



Lilli - Beeswax origami

What was your goal and what did you want to achieve?

I had the idea of making a new product out of beeswax wraps. I wanted to create a new shape because usually beeswax wraps are used to wrap stuff in, but I decided to try and make a container so that it could be used to hold chips and other things. I wasn't quite sure what shape to make it but I got help from my younger sisters and we decided to take inspiration from origami. So, we created a kind-of box-like shape with two bits that can join to close.

Who else did you work with?

I reached out to my old primary school because I was part of their eco leaders program and also part of a another group called YELP. I got help from a couple of teachers and from all the younger students in the eco leaders' program. I wanted to get some new ideas from younger children because they have good imaginations. I worked with lots of other contacts from my home group teacher because there was a girl that did a similar project to me.

What was your biggest success?

Probably finding the right shape and being able to work with my old primary school because I love all the people there.

What did you find challenging?

Actually creating the shape because it's hard to get fabric to fold like paper. I'm hoping to work with my primary school and see if we can create the origami shape. If we can't then we're going to have to find a different design.

How have you shared your work?

I went to AYCC's Power Shift summit and promoted my idea there.

What did you enjoy most?

The idea of being able to make an impact, because I want to create a better future for future generations, whether it's little steps or big steps.

Next steps?

I will keep working with my primary school and hopefully my high school gets some more high school students involved, because they don't seem quite as enthusiastic. I'm hoping once the product is created to sell it at our school garden market.

Your advice to other students?

Definitely don't do it alone. You need other people, it's really difficult to do by yourself.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Lilli's words and opinions.