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*the residue of thoughts*



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# Hello

*Welcome to the first issue of The A+ Magazine. This is something we have always wanted to do, but never get the opportunity to get our hands on until now. Year 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. To ourselves, perhaps now is the good time to review, recollect the course of our thoughts, dreams, interest and hopefully setting out a clearer vision in moving forward.*

*The A+ Magazine is not a medium of definitive propaganda in thinking, but a collate of ideas observed and collected throughout our times, they are simply profound inspiration and influences to the work we do.*

*Everything we do is underpinned by a fundamental belief that good design has a positive impact on our lives, inspirations drawn from everyday lives in arts, fashion, photography, music, technology and social phenomena inevitably and invariably influenced and ultimately shaped us.*

*We want to make this into a publication that loosely define what we do, our interest, background and inspiration that helps us continue doing what we have enjoyed doing, hopefully setting a course of thoughts in making better design from acknowledging what inspired us and our aspirations for the coming projects.*

*Although information is easily transpired over digital medium these days, we thought it would be more inspiring holding a set of thoughts in the form of printed materials than digital display in pixels. We hope you enjoy this.*



# Collective aspiration

*It is part of the joy in the process of building design, not only as a tool to interrogate building scale, volume and proportion against its context, but also helping stakeholders to understand and visualise the three dimensional representation of the projects.*

*The process of making models has been an integral part of the study of architectural aspect and formulation of design ideas.*



# Food Trucks

An airline service trolley, also known as an airline catering trolley, airline meal trolley, or trolley cart, is a small serving cart supplied by an air carrier for use by flight attendants inside the aircraft for transport of beverages, airline meals, and other items during a flight.



## Vegan French Toast

*For me, Sundays are for indulging in breakfast. Making a big batch of pancakes or waffles for the whole family have always been one of my favourite rituals. However, I've never really been a French toast kinda gal. And after going ve gan, it was even more out of the question.*

*But, I decided to make some French Toast this morning. Why?*

*Yesterday, I got some AMAZING sour-dough from a local bakery shop called Mayse. It's a family from Latvia who have opened up a bakery in Hong Kong to make traditional Eastern European bread, the plant-based way. They had a pop up store in the city yesterday selling Vegan Sourdough Pizza (head to my Instagram to see the drool worthy pics) as well as their sourdough. Naturally, I had to get some. I headed home with some spelt sourdough and some cranberry and walnut dark bread.*

*Because I didn't want my precious bread to go bad, I decided to use some of this sour-dough bread to make French Toast to satisfy my Sunday sweet tooth. And MY GOD, it has opened up a whole new world. This will definitely be on my Sunday Brunch menu for weeks to come. I don't even have the words to describe it, so hopefully the pictures do it justice. Please do make this recipe, you will NOT regret it.*

**by Grace L. @thefuel tank**

### Ingredients:

Serves 1

1/2 cup of plant milk  
1 heaped tsp of ground flaxseeds (it's important that it's ground so that it really activates and thickens up)  
1/2 tbsp of maple syrup or any other liquid sweetener (honey, if not vegan)  
1/2 tsp of cinnamon  
1/2 tsp of vanilla extract  
1 tbsp of coconut oil for frying  
2-3 slices of sourdough bread (if you don't have sourdough, make sure to use a hard and sturdy rustic bread or else it will go too soggy)

### Instructions:

Mix all the ingredients except the bread in a large mixing bowl and put it in the fridge for 10 mins to activate.

Preheat your frying pan to medium heat with the coconut oil

Dip each side of your bread into the mixture for 30 seconds

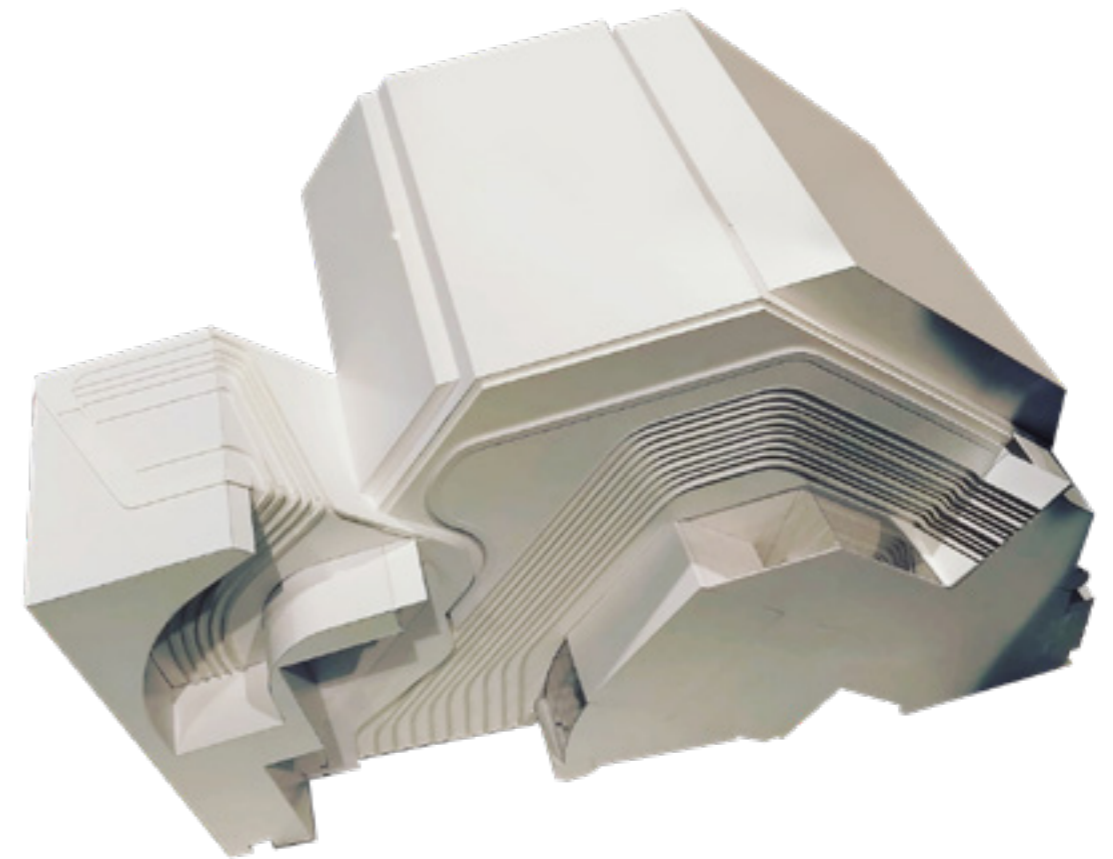
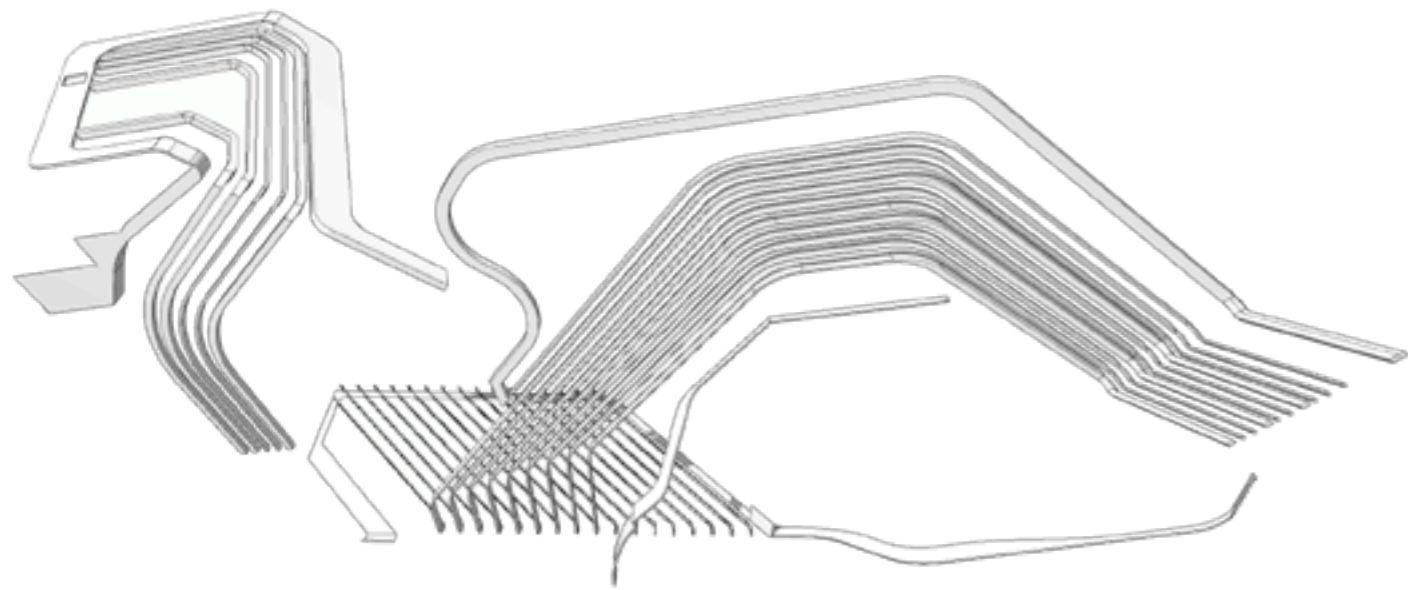
Place the bread onto the pan and cook until golden brown on both side. Make sure to flip it carefully and gently. It should take around 3-5 minutes on each side.

Top with desired toppings (I topped it with some sautéed apple, blueberries, coconut yogurt, raisins, walnuts and maple syrup)

Enjoy!



# Line Making



*study model for Kings Road Project, Hong Kong*

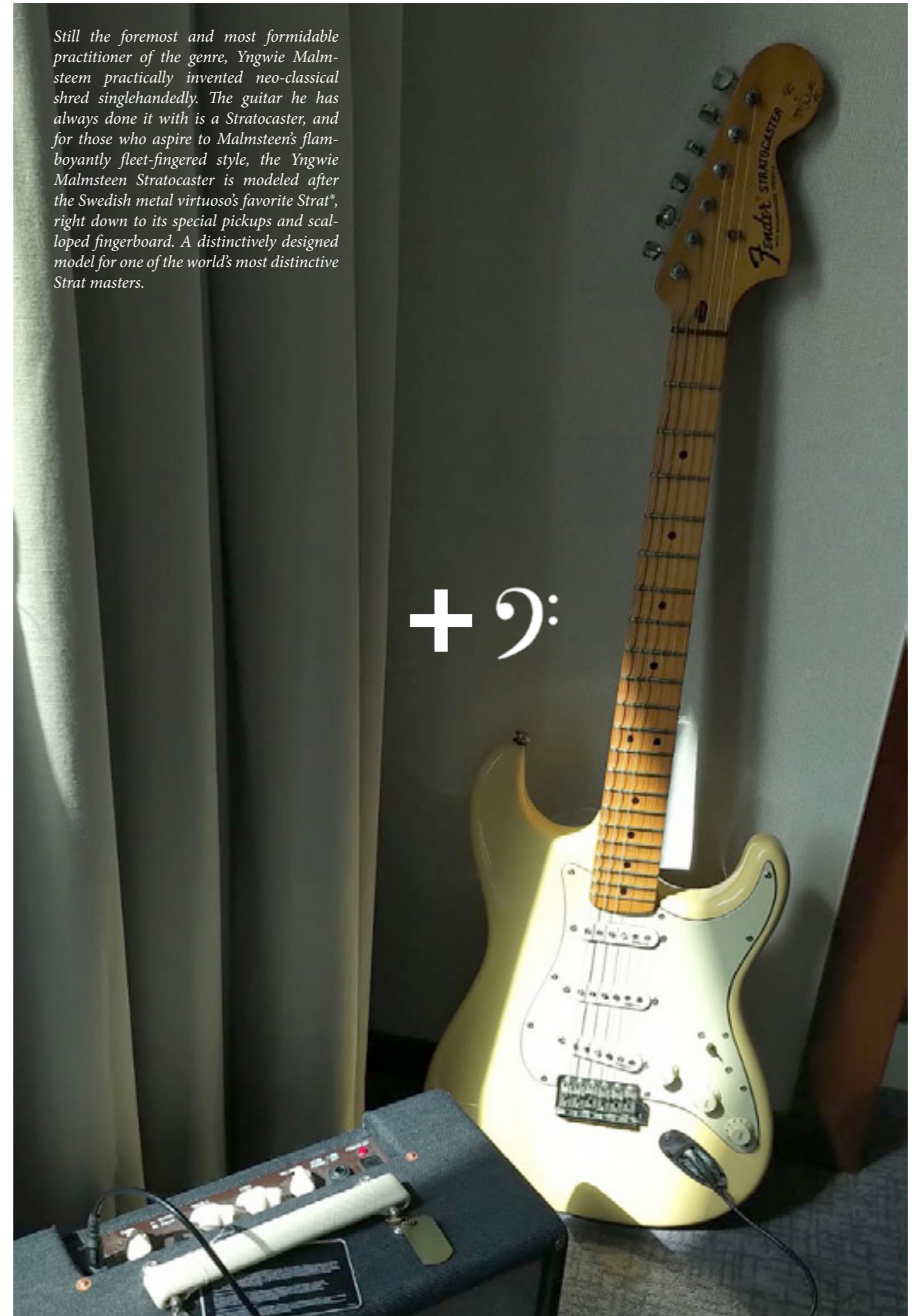
*They are imagined vehicles  
sweeping paths, visual directional  
lines, decorative, artistic expression,  
Almost ambiguous and ornamental,  
but they are new lighting, new skin,  
and screen for the somewhat  
unpleasant looking services.*

*The Replica sneakers are inspired by men's sports shoes from the Austrian provenance in the seventies. The pair come in a new rendition of hand-painted leather, making each piece unique. The number logo is present on the tongue of the shoe and the back is marked with the Maison's iconic white straight stitch.*



*The Replica - Maison Margiela Hand Painted Sneakers*

*Still the foremost and most formidable practitioner of the genre, Yngwie Malmsteen practically invented neo-classical shred singlehandedly. The guitar he has always done it with is a Stratocaster, and for those who aspire to Malmsteen's flamboyantly fleet-fingered style, the Yngwie Malmsteen Stratocaster is modeled after the Swedish metal virtuoso's favorite Strat®, right down to its special pickups and scalloped fingerboard. A distinctively designed model for one of the world's most distinctive Strat masters.*







Takan Lodge, 2015



Takan Lodge, 2017

### Before-and-after definitions

Describing a pair of images showing the difference made by a specified treatment.

adjective

fashion

# STATEMENT





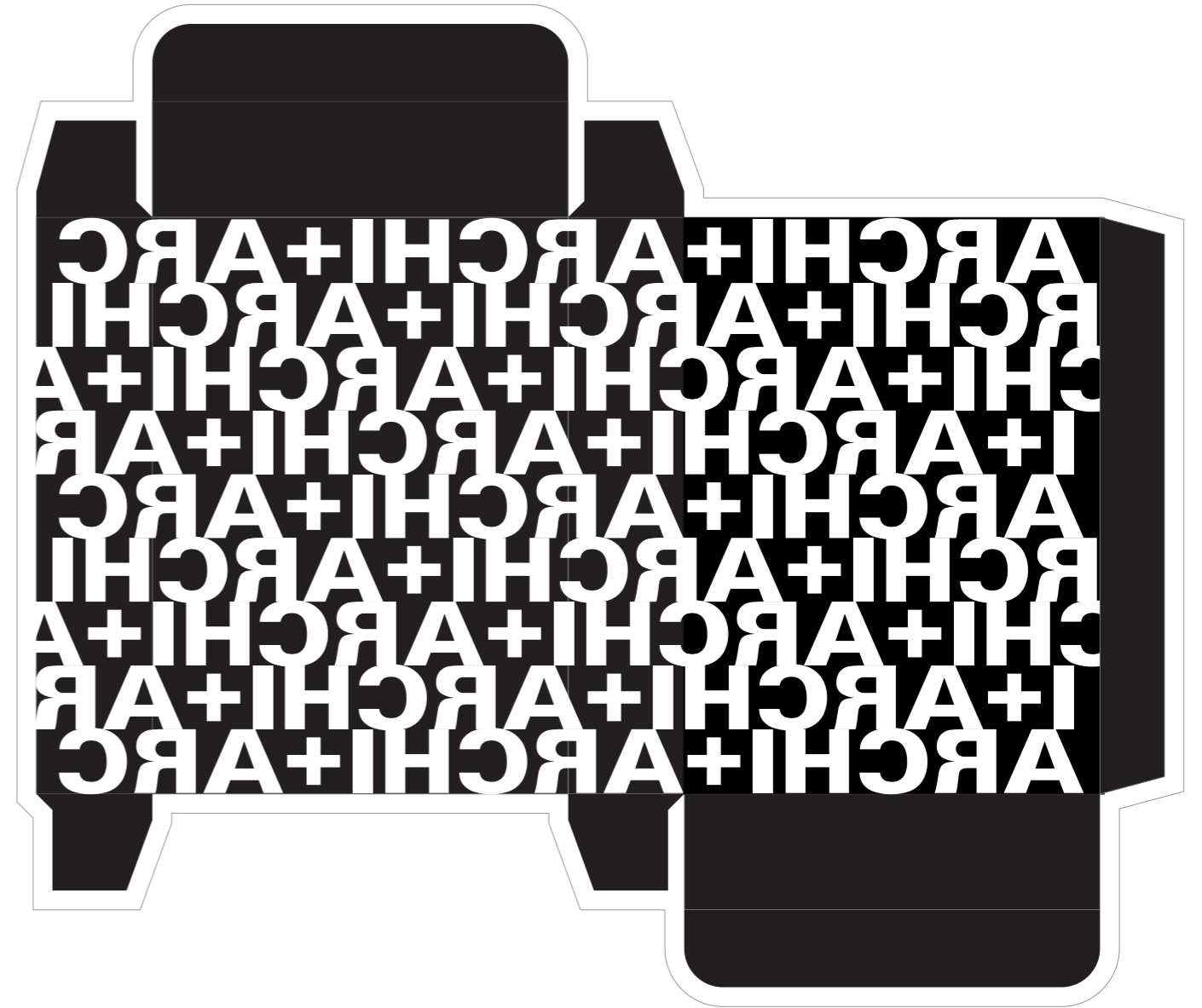
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# Packaging



\*not actual scale



\*actual scale



Collection

# Raw Reproduction



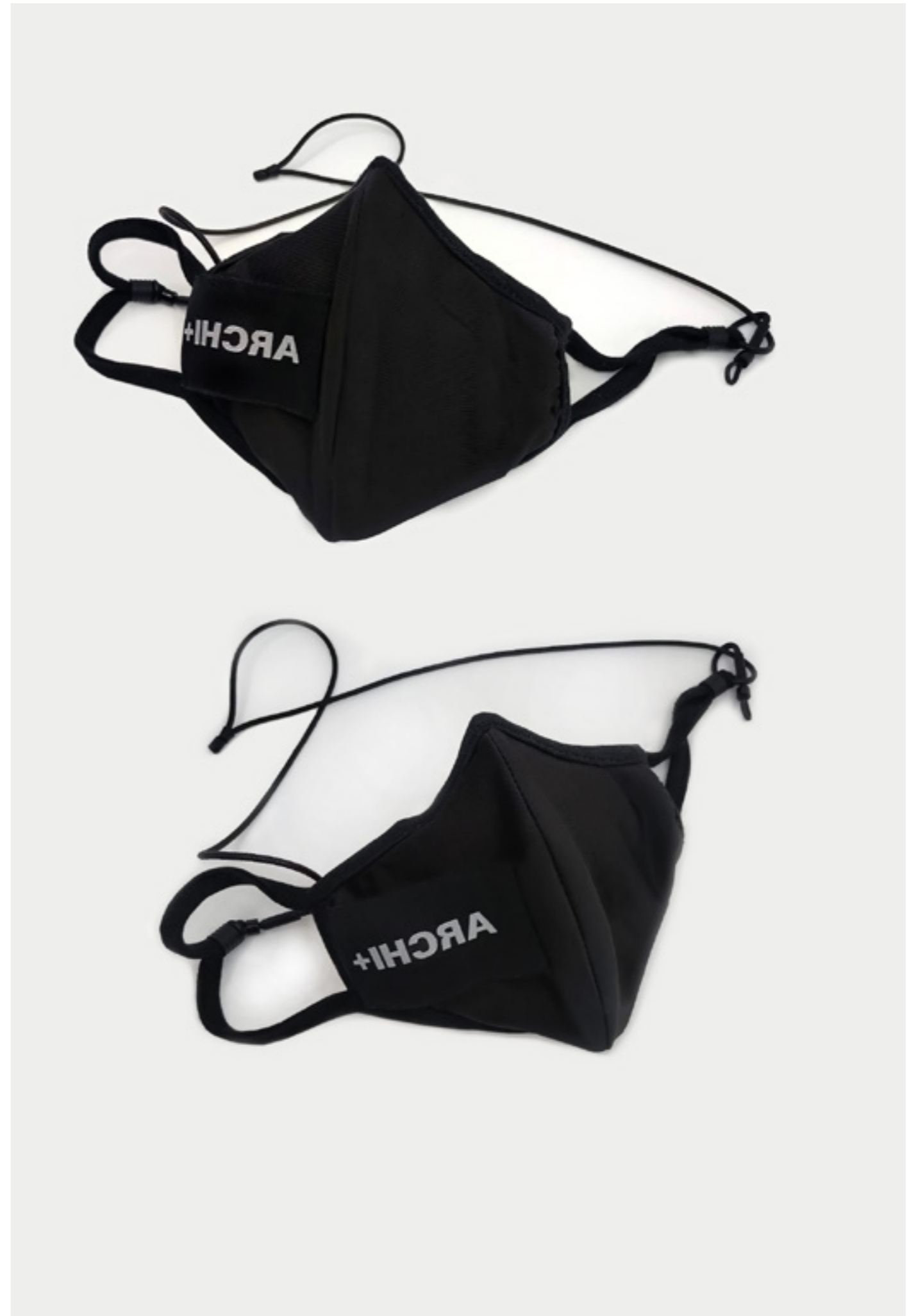
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# #facecovering #essentials

*face covering are essential these days, do not leave home without them, treat them like a clothing for your face, inevitably they ought to be seen as part of fasion.*

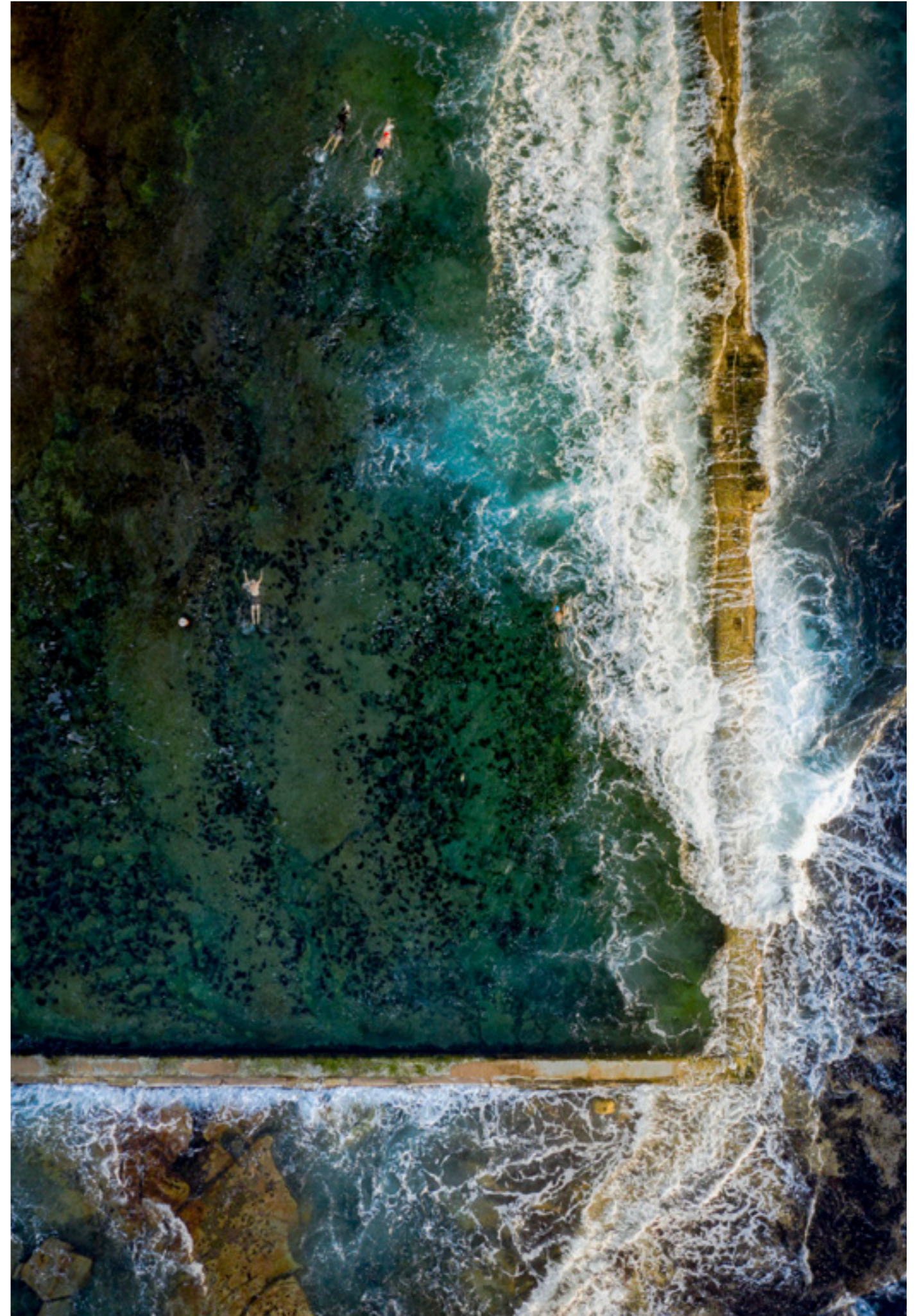




# Inside & Out

*Rockpools are interesting feature, almost a culture, the fact that they are called rockpools simply related to their absolute geographical locations which are generally concentrated along the coast line and built levelled to the sea level so they can be filled with sea water easily. Locals like to take a dip either cold winter mornings or hot summer evenings, the idea is to swim in the sea water but somehow protected against shark attack, ironically swimmers occasionally find sharks stranded in the pools when the tide receded.*

*Aerial fine art photography from  
@markclm*



# wfh, wfo

*Year 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. The biggest effect would be distancing, not only physical but also the impact on the economy, the reluctance and lack of confidence in the entire industry, whether the investors or buyers. The long list of unsuccessful bids has reflected the impact of the pandemic. Working from home has becoming a new norm, with the introduction of higher megabits per second transmission speed, mobile business is becoming normal mode of operation.*



life.



# #tools #makingbuildings





# Matera

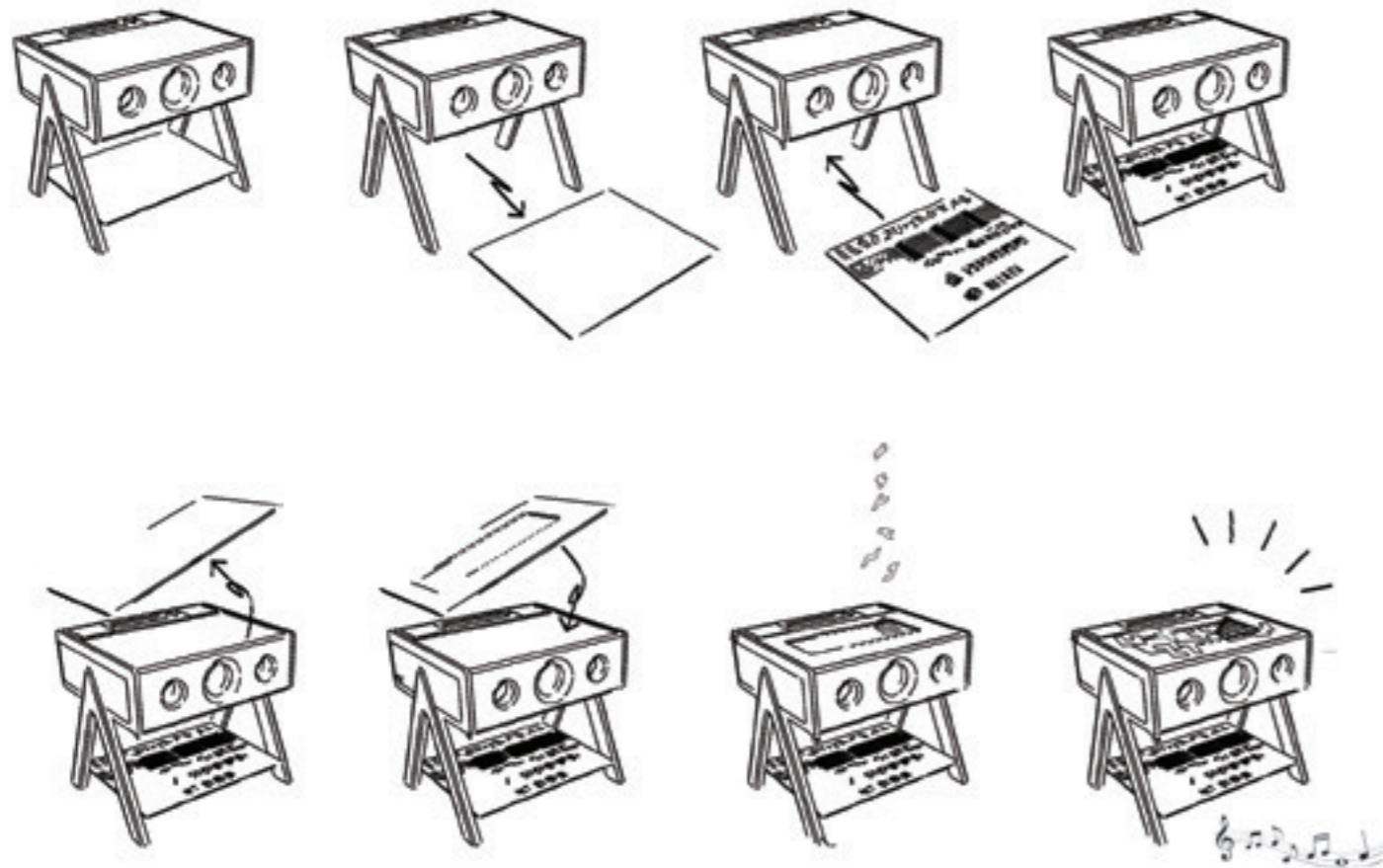
Basilicata, Italy

# Adding value

How do you put an occasional table, bluetooth speaker, a board game, instruction manuals, and a night light together to form a unique piece of furniture? The fundamental approach to this project is almost architectural.

We like to see the La boîte Cube series speaker as our site, with aesthetics and functionality layers are then reintroduced and assembled with minimal intervention as an homage to the original design.

Placing the Katamino puzzle on top suggests a more interactive relationship with its users. Replacing the original corian plate with the transparent acrylic sheet although mundane but functional as an instructional manual as well as night lighting for the music lovers. Ultimately we like to see this project as a distillation process of ideas and reintroducing new values to create a unique piece of furniture.



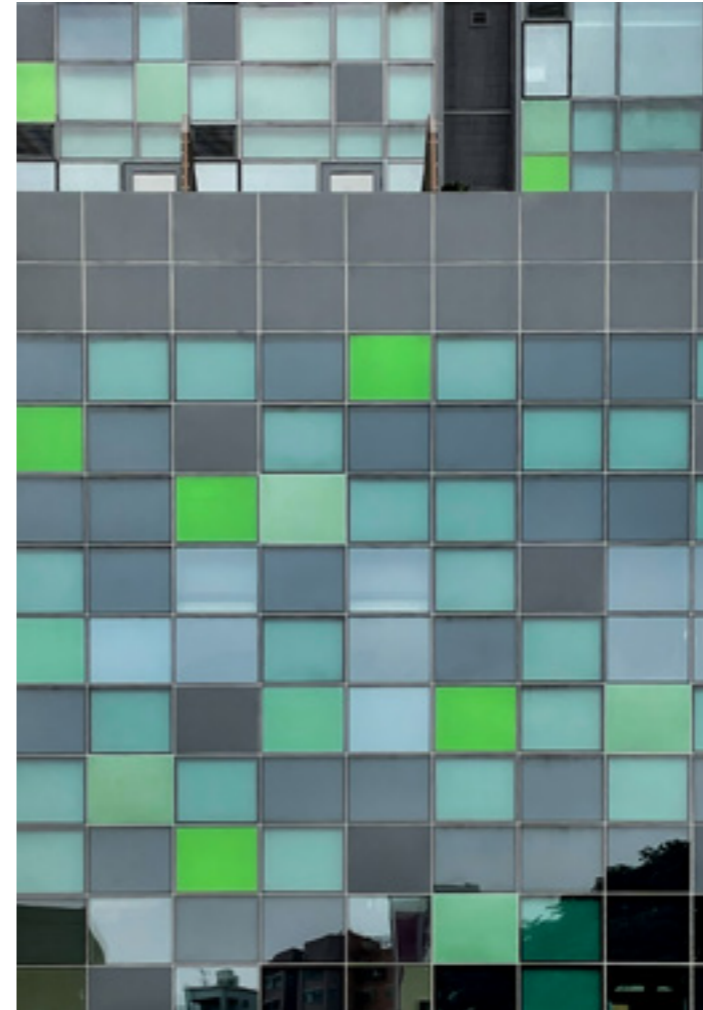
Le Boite + ARCHI+ Katamino

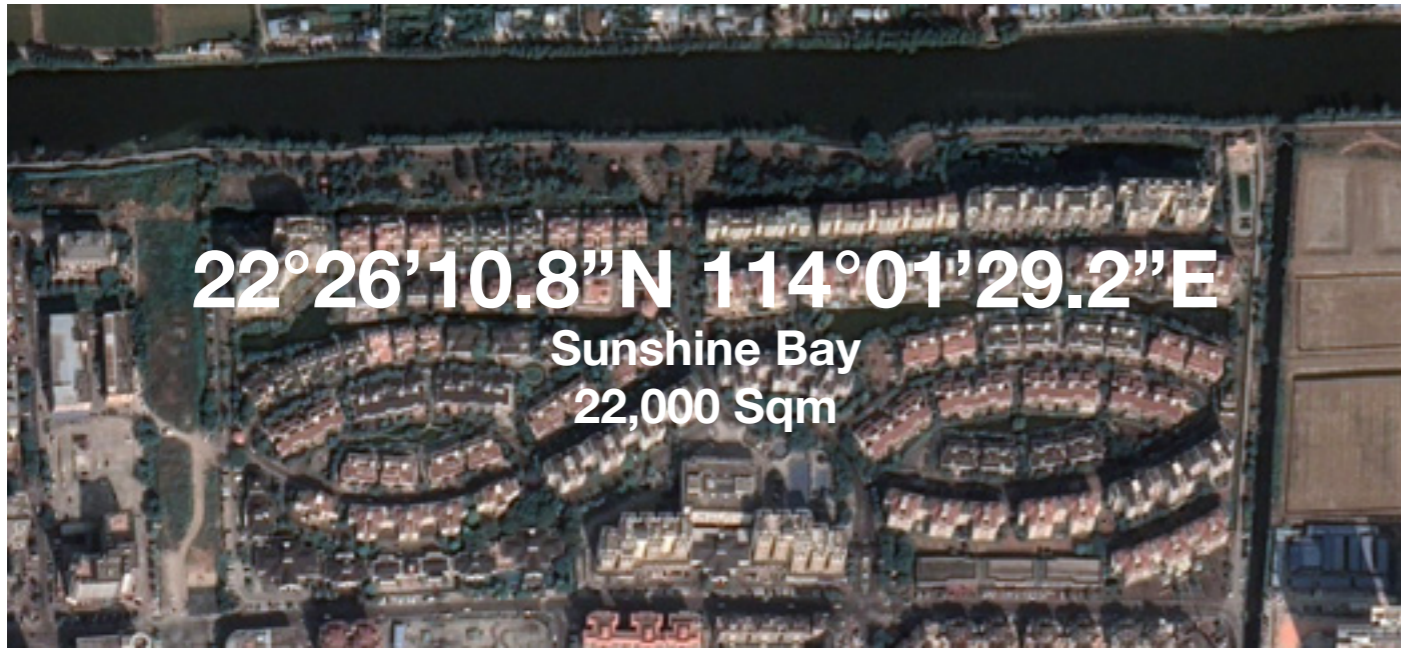


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