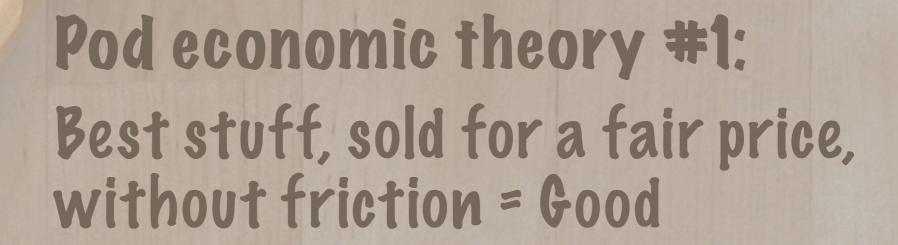


# Pod economic theory #1: Best stuff, sold for a fair price, without friction = Good







Pod economic theory #2: Competing & similar products, the superior brand = Win



# Pod Zero to Hero recipe #1: Best stuff + Best brand = Double Plus Good Win

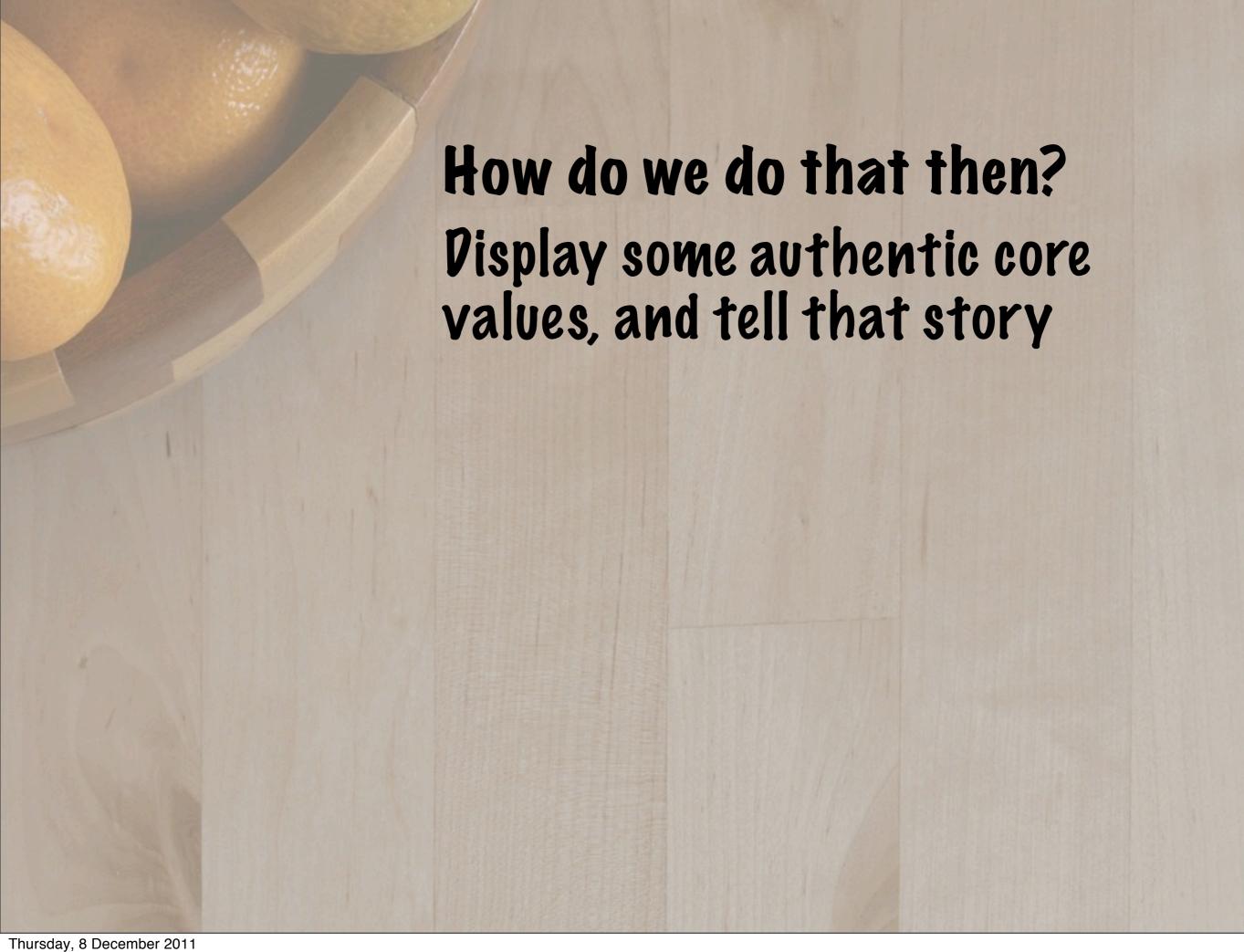


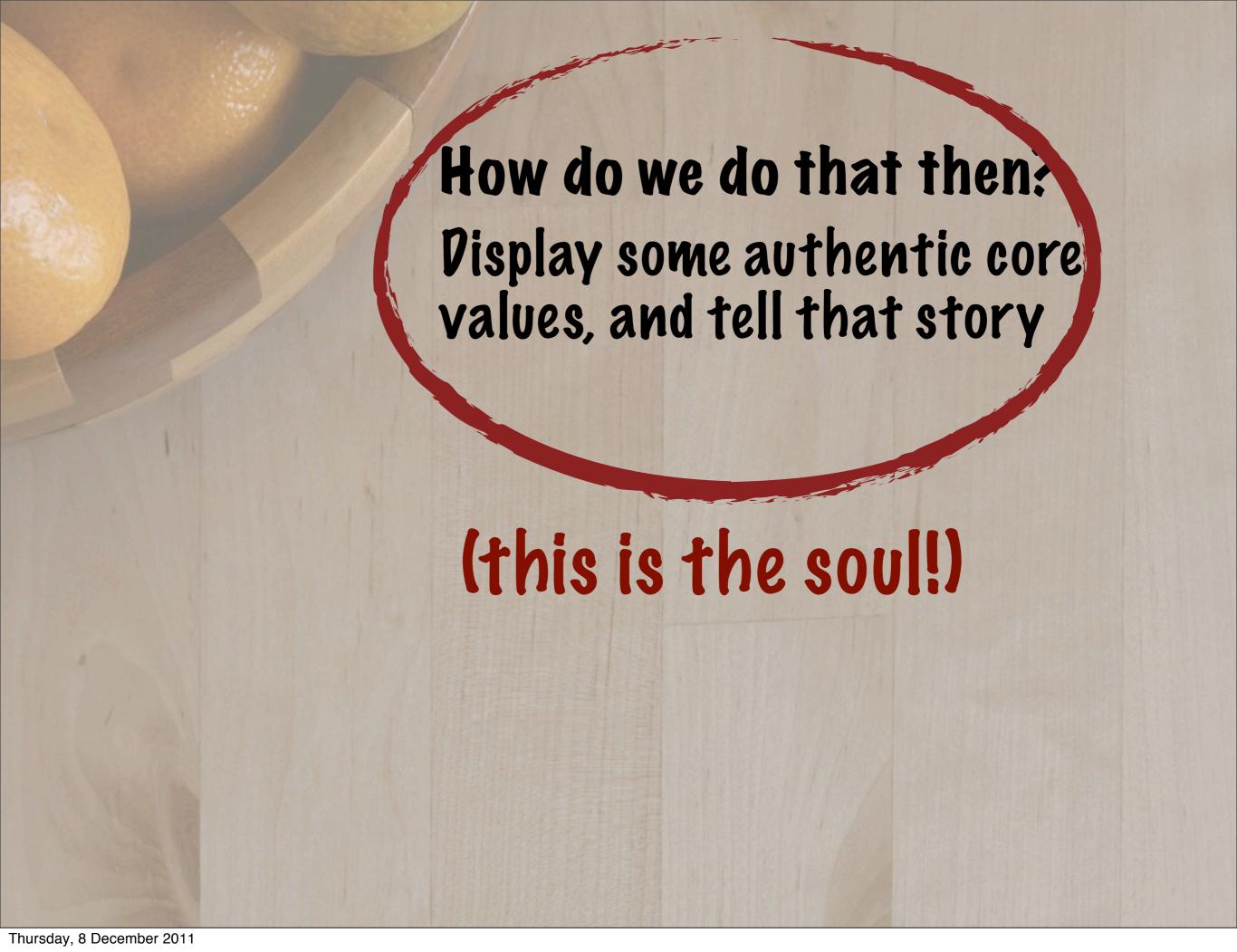
### What is a brand?

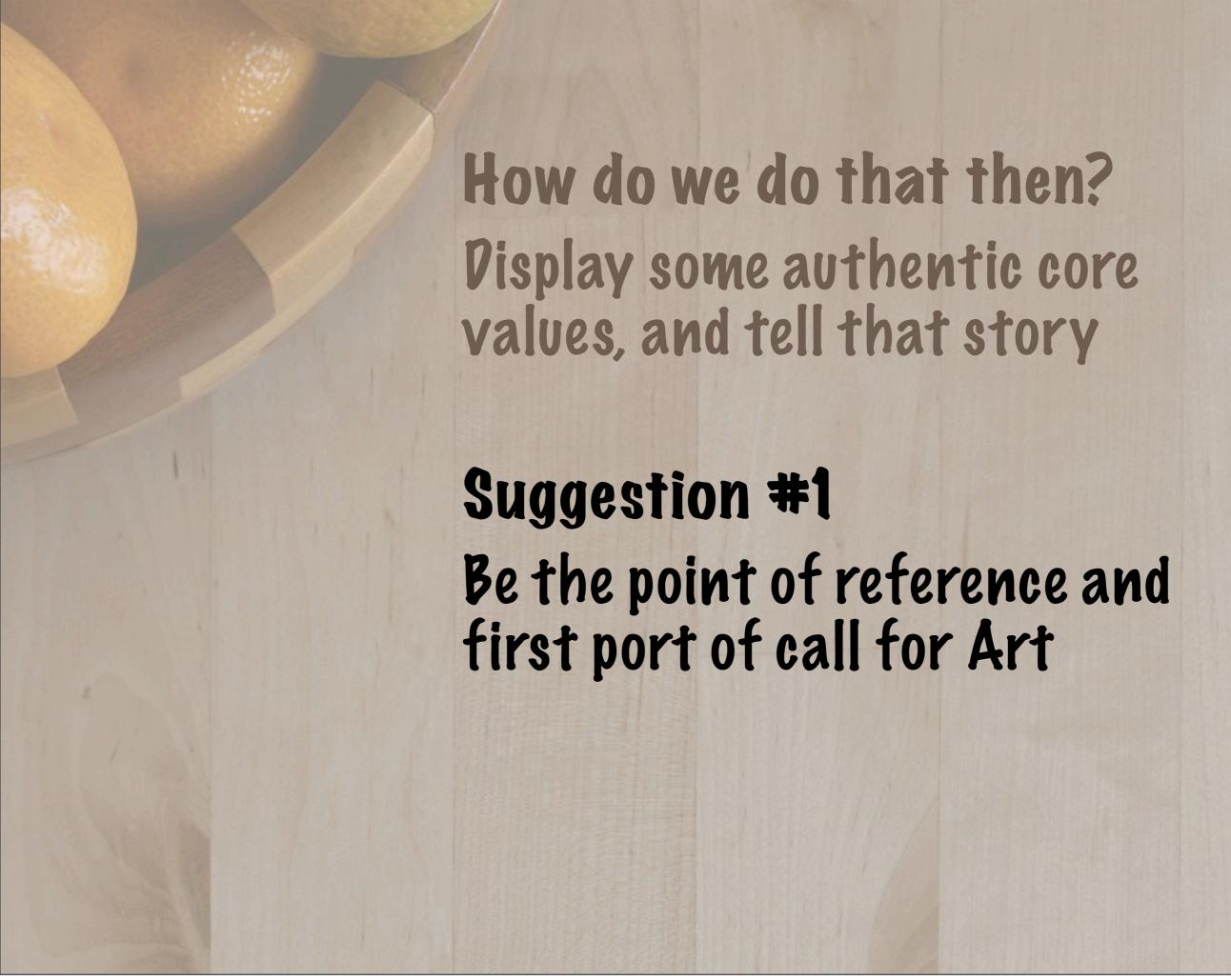
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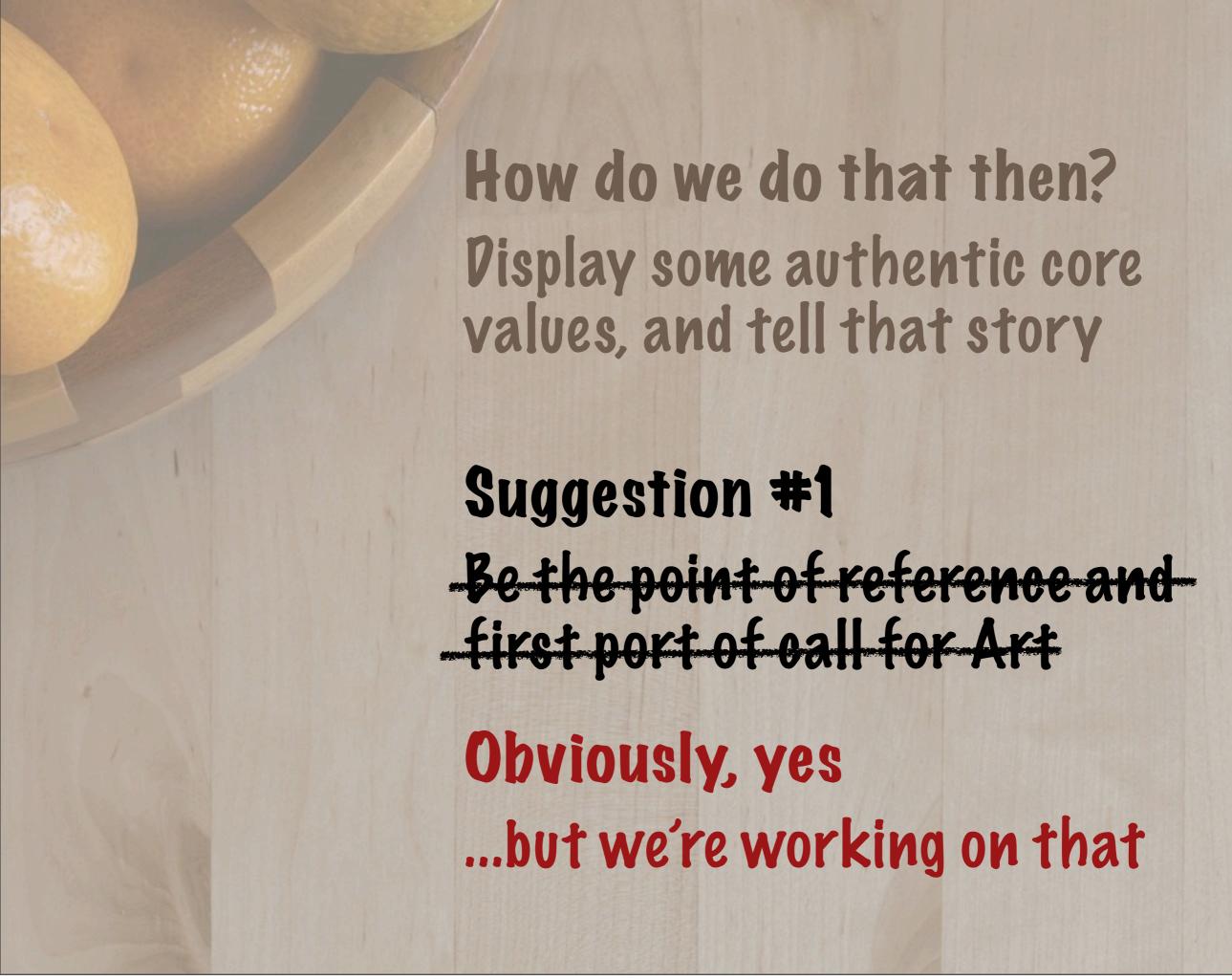
- Who are we?
- Why are we here?
- What do we care about?
- What do we do?
- Why does it matter?
- What makes us special?

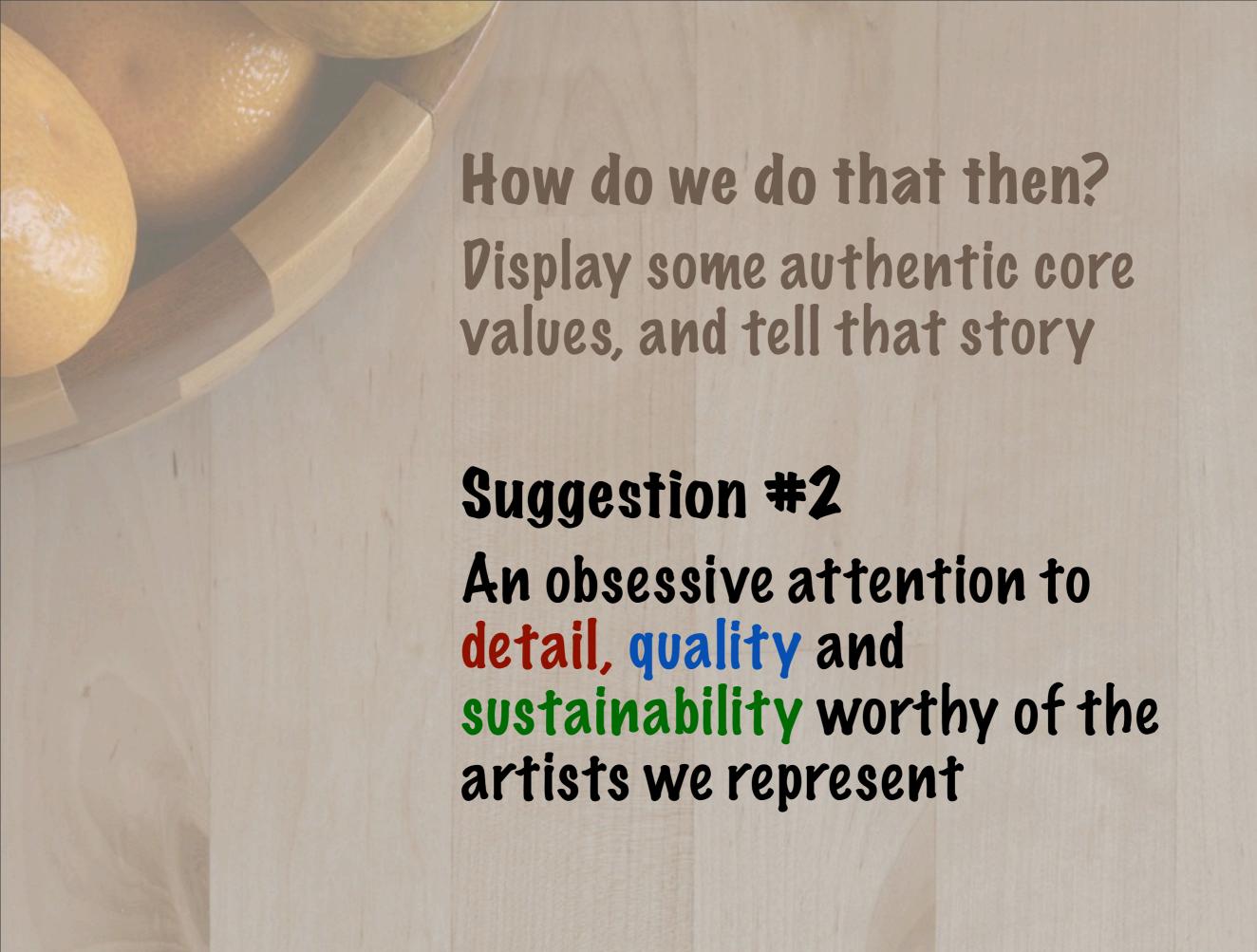
## Tell a story:











### How do we do that then?

#### Materials

- local, organic, non-toxic, sustainable

#### Processes

- end-to-end control
- locally sourced, manufactured

#### Communication

- always be telling the story

# Nice print you have there...



Hidden Moves by Astro Bear

## Nice print you have there...

Where's the paper from? What's it made from? How is it made? Is the pulp sustainably sourced? Has it been bleached? Has the bleach been pumped into the local river? How many miles has it travelled? How? What type of tree is the frame made from? Where was it grown? Was it sprayed with chemicals? Who felled it? Was a new one planted? What's it finished with? Is it toxic? Did you do the simplest join on the mitre?

Or the best?



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#### Brand interlude: A tale of two T-shirts



"does the job"

"amazing"

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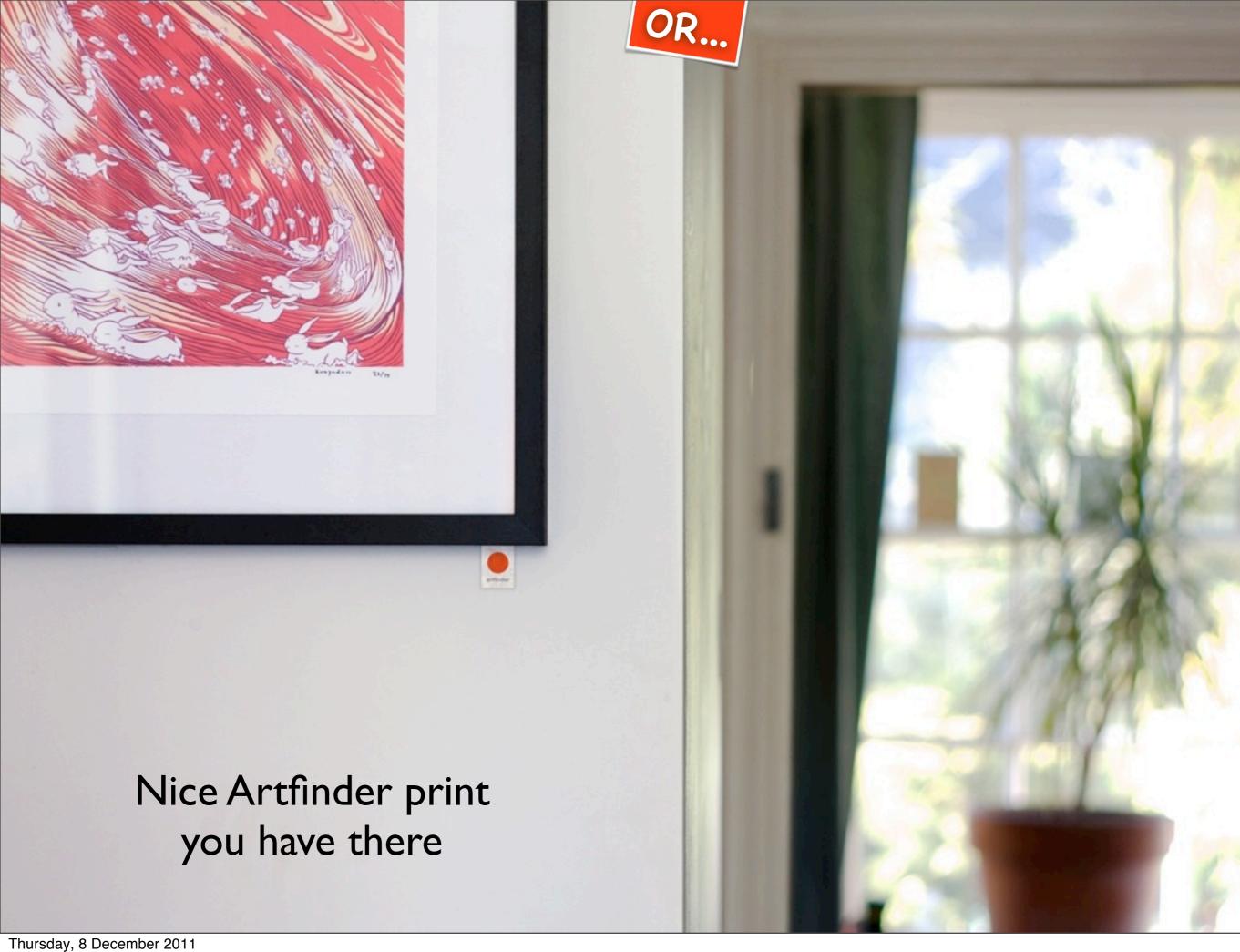


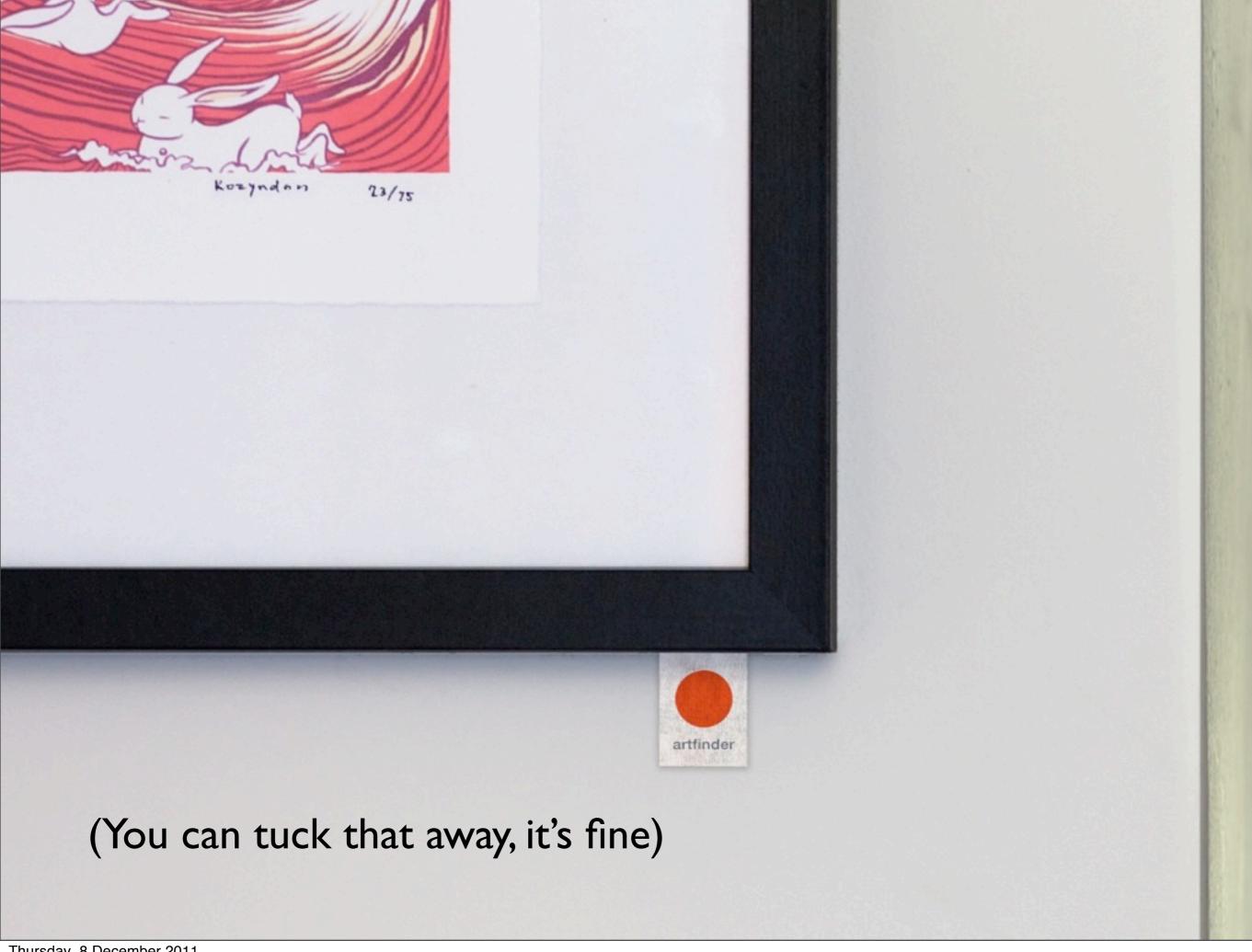
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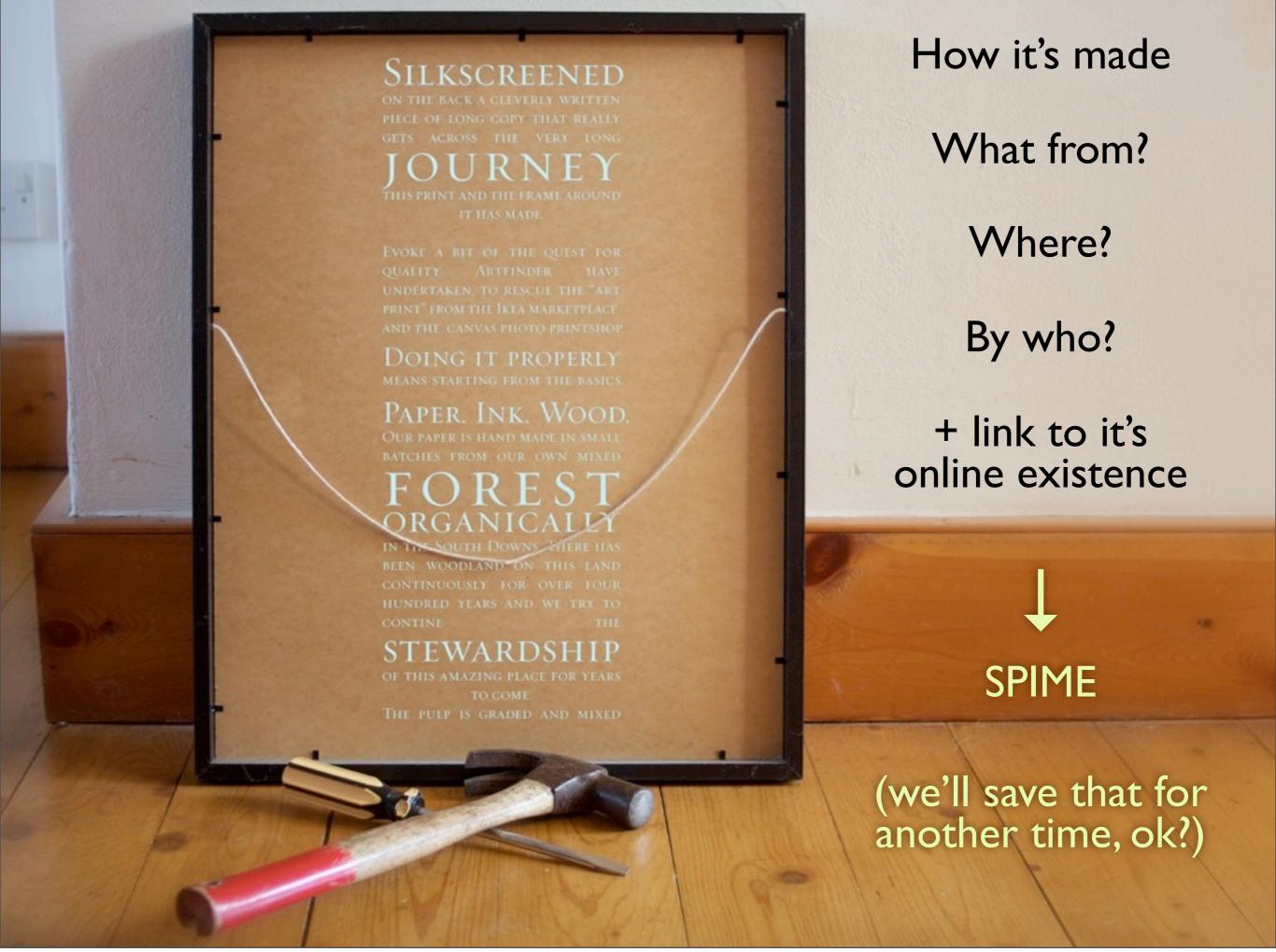












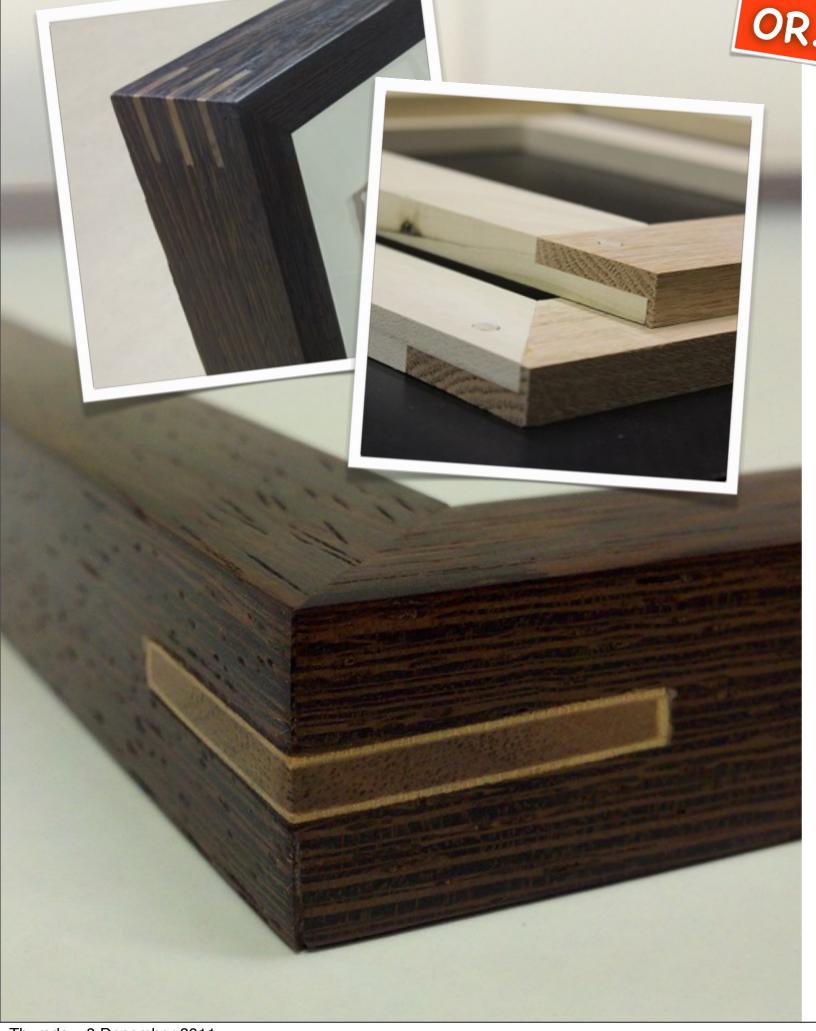


#### So, how is it made?

Formaldehyde bound particle board moulding with wood-effect printed veneer.

Glued and pinned at the corners to one of a few standard sizes.

(that's, er... fine)



#### How it is made.

Wooden frame, cut to size to match the artwork and graded for even grain.

Joined using a spline or half lap from contrasting wood and finished in natural stains and oils.

(totally amazing)











Winter thaw in the woods (1917) by Tom Thomson





