THE 30¢ Shoe

CHEAP, GROWABLE MATERIAL

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SELF-CONSTRUCTED

The shoe is shipped out in mounds, with users self-constructing the shoe. This enables access and scalability and decreases cost.

STRUCTURAL STRAP

The structural strap controls how the shoe stretches and grows, for >10 years of the shoe’s use.

MANUAL

01 ADD WATER TO MOUND

Each 30¢ shoe set comes in a strap and mound. Add water until the mound stops rising (~1 cup).

02 INSERT FEET AND MOLD MOUND INTO SHOE

Fit a strap to each foot and insert each foot into mound immediately after risen. Use your feet and hands to mold the shoe into the desired design. All closed-toe designs are possible—consider molding into boots for protection in water.

03 ADJUST STRAP TO CONTROL SHOE GROWTH

The shoe-mound itself is designed to stretch and grow around the strap. During the 10 years of growth that the shoe fits, adjust the strap to stretch the shoe out.

SELF-DESIGNED

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