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From grass to plastic: The Effects of Economic Development on the Design and Production of the Traditional Swazi Grass Mat Made by Women

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Appendix A

General Group of Mats: Abbreviations and Key, Explanations of entries

The additional material may be wrapped around the grass strands or spiral bound. When the strands are wrapped, the sweet paper is cut into approximately 4 cm wide strips. The grass is placed at one end and rolled very much in the manner of a hand-rolled cigarette. The sweet paper comes in flat printed sheets; the individual strips are cut before loading onto the sweet wrapping machine at Cadburys and other sweet paper comes in rolls made of the narrow strips.

When the strands are spiral bound, narrow strips approximately 3 cm are cut. Several strands of *Umtsala* are held together to form a rod, this is carefully twisted whilst holding the sweet paper strip in the other hand, the strip is swiftly spiralled round the rod, the sweet paper ends are twisted to hold it in place.

Key for the General Group of Mats

String:

b.n.s - beige nylon string
bn.n.s. – brown nylon string
c.n.s. - cream nylon string
r.n.s - red nylon string
v.n.s. – variety nylon string
w.c.s. - white cotton string
w.n.s - white nylon string
Sisal string
Rolled palm string

Additional Materials abbreviations

BB bg – Big Boy bubble gum

B – Beacons Chocolate Éclair (red)

bg o bgs - bubble gum outer bags

CE – Chocolate Éclair

CE bn – Chocolate Éclair brown

CE g – Chocolate Éclair gold

CE mt – Chocolate Éclair mint (shiny)

CE p – Chocolate Éclair purple

CE p.g. – Chocolate Éclair purple gold

CE s – Chocolate Éclair silver

CE p+g – Chocolate Éclair purple and gold

CE p+s – Chocolate Éclair purple and silver

CE o bgs – Chocolate Éclair outer bags

CK - Chakalas

CP r – Chappies red

CP dk r – Chappies dark red (watermelon)

CP y – Chappies yellow (tutti frutti)

CP pk - Chappies pink (grape)

CP pmt – Chappies light blue (peppermint)

CP g – Chappies green (spearmint)

CP mt – Chappies (green)

CP lt gr – Chappies light green

c pkts – crisp packets

ex.p – extruded polystyrene

FF r.w.b. – Family Favourite red white blue

FF g.bl. – Family Favourite gold blue

FF gr. - Family Favourite green

FF r. shiny – Family Favourite red shiny

FF r.y.b. shiny – Family Favourite red, yellow, blue shiny

FF r.g. shiny – Family Favourite red, gold shiny

FM - Freemax

HH bg - Happy Hippo bubble gum

HH o bs – Happy Hippos outer bags

HT - Hot Tips

MM bl - Marshmellow blue

ML - Moonlite

Musk pk - Chappies musk pink

o bgs – outer bags

p - paper

PC – Popcorn

PFC – Puffed Corn

pkg - packaging

pkts - packets

pl - plastic

poly - polythene

polyst – polystyrene

S - Simba

SR – Sunrise

T Biscuits – Tennis Biscuits

WS - Wilsons

wx p – wax paper

w wax p - white wax p

Colours

bl – blue

bl p shiny - shiny blue paper

blk – black

bn – brown

c - cream

g – gold

gr – green

lt – light

pk – pink

prp – purple

r – red

o – orange

s – silver

w - white

y – yellow

Orientation of mat patterns

hoz – horizontal

vert - vertical

Types of Mats

SL - sleeping mat

ST - sitting mat

WH - wall hanging

FL - floor mat

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