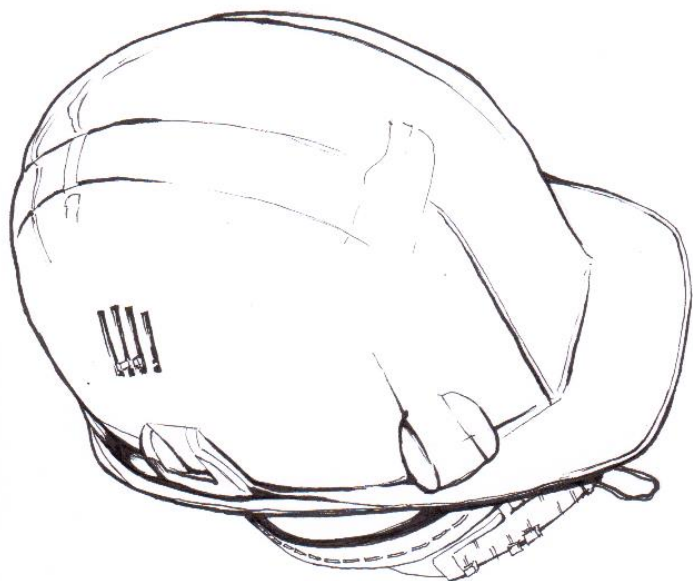


Coloring book

MinettREMIX



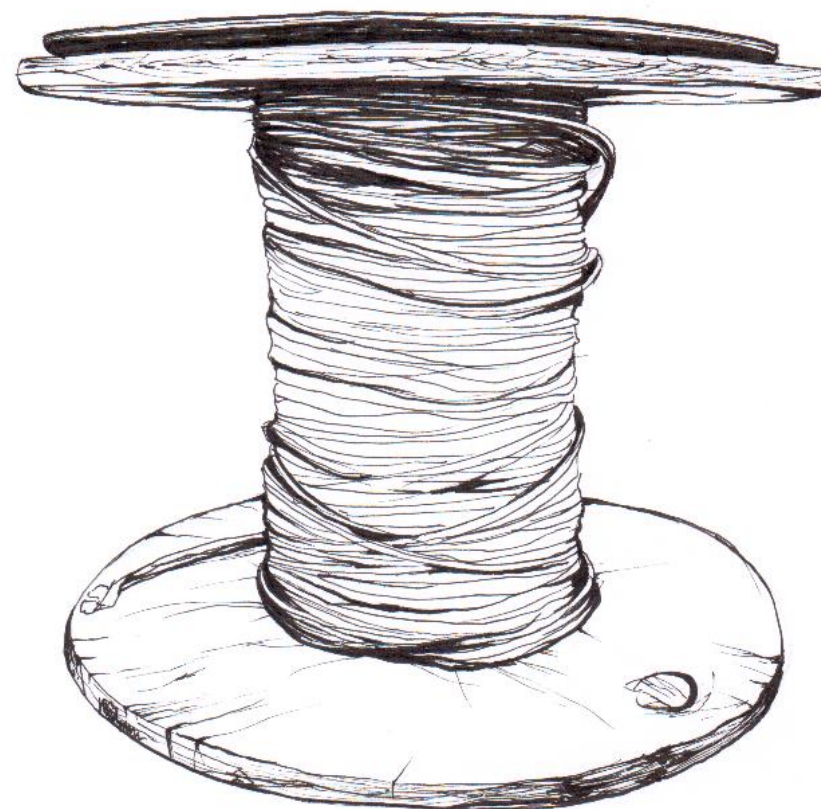
Do you know the purpose of a helmet?

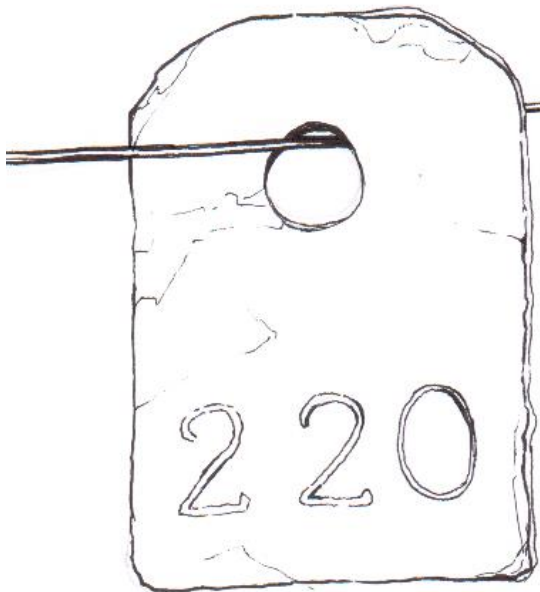
To protect your head, of course! But do you know why helmets used to have different colours in all the steel factories throughout Luxembourg? Imagine working in a factory that is so noisy that you can't even hear your colleague coming towards you! That's why each trade had a different coloured helmet and these colour codes changed according to the factory. At the Esch/Schifflange factory, for example, the electricians wore brown helmets, the stone cutters yellow helmets, the locksmiths blue helmets, the engineers white helmets and the crane operators red helmets. This way you knew exactly who was doing what, without having to talk.

About the objects of the MinettREMIX exhibition:

All the objects of the exhibition have been kindly lent to us by our partners, associations and institutions that strive to preserve items and buildings that testify to Luxembourg's steelmaking past.

We have reproduced several of them in this coloring book so that you can discover them.





Do you know what a miner's tag is ?

Each miner was assigned a number which was written on these small plates called "miners' tags". Outside the mine was a large board on which the workers who went down into the mine hung their tags: that way, the foreman just had to take a look at the board to know who was still in the mine !



Do you know Melusina's statue?

The original statue of Melusina is in the Grund, on the banks of the river Alzette in Luxembourg city, and it was made by the Luxembourgish artist Serge Ecker. Serge is very much inspired by the steel industry and the Minett region to realize his art works. In fact, you may see him working not far from here!

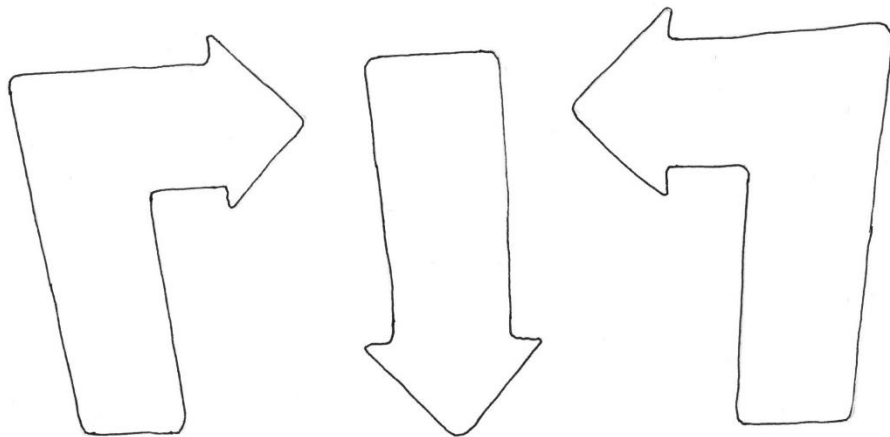
Do you know the legend of Melusina?

Count Siegfried was lost in the Alzette valley during a hunting trip, when he suddenly heard a wonderful song coming from the rocks. It was the beautiful Melusina, with whom he immediately fell in love with and asked her to marry him. She agreed on two conditions: that she would never be forced to leave the rock, where she lived and that he never would ask to see her on Saturdays: the only day she wanted to be alone. Siegfried agreed and for many years he respected his wife's request. Until one day when jealousy overcame him, he looked through the keyhole and discovered that from her height on, Melusina had a fish tail. Since that day, the beautiful Melusina disappeared into the Alzette and the legend says that she reappears every 7 years waiting to be delivered.

Do you like hiking?

When the mines were still open and as the earth was dug up for years, the landscape underwent radical changes in the south of Luxembourg. Since the closing of the mines, nature has taken over and today you can admire the beautiful landscapes of the Minett region!

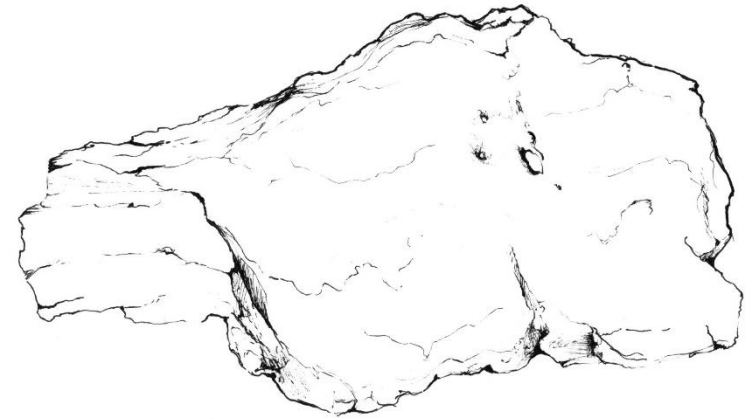
The Minett Trail is a new 90 kilometers long trail through this unusual nature, of which you can of course choose to only walk a small part. Follow the official Minett Trail sign to find your way!

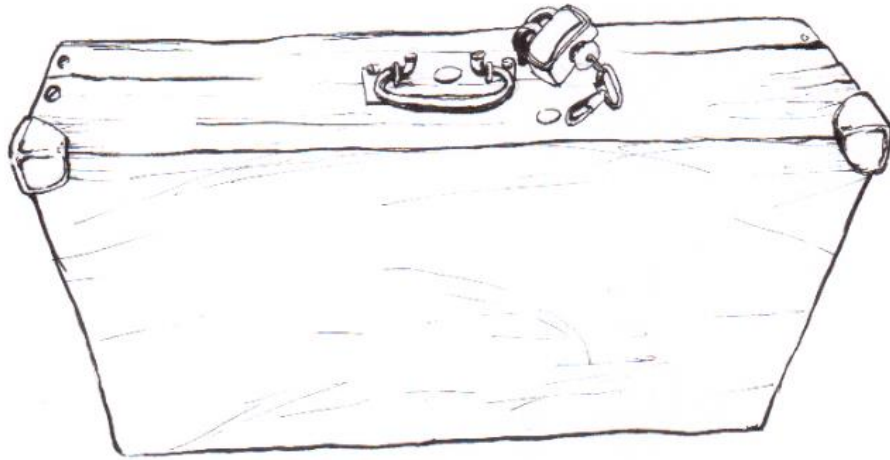


Do you know what iron ore is?

Iron ore is a stone that contains iron. Once the iron is extracted from this stone, it will be mixed with carbon to make steel or cast iron. Iron is used to make many objects (for example: hammers, nails, knives, etc.).

You can find this stone everywhere in the south of Luxembourg. Here and in neighbouring France, in Lorraine, this stone is also called "minette", because it has a low iron content.





Do you know what immigration is?

Immigration is when people leave their home country to settle in another country. With the exploitation of the mines and the steel industry at the beginning of the last century, Luxembourg lacked a lot of manpower. Gradually people from different countries settled in the south of Luxembourg for work: people from Poland, Italy, Portugal etc.

It is thanks to immigration, which never stopped in Luxembourg, that we get the chance to hear so many different languages every day!

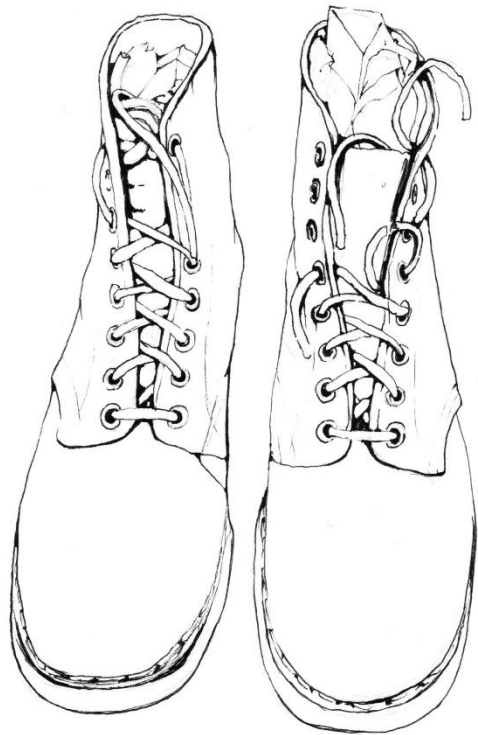


Do you know what overalls are?

The industrial revolution brought about the first work clothes for workers! The overalls are a type of worker's clothes mainly used to protect personal clothing from dirt and to standardize work clothes in a factory. In addition, they are very practical because of their many pockets!

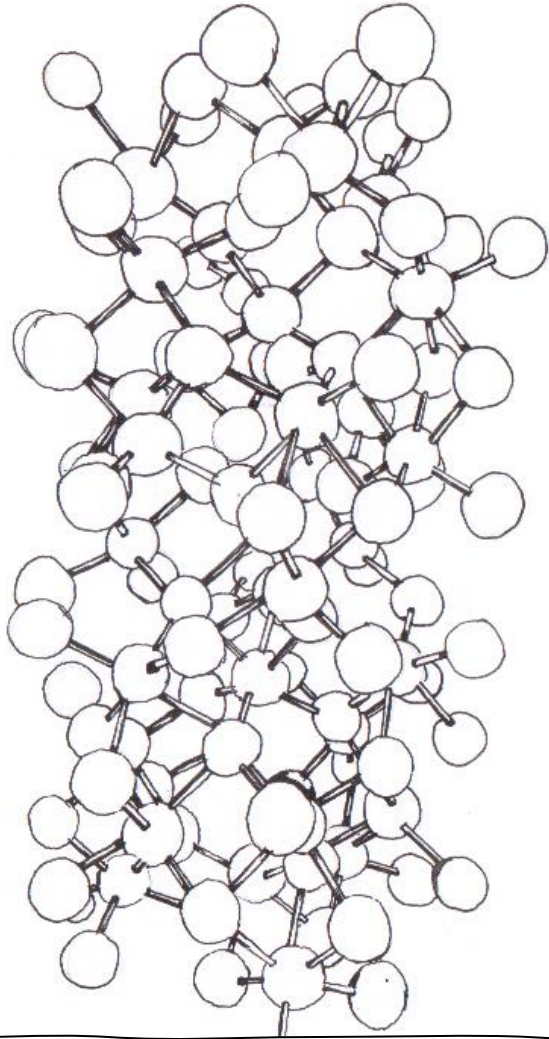
Do you know the Schungfabrik?

The Schungfabrik used to be a factory where the "Téitenger Schung" was made: a very robust miners' work shoe, with hard, studded soles. Now the Schungfabrik is a cultural centre for young and old.



Do you know what polenta is?

Polenta is a typical Italian dish, made from corn flour. When many Italians came to Luxembourg to work in the mines and steel factories, at the beginning of the last century, shops in Luxembourg started selling polenta.



Do you know the Luxembourg Science Center ?

It is an exciting place in Differdange where you can learn a lot about science and technology. There are science shows and you can take part in workshops where you can, for example, discover how to melt steel in a matter of seconds!