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This project mainly questions the contemporary housing attitude, especially in Sweden. In this attitude, people need to be housed just as they need to be educated or employed. Lots of social and mental contradictions in big cities emerge in unhealthy home environments where instead of settling down and being in ease, people are in suffering at their home. But is the housing only a need that has to be met? The top-down perspective toward housing and the lack of participation is what we consider as central problems in the contemporary way of housing. By excluding people from the housing process, a monopoly in the housing market has shaped that has never been successful in providing suitable houses either in quantity or in quality. The urge to house a significant population in small areas has worsened this situation in big cities since the mass of houses is what the authorities are looking for. But if we want to live dense, shouldn't we live together?

After investigating Mass-Housing and their monopoly as our antithesis, we developed our own method of participatory housing with an eye on collective living as a significant way to overcome the social and mental shortages that may arise by living in cities. We tried to break the illusion of complex processes of building a house, induced by the housing market monopoly, as mentioned above, by simplifying the process of housing in design as well as construction. To do so, we will present methods to design and then build houses using earthen materials and wood.