

**THE TRAINING OF PROCESSING WATER HYACINTHS INTO
ACCESSORIES AND TISSUE BOXES IN IMPROVING THE LIFE SKILLS
OF HOUSEWIVES IN RT 02 RW 19 LARANGAN, CIREBON**

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to provide knowledge and understanding as well as skills training through processing of water hyacinth into accessories and tissue boxes in improving the life skills of housewives in RT 02 RW 19 Larangan Village, Cirebon. This study uses pre-experimental one-group, pretest-posttest, which the subject are the local housewives in RT 02 RW 19 Larangan Village, Cirebon. The population consists of 20 people and the sampling technique is using purposive sampling. As for the number of samples studied were 10 (ten) people. The researched data were collected by questionnaire instrument, observations, and test results (pretest-posttest). This instrument has been tested previously by the validity and reliability, to determine the validity of the data.

The result of Water Hyacinths processing training into accessories and tissue boxes in improving the life skills was obtained through test results. Those are pre-test and post-test, which the writer obtained the knowledge and understanding values of 10 respondents. They had the pre-test of 25 question items, and acquired an average value of 5.12. And in post-test they obtained an average value of 7.96. Clearly the values increased on average by 2.84 after the trainees were given the Hyacinths processing treatment.

The analysis of related t-test results, it was obtained that $t_{count} 7.434 > 1.734 t_{table}$, so this study can be concluded means succeed is achieved, because there is a growing understanding of life skill knowledge processing Hyacinths. This means that the objective of this research has been "achieved".

Finally, from this study, the writer can conclude that the achieving life skill of water hyacinth processing by the local housewives can maximize the advantages of the plant to be valuable selling goods, in order to minimize problems dealing with the plant for the environment. Meanwhile, the training products are in the form of accessories and tissue boxes.

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