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But these are bandwidths from a bigger problem: materials that are not biodegradable and are produced in mass production in key locations (so supply chains can easily disrupt). When Dominic Muren, a former toy designer, founded the Humblefactory design laboratory, he decided to deal with the systemic supply chain. Why don't we just think about how slow food thinks about food? Slow food is not trying to be a healthy alternative to a TV dinner, he explains. It asks people to completely re-examine how food is delivered to them in a local context. We don't have a good place to discuss what it's possible to do in the local community on a small scale and how you do it. Humblefactory has worked on various projects, including a skin-based method of holding the assemblies of objects together and a way to use waste paper from durable 3D objects (the vacuum-based molding process appears in the slideshow above). Muren's latest is the most ambitious. Alchematter, site, launches in a closed alpha this summer, is a crowdsed guide to making things out of nowhere – or, if you like, Wikipedia for manufacturers. Muren says: We don't have good discuss what is possible to do in the local community on a small scale and how you do it. There are helpless and make:projects and a couple of websites that allow you to share help, but nothing that allows you to share the entire chain from the start. Alchematter's sample project may have instructions on how to make a sweater. But it doesn't stop there: At one procedural stage, there may be variations that change the pattern, or even instructions on how to make a knitting machine that creates a blouse for you. Sweater instructions could also be embedded in a larger project, such as a knitting pad going on the sofa. Muren is also excited about self-made biotechnology projects being included on the site (watch this video on how to make a DIY antidepressant yogurt to see what he means). Small-scale support infrastructure is scarce, he says. You don't just live in New York and you're an enthusiast or in the Ghanaian countryside and you're a farmer with nothing. Participants can customize each project to the local context. In New York, manufacturers may have the money to buy tools from McMaster Carr, a huge industrial supply company. In Detroit, manufacturers may not have the funds to do so – but they may have a chance to get scrap because they live in a place where the industry is in decline. A skilled assistant could take a note of the project for locals living in places with too many littered microwaves: Go find a dead microwave and take a specific piece of it for use in the XYZ project. The reality of small-scale work is that there are many different situations, Muren says. It's not just that you either live in New York and you're an enthusiast or you live in the Ghanaian countryside and you're a farmer with nothing. When the audience gets to play with Alchematter, there are probably a lot of projects. Humblefactory collaborates with open source ecology, which works with a toolbox containing 50 components that can build civilization from scratch (we believe it when we see it) to a closed alpha. They lack a good way to share these models, Muren says. TRANSITIONAL CASH payments are designed to transfer money between bank accounts using a computer network. The plan explains how THE EAF payments work. Silly perspective: 5 ways to improve employee satisfaction Maintaining employees is an essential part of running a successful business. Blueprint talks with kara chambers about ways the Motley Fool improves employee satisfaction. Beginner's guide to accepting ACH payments As a small business owner, you need to use payment methods for customers in addition to cash. Blueprint helps you set up direct deposit ACH payments. 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