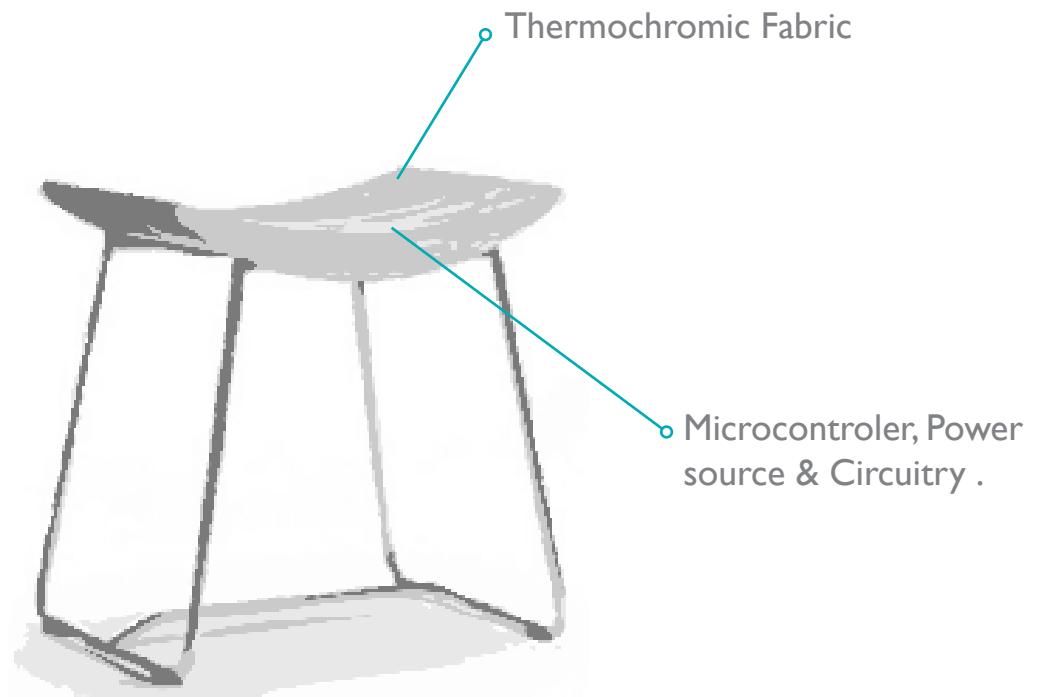


# **Thermometric Textiles**

## PROJECT PROPOSAL:

- What role can textiles and interiors play in informing us about exterior conditions?
- To create a series of textiles that are augmented by exterior conditions like weather or temperature.

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## FINAL PRODUCT:



Thermochromic  
Woven Fabric

Microcontroller & Circuitry

USB for Serial Port  
Communication from  
Computer (data feed) to  
LilyPad.

External Power Supply

## INSPIRATION AND INFLUENCES:



XS Labs:

## INSPIRATION AND INFLUENCES:



Linda Worbin: Fabrication Bag

## INSPIRATION AND INFLUENCES:

Computational:

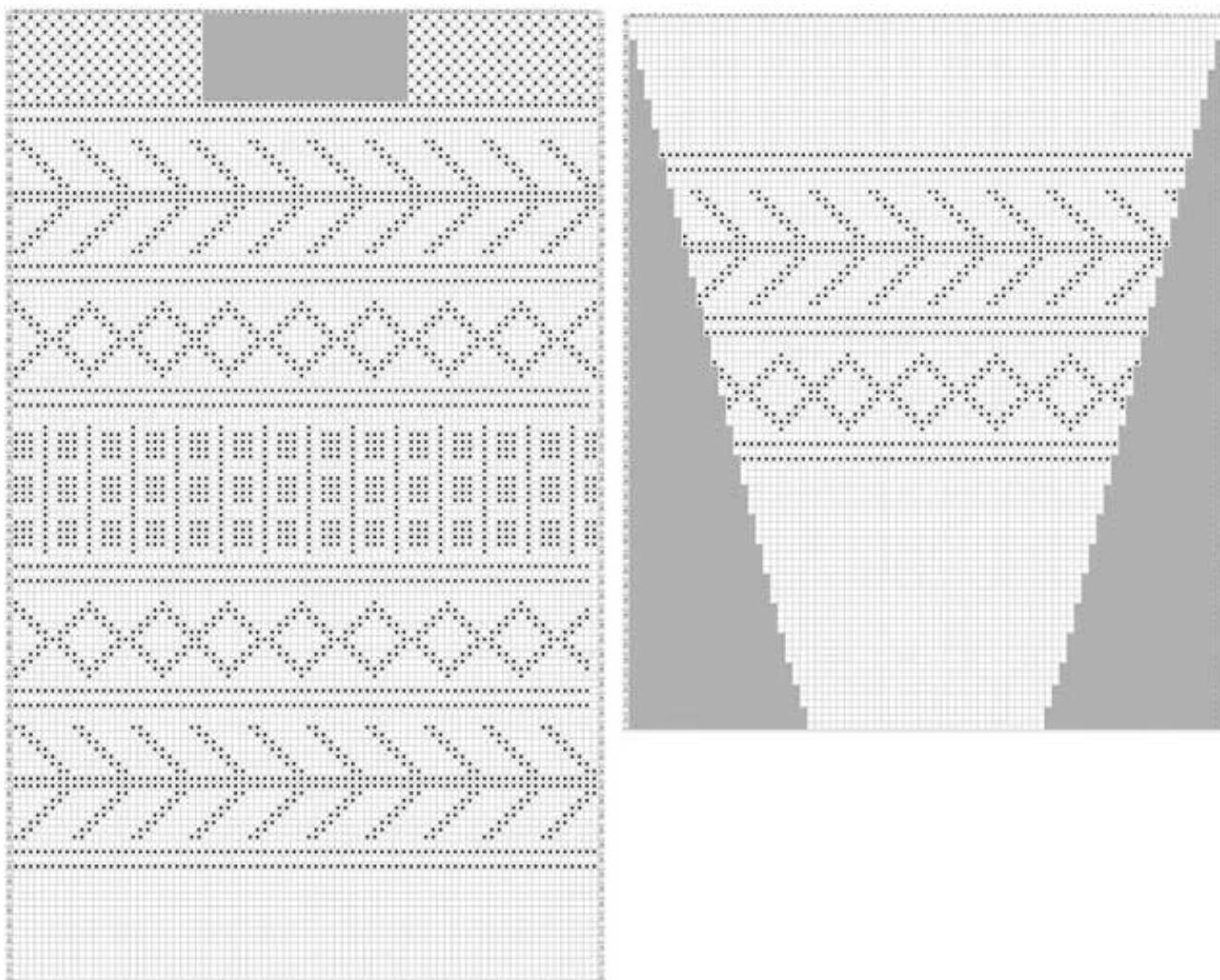
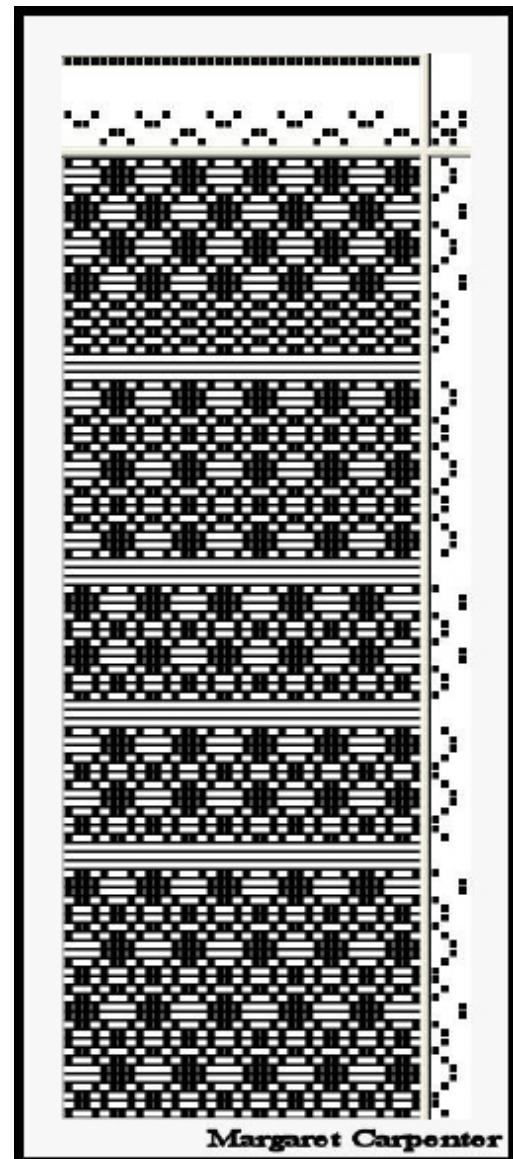
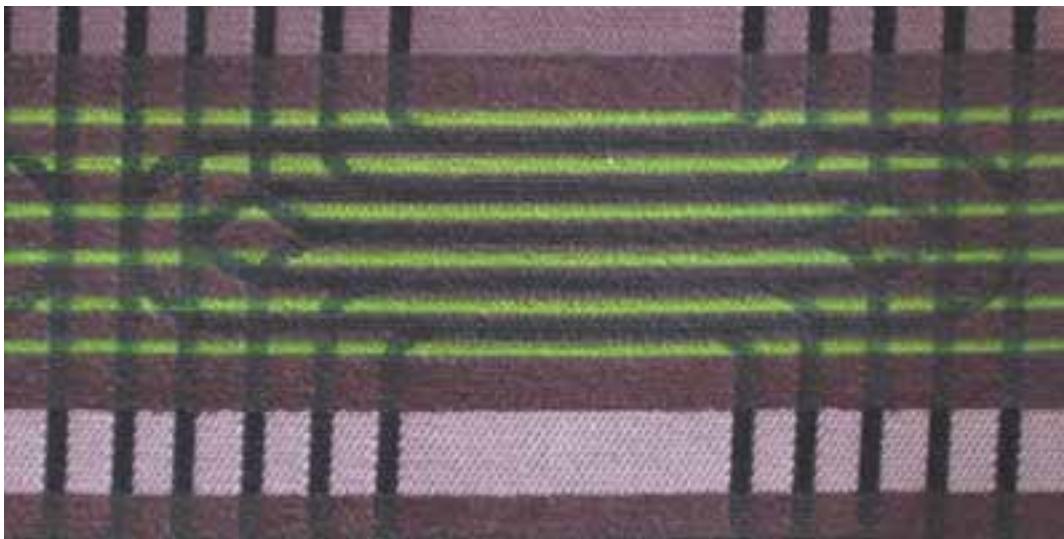


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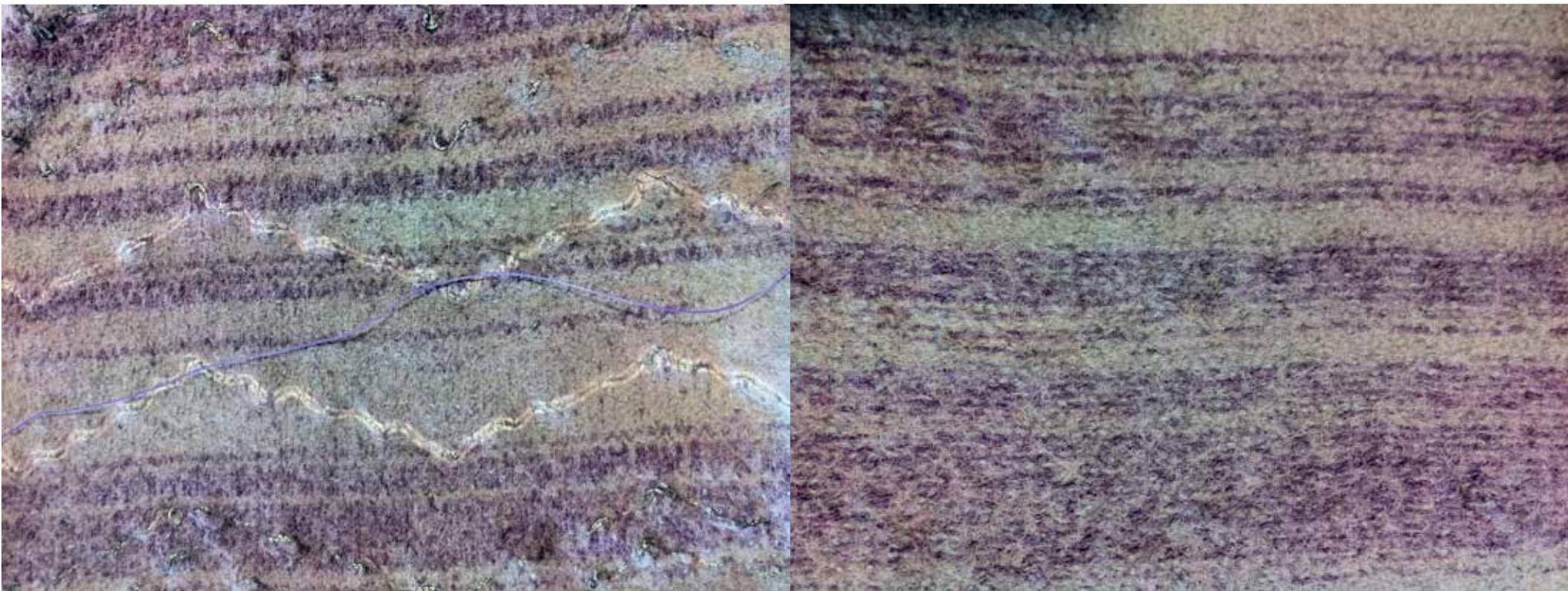
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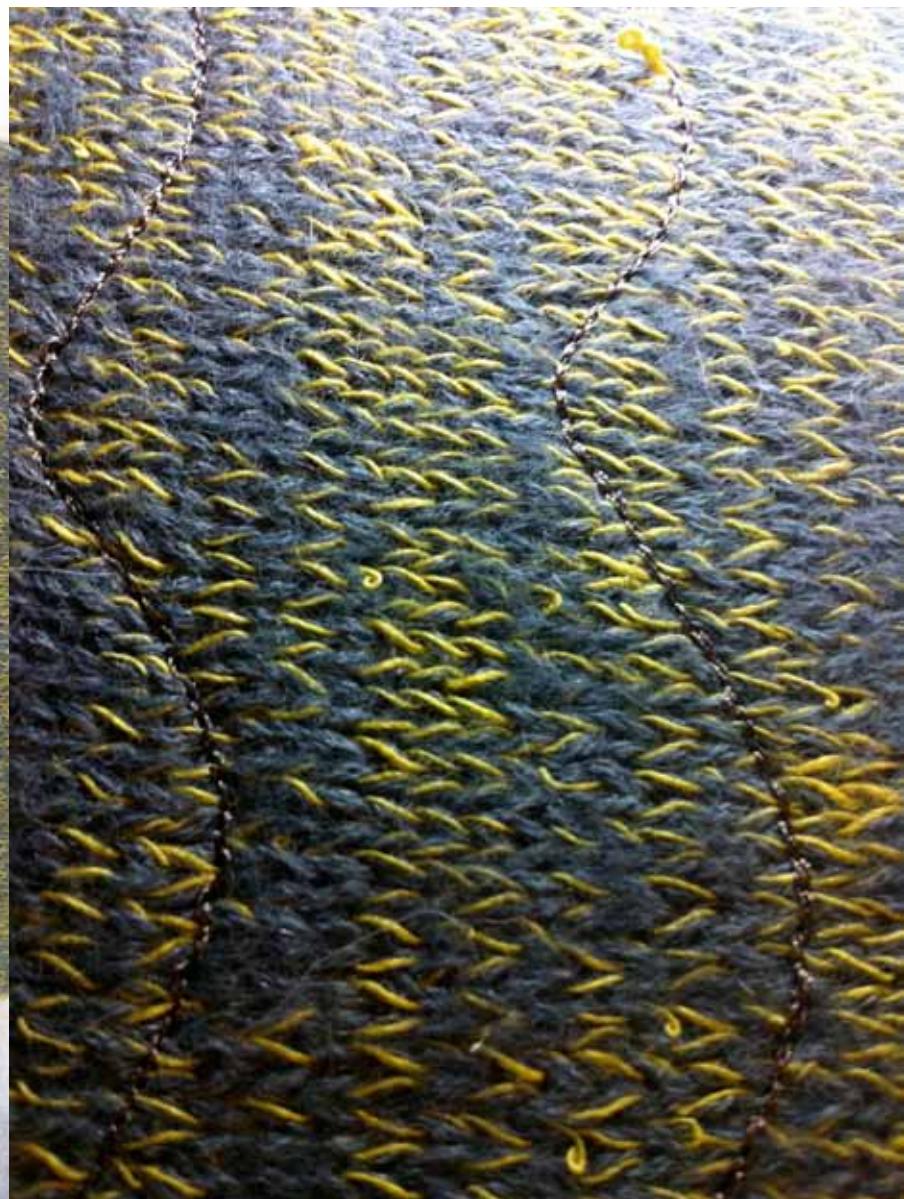
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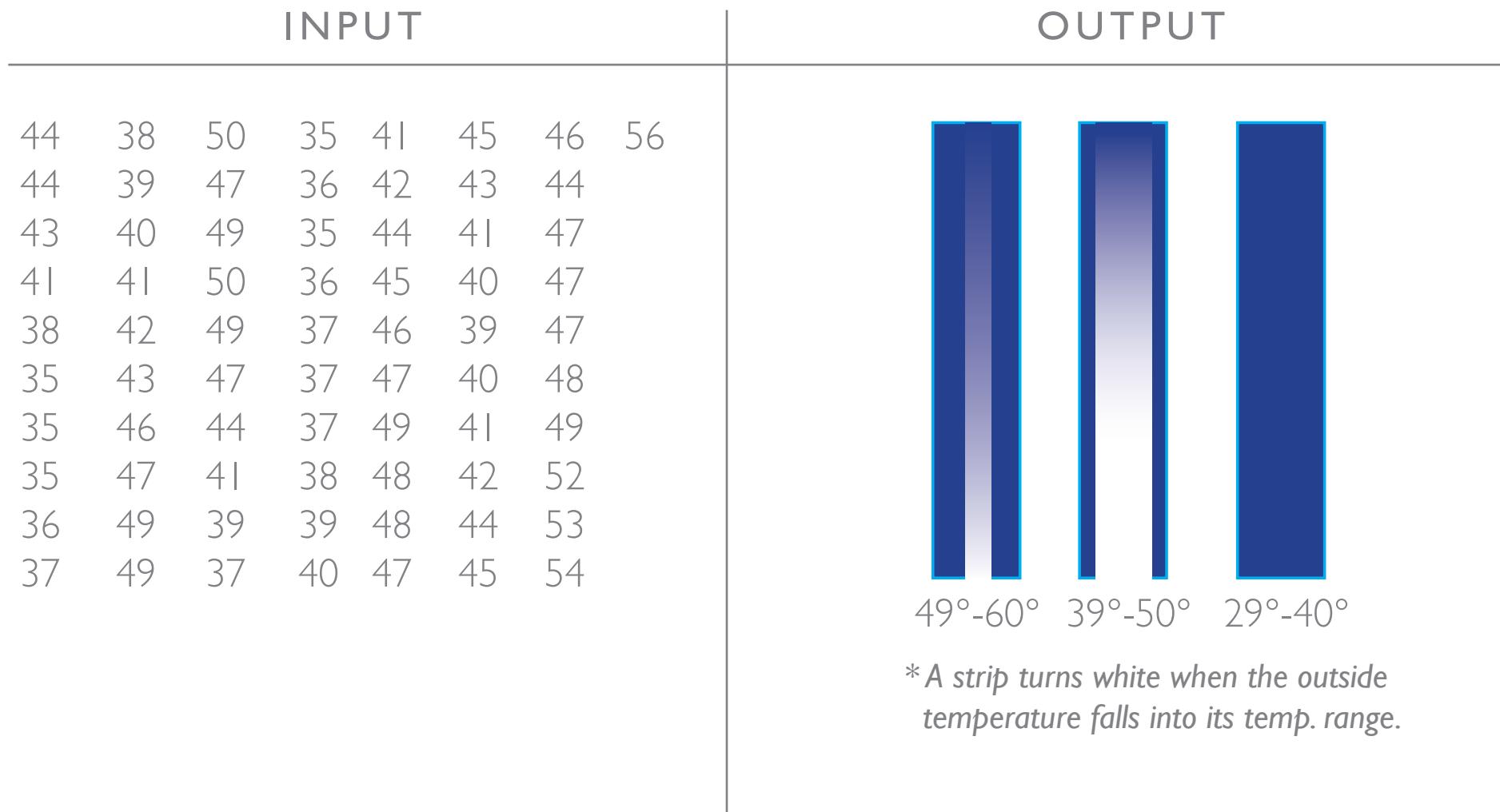
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## SYSTEM:

INPUT	OUTPUT
24 hours of recorded Temperature data for 12.2.2011 sped up in order to see the change over one day in 2 minutes.	3 thermometric strips changing in secession depending on the temperature outside.

## SYSTEM:



## PROCESS:



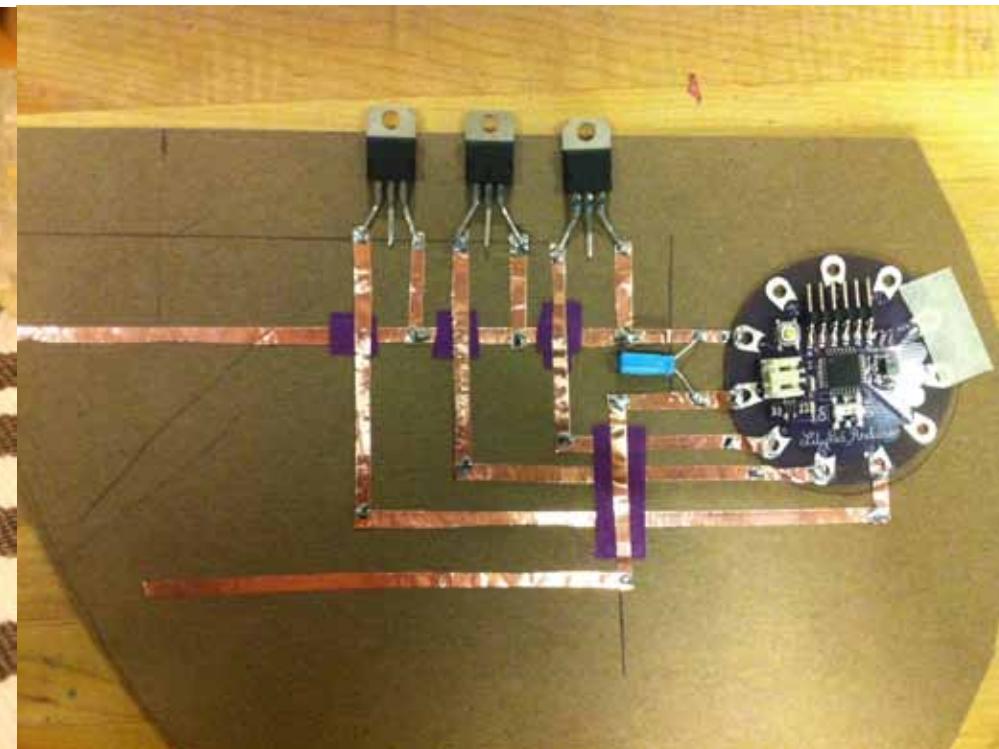
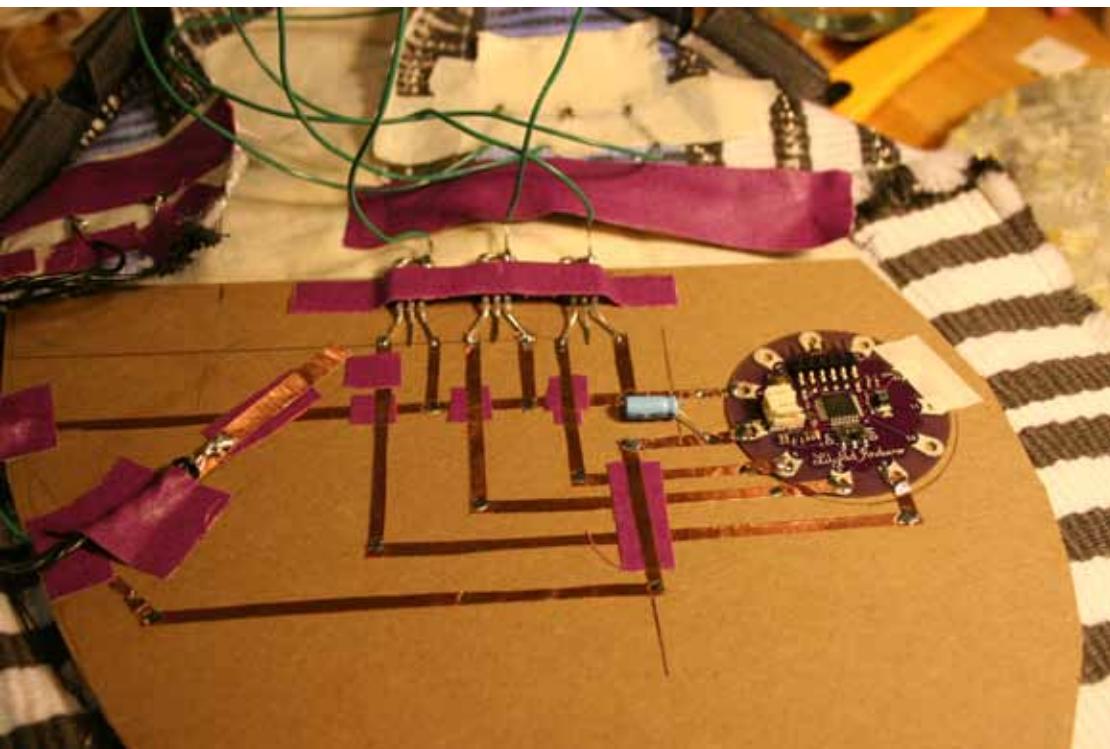
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The image shows two code editors side-by-side, illustrating the communication process between an Arduino and a Processing application.

**Left Editor (Arduino 1.0):**

```
ThermochromicFabricArduino7 | Arduino 1.0
ThermochromicFabricArduino7

int inComingCharacter = 0; // incoming serial byte
//int inComingData[10] = {'A'};
int inComingNumber;
long i;

void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(5, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(6, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
  // if we get a valid byte, read analog ins:
  if (Serial.available() > 0) {
    inComingNumber = Serial.read();
    Serial.write(inComingNumber);
    digitalWrite(13, HIGH);
    delay(100);

    if (inComingNumber > 29 && inComingNumber < 40){
      digitalWrite(5, HIGH);
      digitalWrite(6, LOW);
      digitalWrite(9, LOW);
    }
  }
}
```

**Right Editor (Processing 1.5.1):**

```
ThermoFabric4 | Processing 1.5.1
STANDARD
ThermoFabric4

import processing.serial.*;

String[] temp;
int index = 0;

Serial myPort; // The serial port
int[] serialInArray = new int[3]; // Where we'll put what we receive
int serialCount = 0; // A count of how many bytes we receive
boolean firstContact = false; // Whether we've heard from the microcontroller

void setup(){
  temp = loadStrings("positions_2.txt");

  println(Serial.list());
  myPort = new Serial(this, Serial.list()[0], 9600);
}

void draw() {
  if (index < temp.length) {
    String[] pieces = split(temp[index], '\t');
    println("Sent: " + pieces[0]);
    myPort.write(int(pieces[0]));
  }
  // Go to the next line for the next run through draw()
  index = index + 1;
  delay(5000);
}
```

The Arduino sketch reads serial input and controls digital pins 5, 6, and 9 based on the received character. The Processing sketch reads the serial input, splits it into pieces, prints them to the console, and then writes the first piece back to the serial port. The Arduino sketch also includes a section for handling a range of characters between 29 and 40, which is not explicitly used in the provided code snippets.

## CHALLENGES:

1. Power: (*less voltage and more amps*).
2. Mosfets: Burning a few out, not getting enough power from the LilyPad pin to activate the mosfet (*3v instead or 5v*).
3. Programing: sending and reading data of the same type.
4. Weave: low resistance (the stripe would not heat up, a few threads were isolated).
5. Dye: washability, tested different techniques.

## FUTURE EXPANSION:



1. Wireless: eliminate the USB to LilyPad and use Xbee instead.
2. Consider other applications: wall coverings, window treatment.
3. Implication other systems discussed: clear, partly cloudy and cloudy. Imagery?

# Demo

**THANK YOU.**