



We start where bathing stops

WHO WE ARE

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Studio Byangwe is a design collective that explores the potential of the natural bath loofah (ekyangwe) through design and making of premium domestic and industrial loofah products.

Conceived in October 2019 and later established in 2020 by a collective of 3 ladies, Lydia (an Architect), Victoria (a social worker) and Suubi (visual and performing artist) in response to the untapped and unfostered potential of byangwe as a material in Uganda.

Byangwe is a local word in Luganda meaning loofah. The loofah (byangwe) is a material readily available in Uganda commonly grown in backyards, creeps over fences, cassava palpatations and also grows / creeps on big trees. In Uganda, the byangwe are commonly known for one major purpose which is bathing. Women and children are commonly seen on the streets of Kampala selling/ hawking the byangwe in traffic jam to different motorists.





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OUR MISSION

Changing the world one kyangwe at a time by showing the world that this material can do more than what its known for.

OUR VISION

Transforming how byangwe are used and seen in Uganda, by creating an awareness of alternative uses through the creation of premium products empowering byangwe growers through providing direct market to their produce as an opportunity to critically reflect on material grown in Uganda and imagine numerous/ potential domestic and commercial uses to it.

OUR VALUES

Eco friendly
Zero waste
Experimentation
Flexibility
Hospitality
Knowledge sharing
Win-win partnerships
Growers First
Truth
Communication



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THE TEAM

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SANDRA SUUBI



Sandra is a visual and performing artist Sandra with an MA in fine art from Makerere University.

She has for a long time been interested in working with material that is eco friendly and found within her immediate environment.

KANAKULYA LYDIA



Lydia is a Graduate Architect and entrepreneur with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Ardhi University.

She is passionate about local materials, local skills and how to translate them into forming the spaces around us.

IRENE VICTORIA KALINZI



Irene is a Social worker and entrepreneur with a Bachelor of Arts in Social work and Social Administration from Makerere University.

She is passionate about developing people in areas of health, farming and entrepreneurship.



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OUR PRODUCTS

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Bed side lamp

Description: Byangwe bedside lamp with wooden stand.

Product varieties: Customizable colors of the byangwe



Pendant lamp shade

Description: Byangwe Pendant lamp shade

Product varieties: Color of Byangwe can be customized.



Scouring pads

Description: Byangwe scouring pads

Product varieties: Varying color of tagged cloth



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Star Loofah

Description: Star shaped loofah with colorful fabric lining.

Product varieties: Double with loofah on both sides, Single with loofah and cloth on the other.



Heart Loofah

Description: Heart shaped loofah with colorful fabric lining.

Product varieties: Double with loofah on both sides, Single with loofah and cloth on the other.



Circle Loofah

Description: Circle shaped loofah with colorful fabric lining.

Product varieties: Double with loofah on both sides, Single with loofah and cloth on the other.



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Back Loofah

Description: Back scrubbing loofah with colorful pull strings and lining in cloth.

Product varieties: Various colors of the cloth lining



Rectangle Loofah

Description: Rectangular loofah with colorful cloth lining

Product varieties: Double with loofah on both sides, Single with loofah and cloth on the other.



Glove Loofah

Description: Wearable loofah glove with colorful cloth lining and cloth on one side

Product varieties: Left and right hand glove



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Byangwe slip in sandal

Description: Byangwe bedside lamp with wooden stand.

Product varieties: Customizable colors of the byangwe



Byangwe sandal

Description: Byangwe Pendant lamp shade

Product varieties: Color of Byangwe can be customized.



Slipper sandals

Description: Byangwe bedside lamp with wooden stand.

Product varieties: Color of Byangwe can be customized.