



TASIK: SALTY DRAWING TOOL

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Idea spark

'The way how salt moves is beautiful and relaxing to see'

'The push & pull of magnets is fascinating'

'Mechanical (Sand) magnet drawing tools on the market are boring, it doesn't spark interaction & creativity'

'How is salt farmed in north Bali?'

'How can I invite people to interact and play with salt through art?'

Make your own Tasik tool

1. Bring together the following;

- tools (pictured)
- dry, grinded, sea salt
- optional; a bit of fine black sand to mix with the salt
- recycled plastic plate with a smooth surface
- magnets different strengths and shapes

Put the salt on the plate (hang it from a tree branch), put a magnet on top and a magnet underneath until they stick together. Then put your hand under, grasp the magnet and start pulling and pushing until the magnet above leaves a trace in the salt.

2. Make a prototype to see if the drawing tool works

- find participants to play with it
- take notes about what works

- try different staging settings
3. Invite some help & present
- find local people, friends/ family to help with
 - together collect local materials such as leaves, stems, baskets
 - design the interaction & consider nighttime and daytime staging
 - embrace spin-off projects, such as diorama/ stage decoration.
 - make a presentation for an open day
 - Document and share your process and your deliverables
 - Ideate on a next project, inspired by this one



Examples & Learnings



Maze drawing in sea salt and beach sand

A two-tier Tasik tool. Coral, Papaya stems, anemone design magnet, bamboo basket



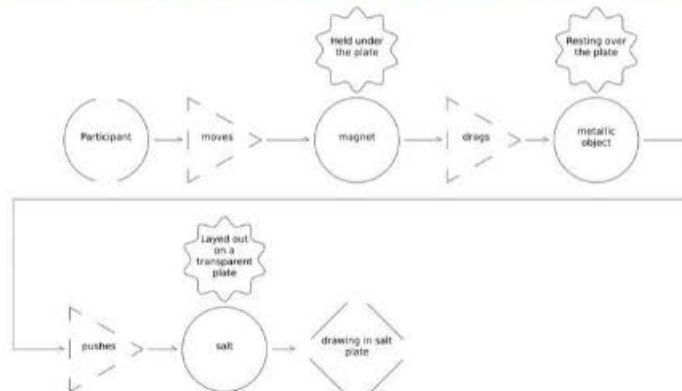
Moth avatar. Yellow paper, lacquer and 10 by 2 mm magnet



Assia in outdoor maker space



Decoration issues. Because palm leaf and baskets together look too much like holy offerings, we had to change to banana leaf for decoration



Alejandro used Marije Baalman's *Composing Interactions Visual Language* to create an interaction diagram of Tasik.

Feedback

- "It's FUN to draw with salt and magnet! And relaxing too"
- "Reminds me of a zen garden, it could use a tiny rake"
- "Simple yet fun"
- "playful tactile beautiful structure"
- "Tasty :-)"
- "Make an pac-man like avatar on the magnet"
- "Salt could be finer, the plate bigger"
- "Add light (from above or below) to beam through the patterns"

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