

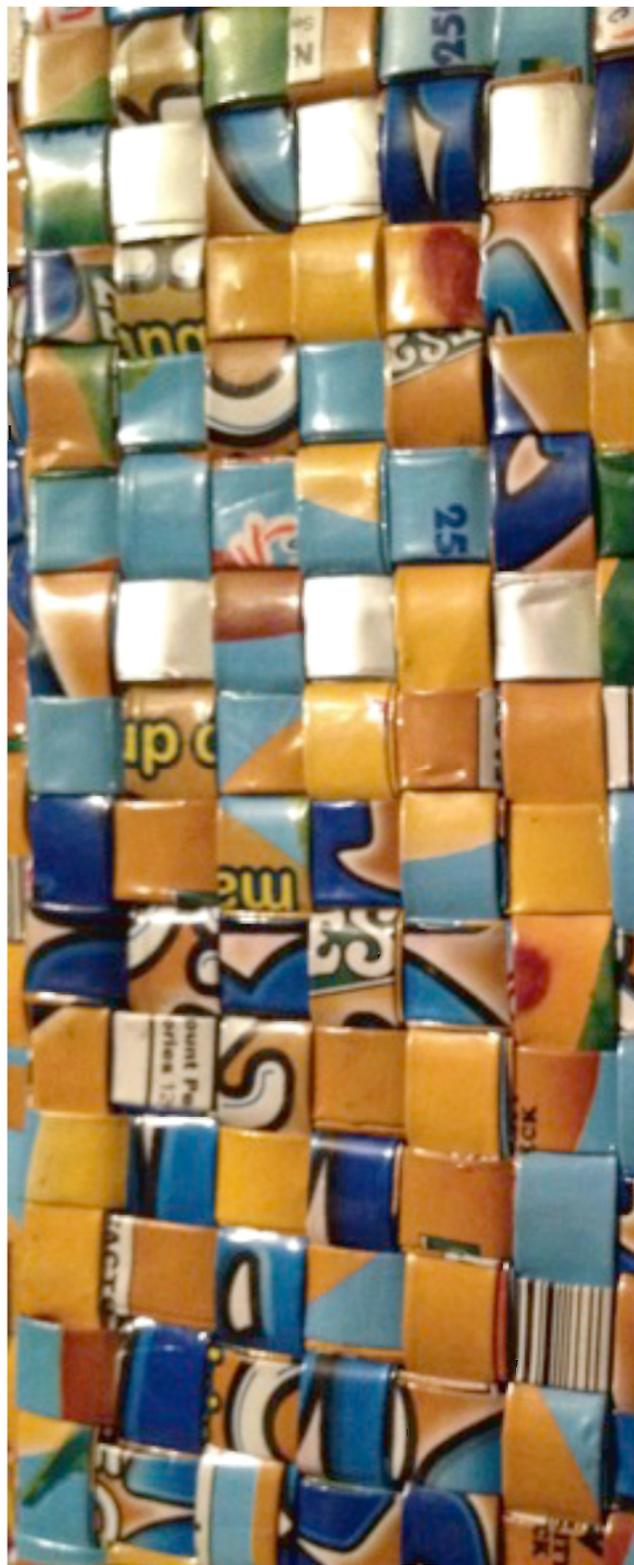
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Bags made from recycled juice packs from the Philippines



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All products are imported from the Philippines!

Made of the juice packs used in the Philippines for any and all liquids, ranging from juice, to spaghetti sauce, to shampoo.



With no infrastructure for recycling in the Philippines, all the waste goes directly into already heaping landfills.

Organizations get these juice packs from landfills and stores, and work with families in the slums of Manila to produce the bags.

The children wash and dry the packs, while their mothers sew and weave the packs to make the bags, helping curb the garbage problem, keeping kids off the streets, and creating a life-saving income for the family.



Growing up with a Filipina mother, I always heard stories about her life in the provinces, and how lucky I was to be in the US.

When I visited the Philippines in the second grade for the first time since I was a baby, I saw first-hand that she was completely right. While there are a few extremely wealthy people, there were so many more poor living on the streets. In general the average standard of living is much lower than that of the US.

The image that sticks out in my memory the most is crossing a set of railroad tracks in a taxi with my mother and sister. There were little buildings on either side, and as we crossed, I saw that they were houses, built from scrap metal, cardboard, and other materials. Kids were running around barefoot while their mothers hung clothes up on lines draped between houses. I was amazed at how different it was. The worst part was that this wasn't even close to the worst circumstances, but was probably somewhere in the middle of the spectrum. Since then, I've felt it my duty to help out the people in the Philippines as much as I can, and spread awareness of the condition of people around the world. Though I'm only a senior in high school, I'm truly passionate about this and believe in it.

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