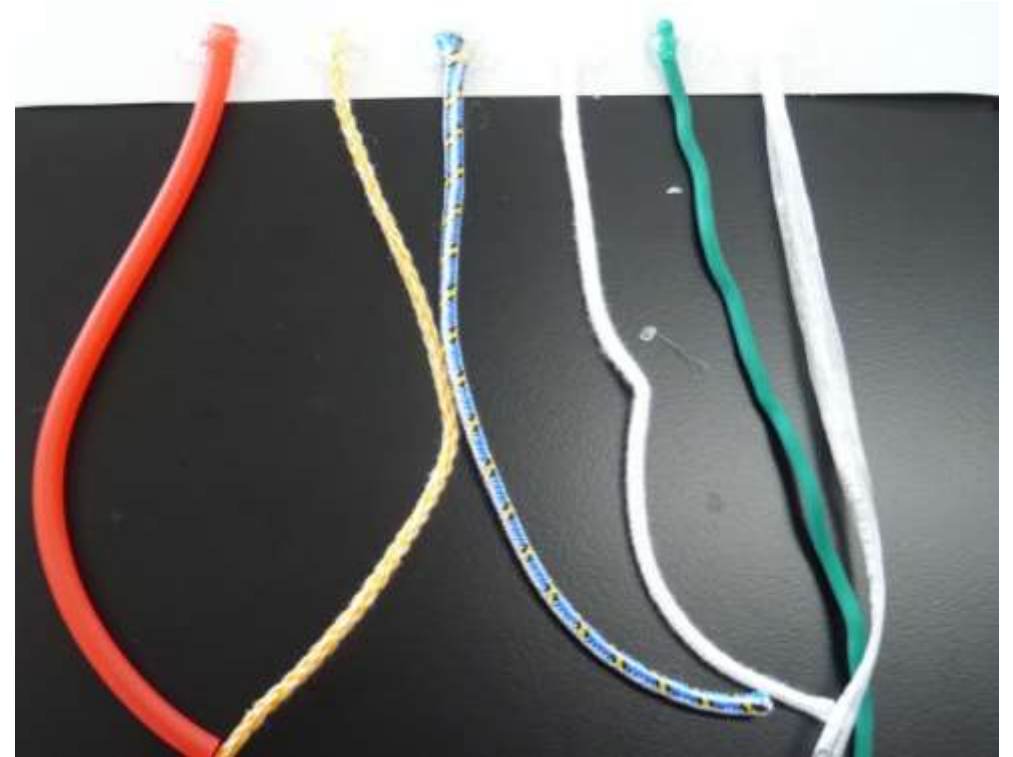
stitch string

between the sides and wings



## Six kinds of strings

- Red training tube (rubber)
- Orange KP rope (PE & vinylon)
- Blue string for bike rack (rubber)
- White versatile string (vinylon)
- Green soft belt for gardening (wire & rubber)
- Plastic plastic rope (PP)



## Method

We had ninety people lift them  
and rate them as ○, △, or ×

- Comfort
- Stability
- How easy to grasp

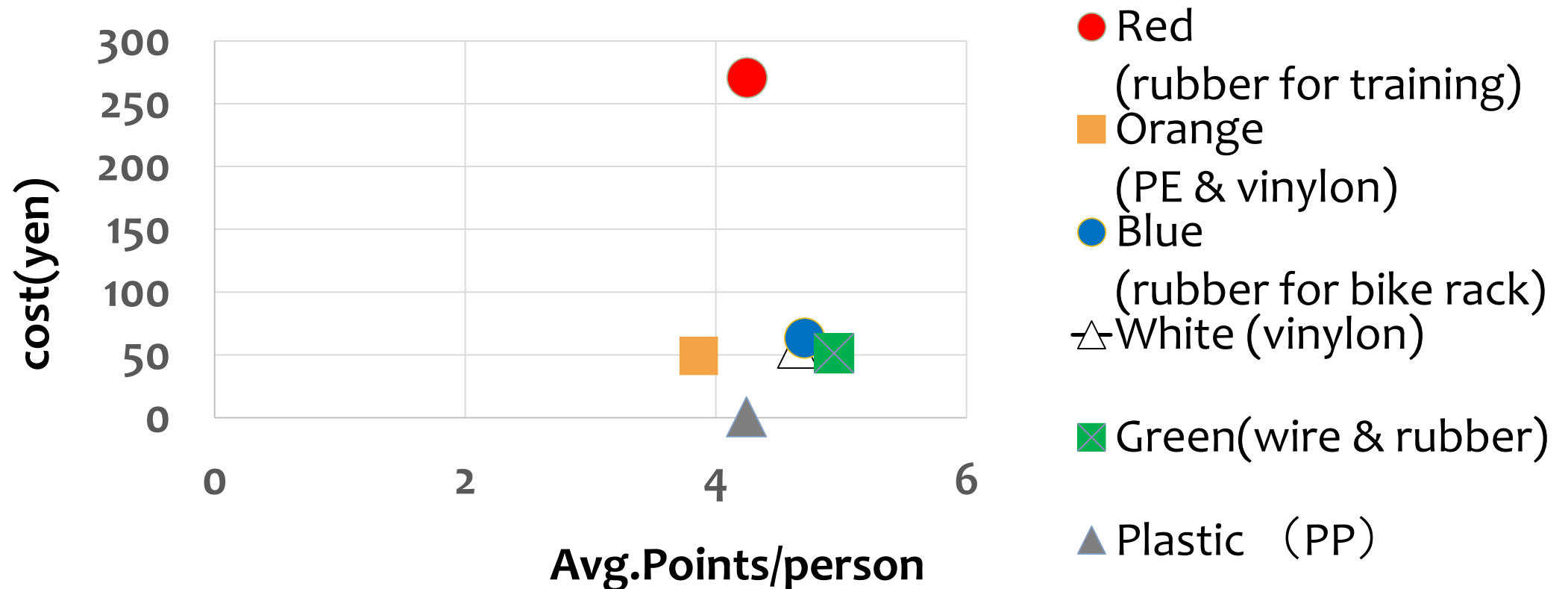
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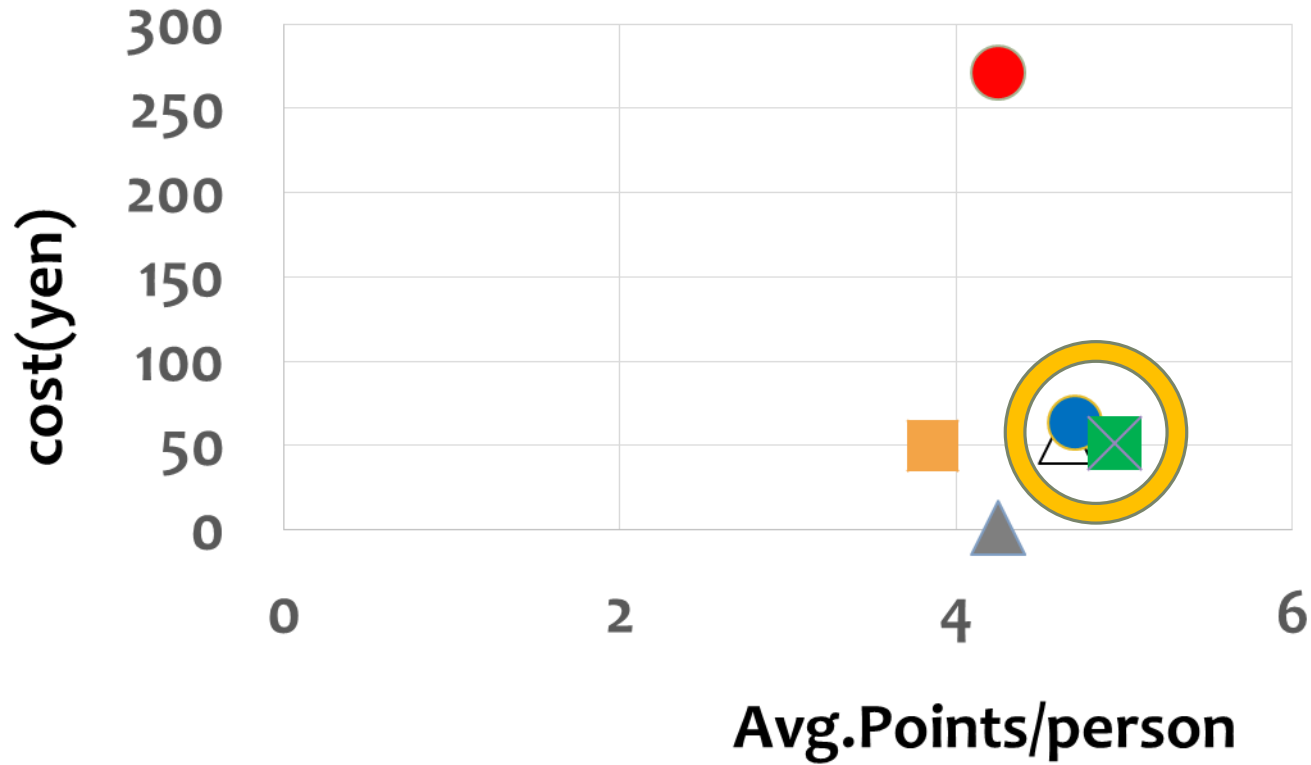
Points ○: 2 points △: 1 point ✕: 0 point

→ We took the average

Cost

we checked the costs of strings per tank (126cm)





Soft belt for gardening  
made of wire and rubber  
is the most suitable.



## Method A: method for the experiment

We can improve stone paper's strength and use it for a long time outside by applying  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

## Method B: Suggesting a new stone paper project

We can make a folding water tank by applying the design of an origami balloon and improving upon it.

## Method A: method for the experiment

- Checking whether stone paper's strength changes by applying  $\text{TiO}_2$ .
- Studying how long titanium dioxide keeps working.
- Making products from stone paper coated in  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

## Method B: Suggesting a new stone paper project

- Considering thickness and size of paper
- Considering the cost of tanks
- Increasing the variety of strings
- Considering if we can apply  $\text{TiO}_2$  to our tank



- 1) Kamatani Paper Company HP  
<http://www.kamatani.jp>
- 2)The association of photocatalyst industry  
<http://www.piaj.gr.jp/roller/contents/entry/200706118>
- 3)Ltd.Vortex Seychelle water purifier  
[http://safe-water.jp/user\\_data/water\\_contents.php](http://safe-water.jp/user_data/water_contents.php)

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