

Quilted Degradation

Quilted Degradation examines longevity by exploring the amount of time that a specific material degrades. Society produces waste material at a rate that surpasses our ability to manage it. This quilt made from paper waste highlights the need for sustainable product design. Each color of paper illustrates varying decomposition rates, educating the viewer on the lasting impact of their choices. All materials used, including recycled paper and found objects, are sourced from waste streams, showcasing the abundance of discarded resources. Quilted Degradation materials were collected by UCONN students from their environments and challenges convenience-driven waste generation by showcasing the immense time needed for degradation of each single use product. By juxtaposing man-made and natural materials, it underscores the importance of considering environmental impact in material choices.

