

## **ReFab Supplement:** Material Repurposing



exterior

## Windshield Chapel

Mason Bend Community Center Hale County, Alabama Sam Mockbee/Rural Studio 1999/2000

interior





exterior detail

ReFab is partially inspired by the pioneering work of the late architect Sam Mockbee, whose Rural Studio sought to deliver affordable yet innovative architecture to residents of a remote region of Alabama. His "Windshield Chapel" (pictured), used 80 Chevy Caprice windshields purchased for a total of \$120 at a scrap yard to create a continuous glass enclosure. While he began with the structure, however, and moved towards finding a material to accomodate it, we intend to begin with the material and use digital modeling to arrive at an optimal structure.

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