

SIMONE BILES' CONDO

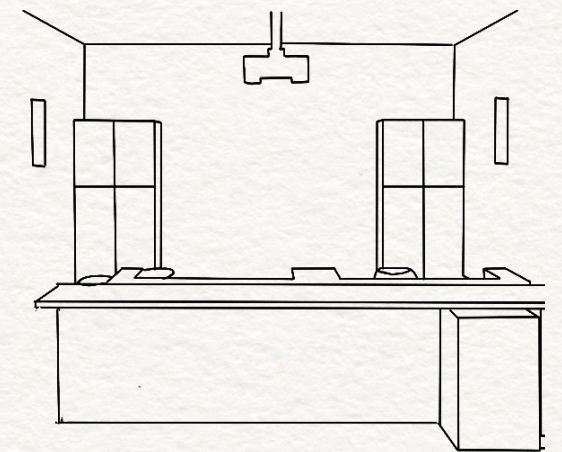
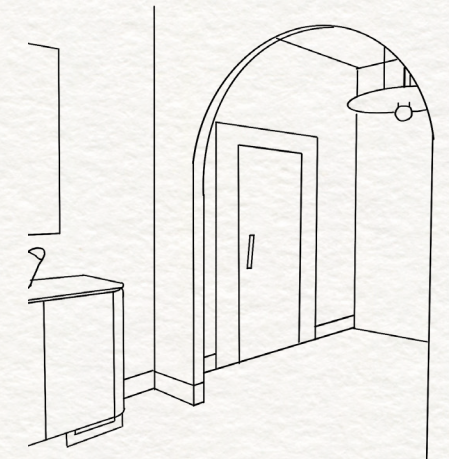
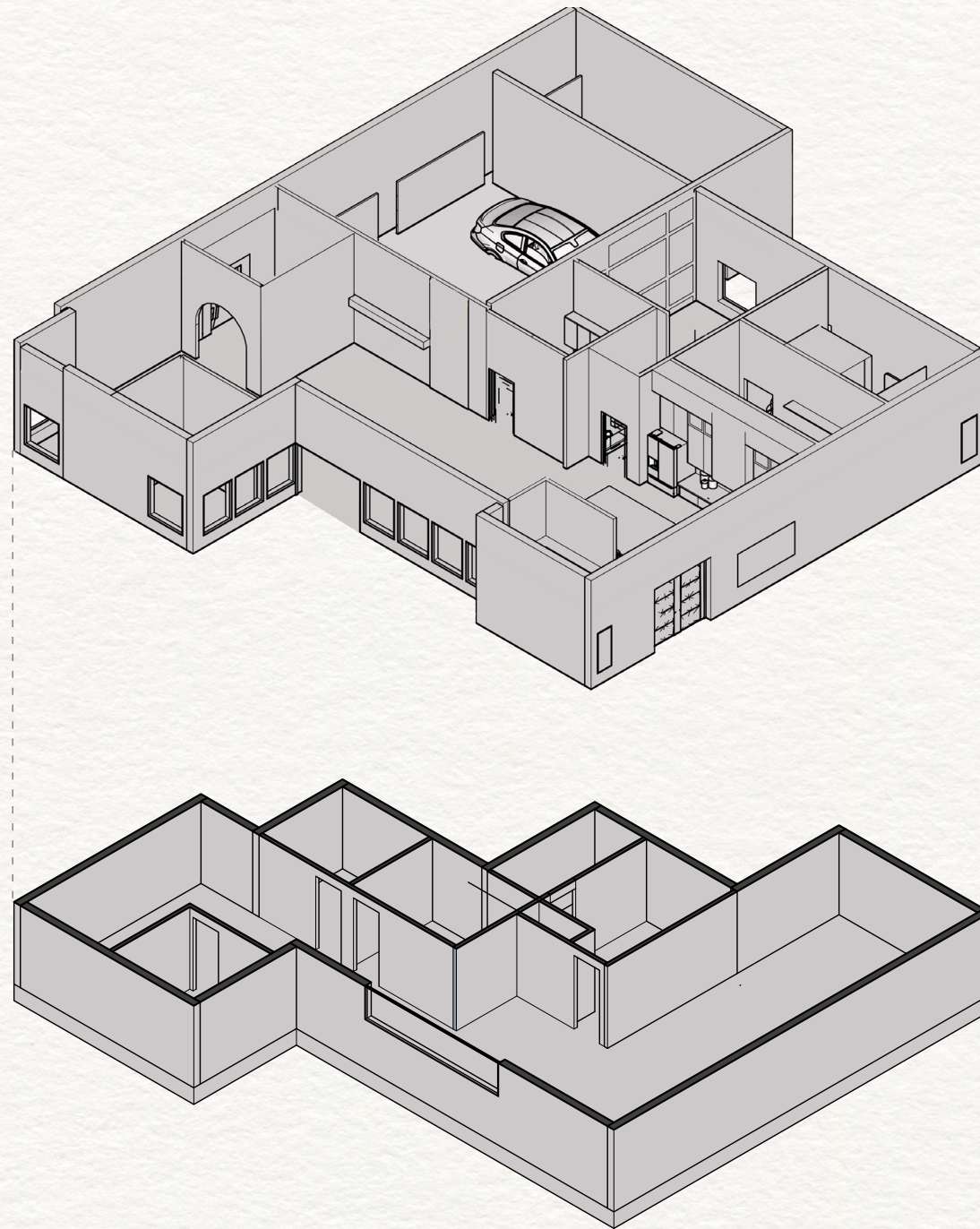
Designed for Olympic gymnast Simone Biles and her NFL-star husband, this renovated two-story condominium combines a luxurious aesthetic with a neutral color palette that reflects the couple's personal style. Every aspect of the home was designed to maximize its compact footprint, balance open gathering spaces with private retreats, and integrate dedicated fitness, work, and entertainment spaces to support the couple's active lifestyle and create a warm, welcoming environment for friends and family. The result is a home that feels luxurious, intimate, and highly functional, demonstrating how intentional planning can transform a modest footprint into a home designed for connection, comfort, and hospitality.

MAIN FLOOR

The main floor serves as the home's priority living space, where an open floor plan encourages effortless movement and communication between the kitchen, dining, and living areas. A private entry vestibule allows the couple to welcome guests and receive deliveries without compromising the privacy of the home's main living spaces. Carefully integrated storage and custom millwork maintain a clean, uncluttered aesthetic while maximizing functionality. Multiple seating areas create opportunities for entertaining and everyday gathering, making the compact footprint feel spacious and well-suited for hosting friends and family.

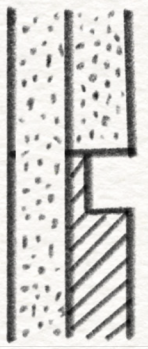
LOWER LEVEL

Designed as a destination for entertainment, the lower level accommodates both social gatherings and focused work. A combined game and theater space creates opportunities for the couple to relax or host close friends and family for any event. Display areas celebrate the couple's accomplishments, and individual offices provide flexibility for the couple's professional lives. A guest suite and additional bathroom ensure visitors will be comfortably accommodated without disrupting the private areas of the home.





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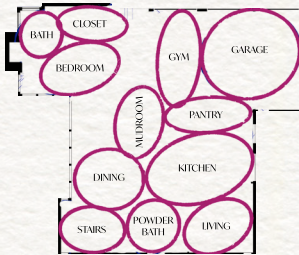
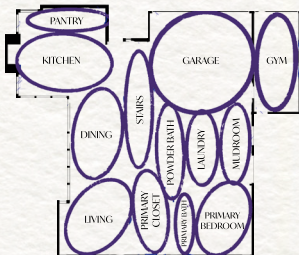
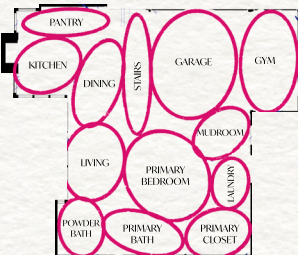
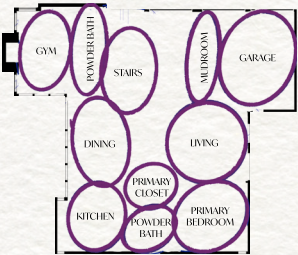
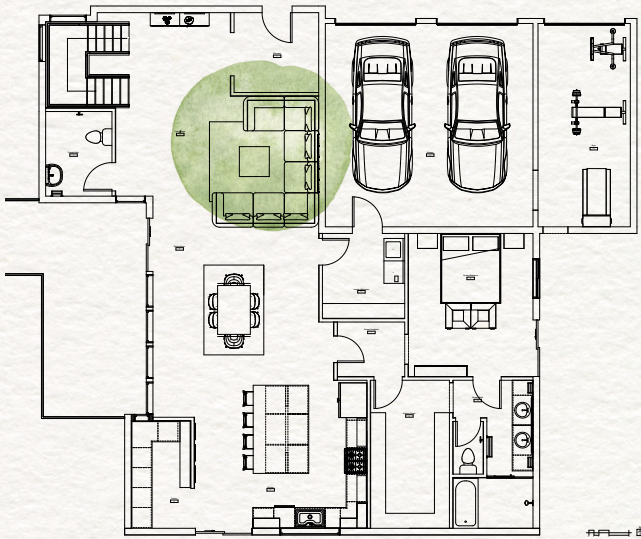
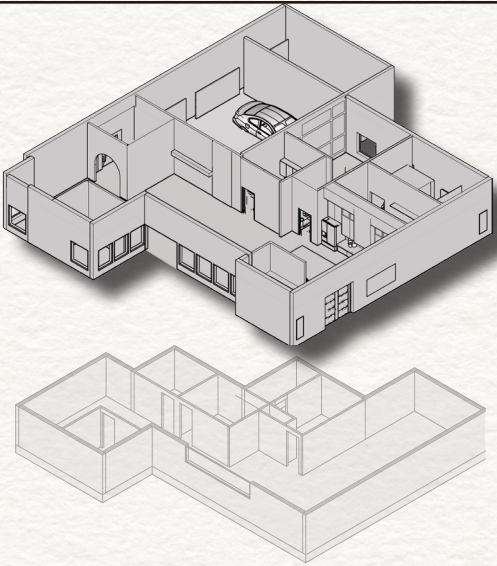
BASEBOARD SHADOW GAP DETAIL



STONE, PLASTER, & FLOOR SAMPLES



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The main floor features an open-concept layout that seamlessly connects the living room, dining room, and kitchen, creating a welcoming space for everyday living and entertaining. A dedicated gym supports Simone and her husband’s active lifestyle by providing a convenient space for daily workouts. The living room is thoughtfully designed with a deep sofa and tall ceilings to comfortably accommodate Simone’s husband. Exterior stone is carried into the interior to create visual cohesion between the home’s façade, entry vestibule, and main living spaces, while the coffee table introduces a subtle pop of color to the otherwise neutral palette.



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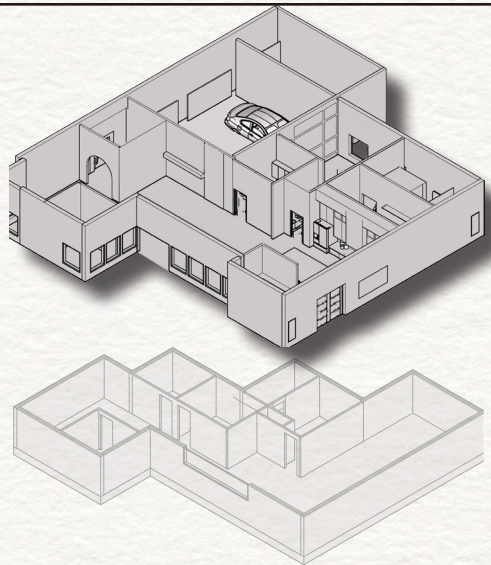
CABINETS & STONE SAMPLES



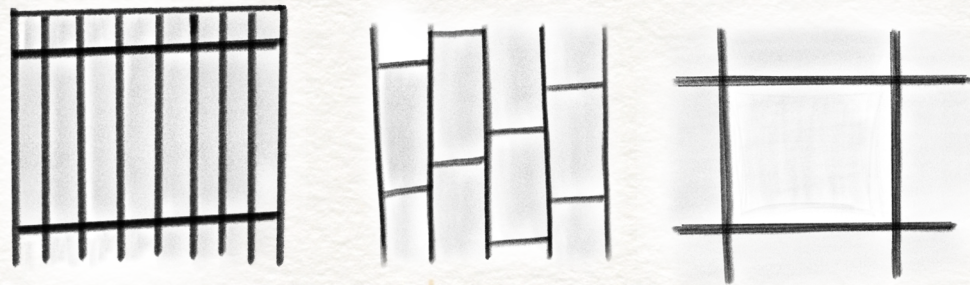
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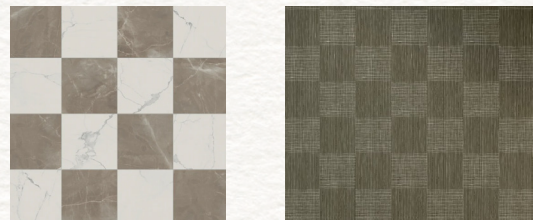
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The kitchen is designed to make entertaining effortless, allowing Simone and her husband to comfortably host their close friends and family. A spacious island provides uninterrupted prep and gathering space, while seating and its open connection to the dining and living areas encourage conversation throughout the main floor. Open shelving introduces warmth and visual interest, complemented by ample cabinetry that provides generous storage. Adjacent to the kitchen, the compact mudroom and laundry room serve as a convenient drop zone while maintaining an efficient footprint that maximizes the home's entertaining space.



CUSTOM HEADBOARD VARIATIONS



BATHROOM FINISHES

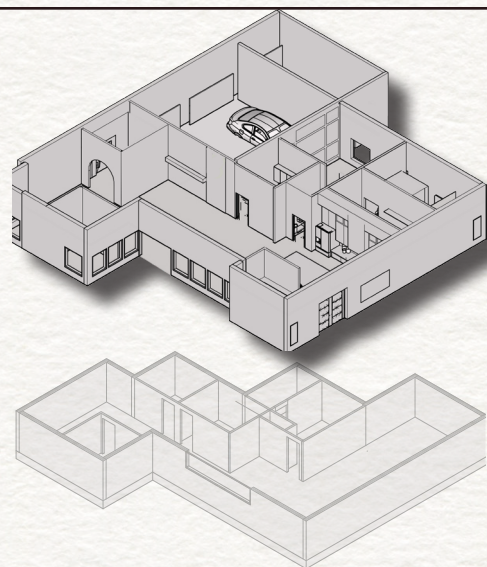


CUSTOM HEADBOARD
FABRIC & METAL SAMPLES



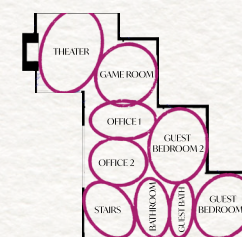
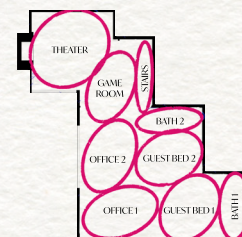
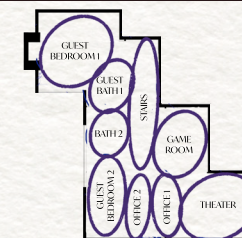
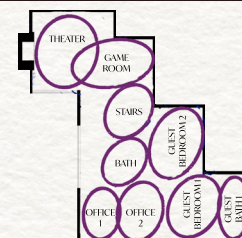
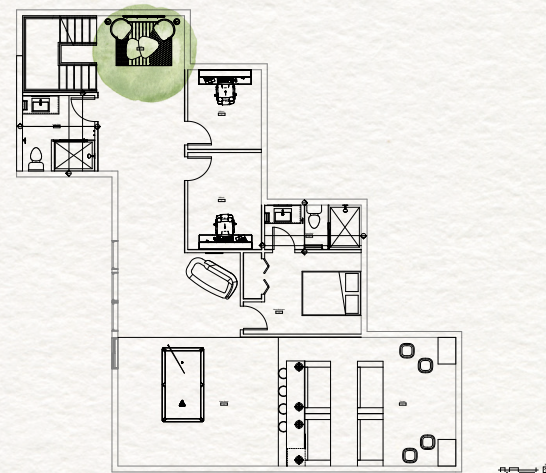
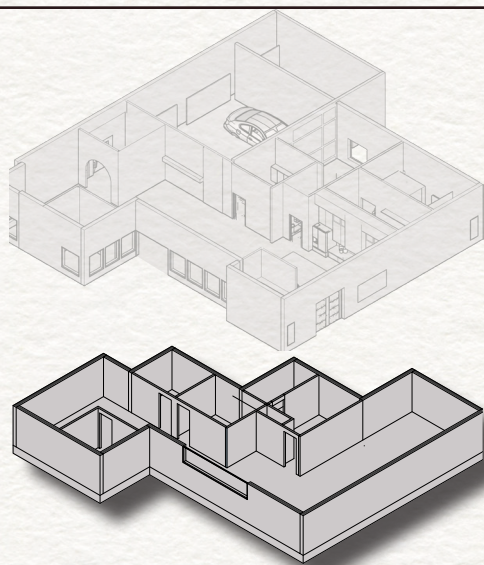
Located just off the main living area, the primary suite is separated by a small foyer that creates a sense of privacy and retreat. The suite includes a spacious bedroom featuring a custom fabric and metal headboard, a walk-in closet with shelving at varying heights to accommodate the couple's height difference, and an ensuite bathroom with dual vanities, a walk-in shower, and a private water closet.

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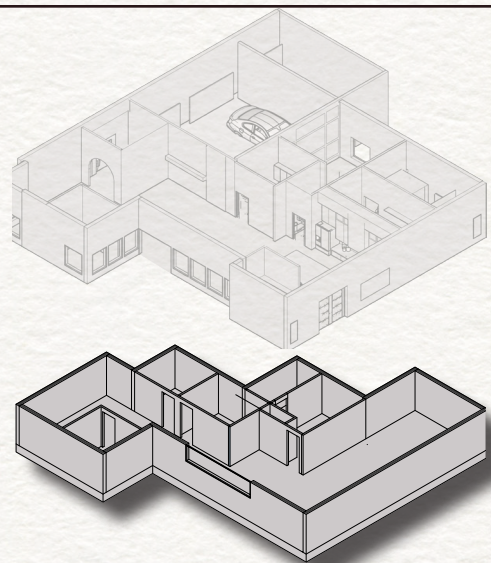
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The lower level is designed for both entertaining and productivity. Its neutral color palette is enhanced with geometric patterns and modern light fixtures, creating a contemporary atmosphere that adds visual interest without overwhelming the space. Two private offices provide dedicated workspaces for Simone and her husband to work, record interviews, or review game footage. A guest bedroom with an ensuite bathroom ensures a comfortable stay for overnight visitors, while a separate full bathroom serves guests using the lower-level entertainment spaces.



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The combined game room and theater create a flexible entertainment space designed for gathering with friends and family. A pool table serves as the focal point of the game room, surrounded by additional seating that encourages conversation and casual socializing. The adjacent theater features large, comfortable sofas and movable poufs that provide flexible seating for movie nights or watching the big game. Counter-height seating behind the theater offers additional viewing space, allowing guests to enjoy the action while maintaining an open and connected layout.

BOUTIQUE HOTEL

GUEST SUITE FLOOR (LEVELS 4-14)

This guest suite plan is repeated through levels 4-14 and feature three unique guest suites. Each suite offers a distinct combination of amenities, including full kitchens or kitchenettes, living and dining areas, and a private full bathrooms, providing a range of accommodations to suit varying guest needs.

OFFICE & ART GALLERY FLOOR (LEVEL 3)

This floor combines functional workspace with curated cultural experiences. The office area includes a conference room, private workstations, and a dedicated restroom, while the adjoining bar and gallery space showcase artwork from local artists, creating an engaging environment for both work and social interactions.

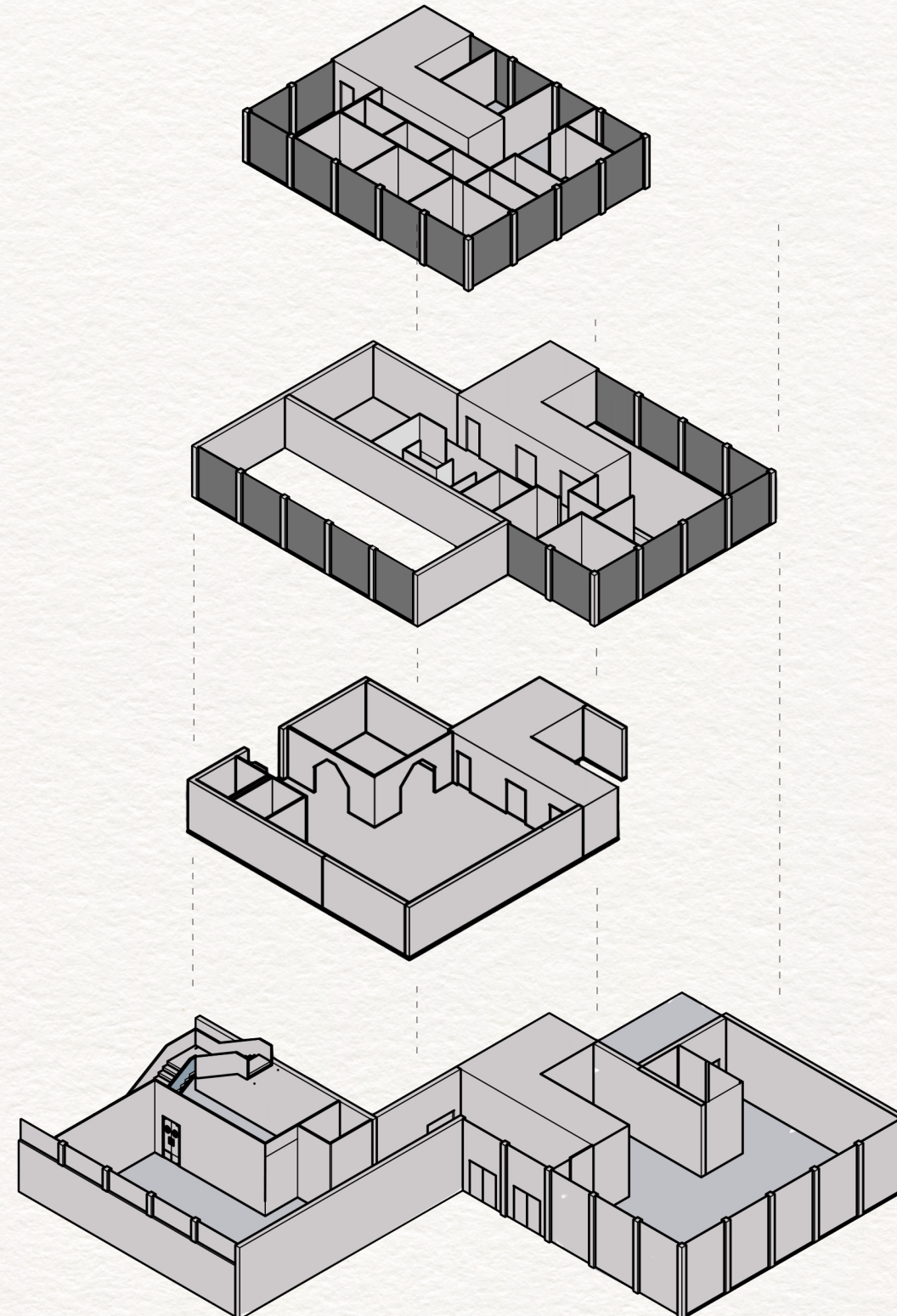
VR ENTERTAINMENT SPACE (LEVEL 2)

Designed as a hub for immersive entertainment, this space features advanced virtual reality technology that offers guests a variety of interactive games and experiences. The flexible layout supports a range of activities, creating an engaging destination for users of all interests.

LOBBY & SIGNATURE RESTAURANT (LEVEL 1)

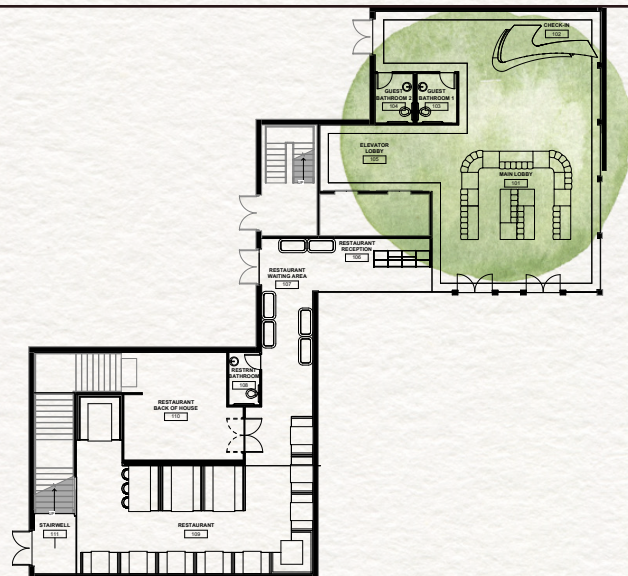
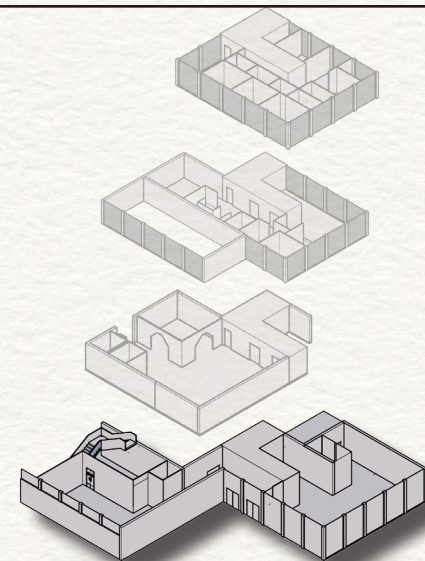
The main floor welcomes guests with a grand lobby and upscale restaurant. Located on a prominent corner site in downtown Chicago, expansive floor-to-ceiling windows maximize natural light and enhance wayfinding by providing clear visual connections to the surrounding cityscape.

This highly customized boutique hotel, located in the heart of Chicago, celebrates the city's modern character, urban culture, and innovative spirit. The design seamlessly integrates advanced technology throughout the guest experience while fostering opportunities for meaningful connections and memorable experiences. Thoughtfully designed gathering areas provide guests with spaces to unwind and recharge. A rich blend of textures, bold patterns, and vibrant colors creates a dynamic environment that reflects the energy and creativity of the surrounding city.





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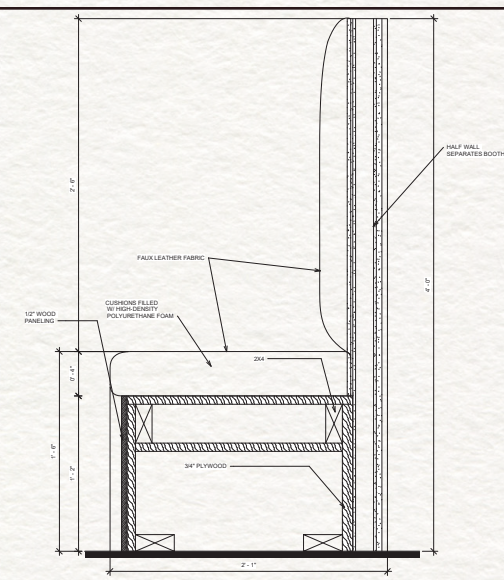
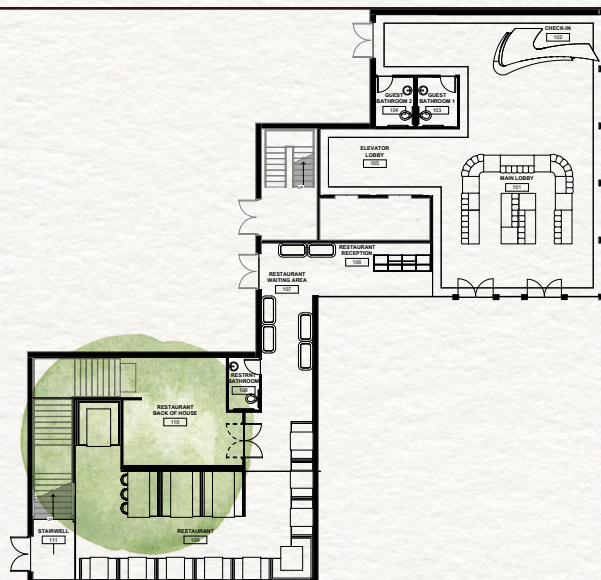
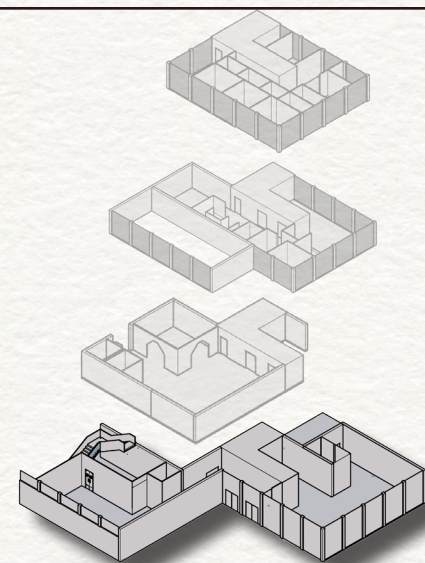


AI DESK INSPIRATION

The grandiose lobby welcomes guests with soaring ceilings and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the streets of Chicago, creating an open, light-filled first impression. A striking blue marble feature wall serves as the focal point, guiding guests toward the geometric reception desk upon arrival. A custom double-sided sectional provides ample seating for guests while reinforcing the lobby's inviting atmosphere. Concrete flooring and bold geometric patterns contribute to the hotel's urban aesthetic, while elegant light fixtures and refined plaster finishes elevate the space with a sense of luxury, setting the tone for the guest experience.



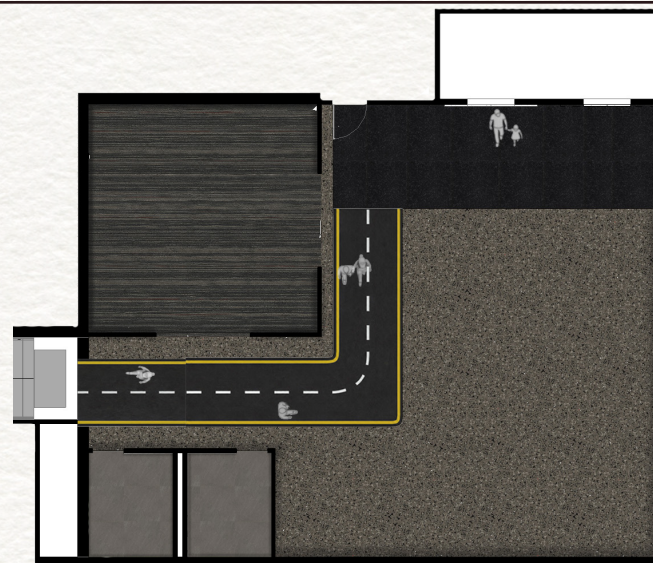
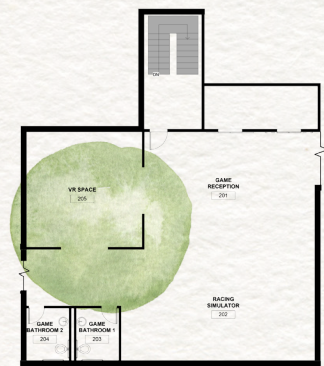
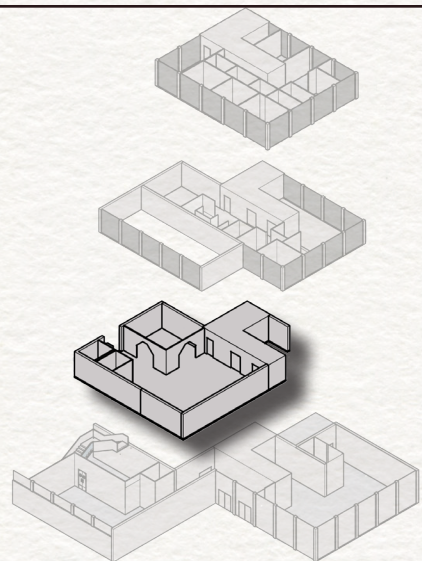
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The hotel's upscale restaurant offers a refined dining experience open to both hotel guests and the public. Floor-to-ceiling windows surround the dining area, providing sweeping views of Chicago and creating a bright, inviting atmosphere. Guests also enjoy views of the grand staircase, a striking architectural feature enclosed by fluted marble. While the staircase provides access to the hotel for registered guests, a glass partition separates it from the restaurant, preserving visual connectivity without disrupting either experience.



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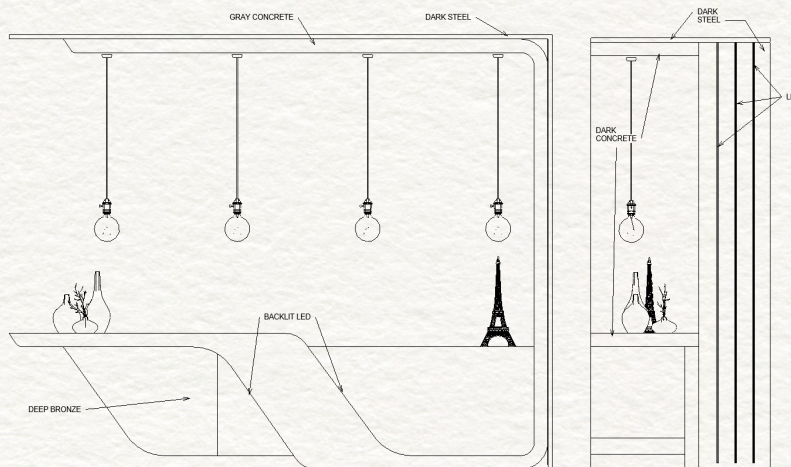
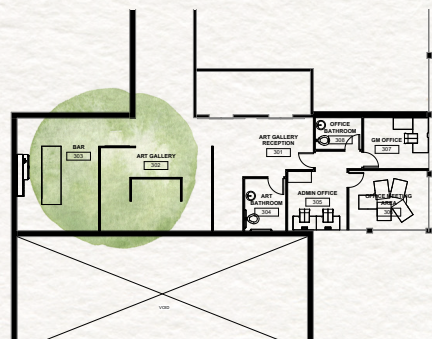
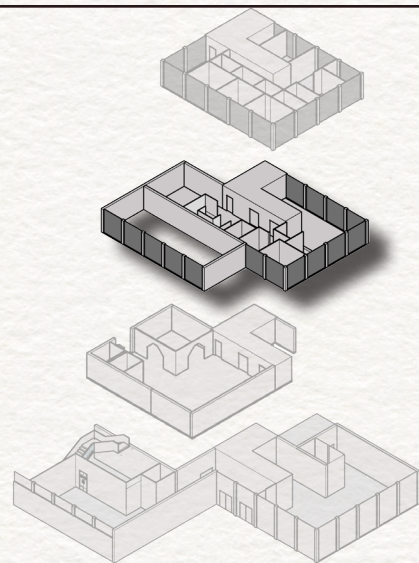
This interactive gaming space embodies the hotel's commitment to innovative technology and exceptional guest experiences. Designed as a destination for families, friends, and colleagues alike, it encourages connection, collaboration, and friendly competition through immersive entertainment. The space features a variety of virtual reality games that offer engaging experiences for guests of all ages and abilities, alongside a state-of-the-art race car simulator that delivers a thrilling, realistic driving experience. Together, these attractions create a dynamic environment where guests can explore, compete, and create memorable experiences.



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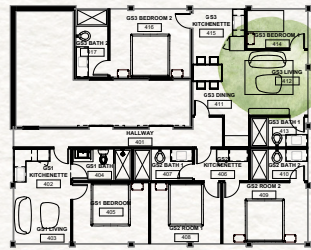
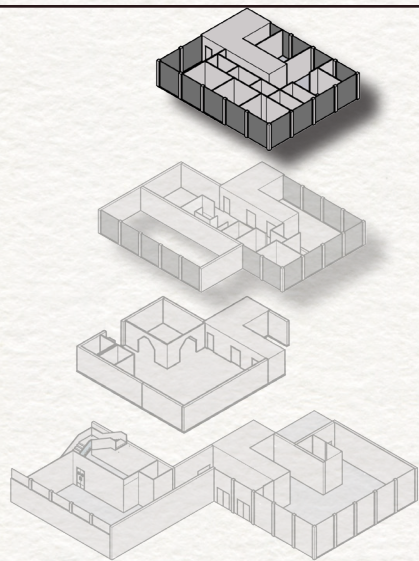
This bar and art gallery celebrates Chicago's vibrant urban culture by showcasing artwork created by local artists. In contrast to the energetic game space, it provides guests with a place to relax, recharge, and appreciate the city's rich creative community. A neutral material palette serves as a subtle backdrop, intentionally drawing attention to the colorful artwork on display while creating a refined, gallery-like atmosphere that encourages guests to linger and explore.



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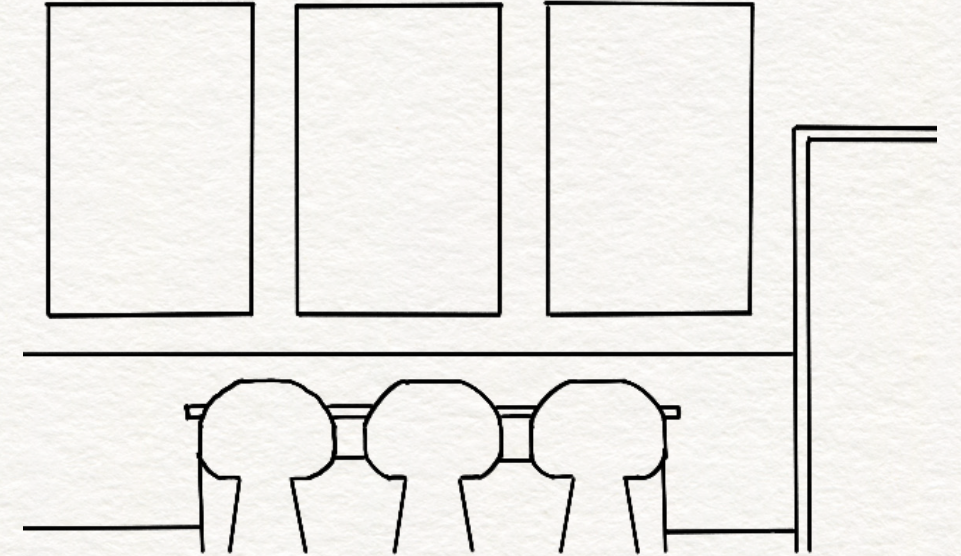
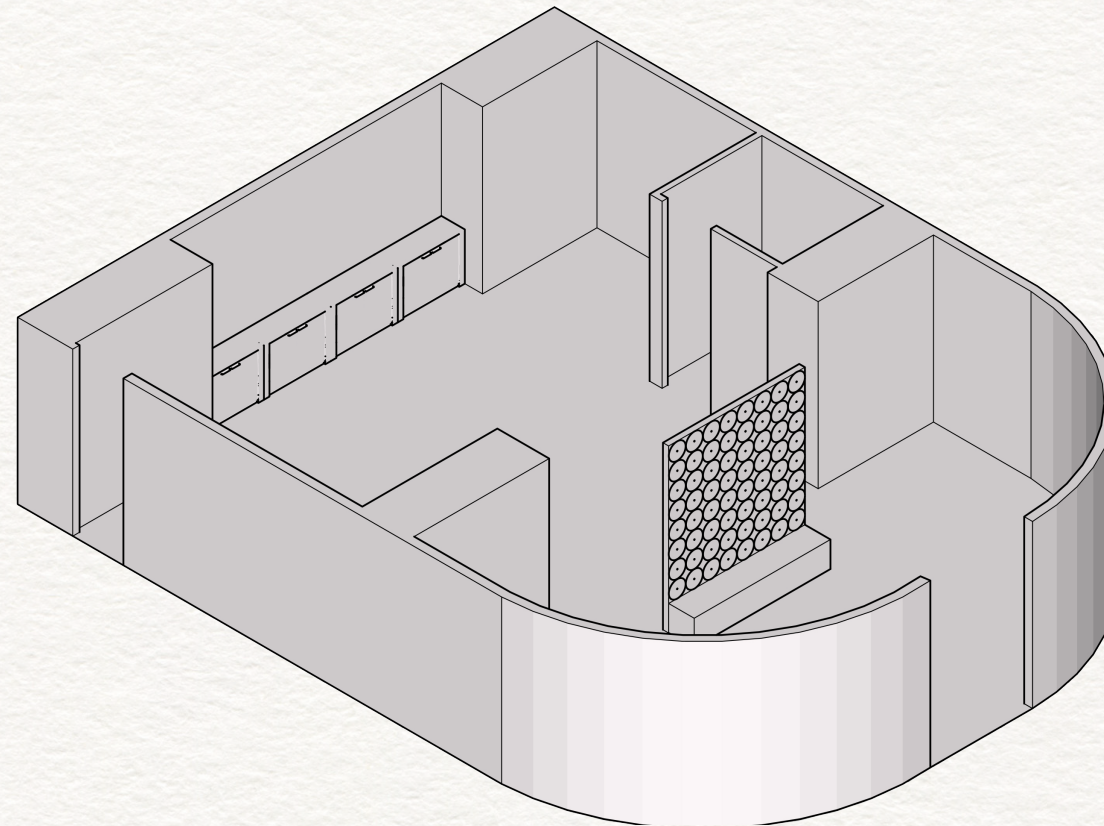


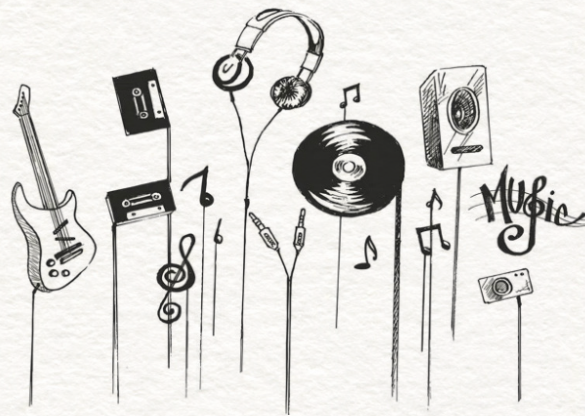
The defining feature of these guest suites is their breathtaking views of Chicago. Floor-to-ceiling windows in each bedroom and living area frame the city skyline, immersing guests in the surrounding urban landscape. Motorized, programmable shades allow guests to customize their level of privacy and natural light throughout their stay. Rich fabrics in bold colors introduce a sense of luxury while reinforcing the hotel's urban-inspired aesthetic, and each suite is individually designed to provide a unique and memorable guest experience.

CRUISE SHIP

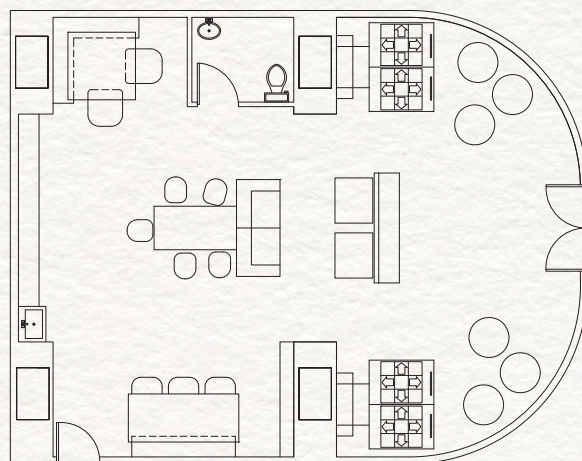
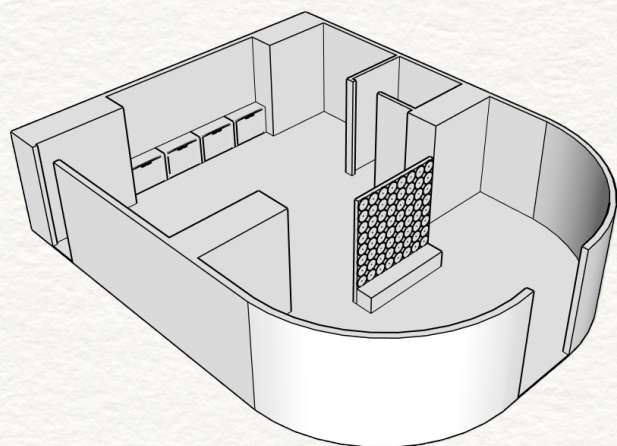
TEEN-ONLY RETREAT

Designed exclusively for teens, this entertainment space draws inspiration from legendary rock icons including Elvis Presley, The Rolling Stones, Queen, and other influential artists. The design encourages social interaction through music, gaming, and shared experiences. Amenities include a dedicated music video viewing area, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, a private restroom, and flexible seating arrangements that support both organized activities and casual group games. Custom lighting installations and bold design elements pay homage to the energy and spirit of the Rock 'n' Roll era, creating a vibrant and engaging environment.





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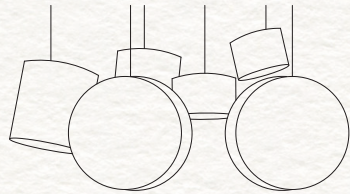


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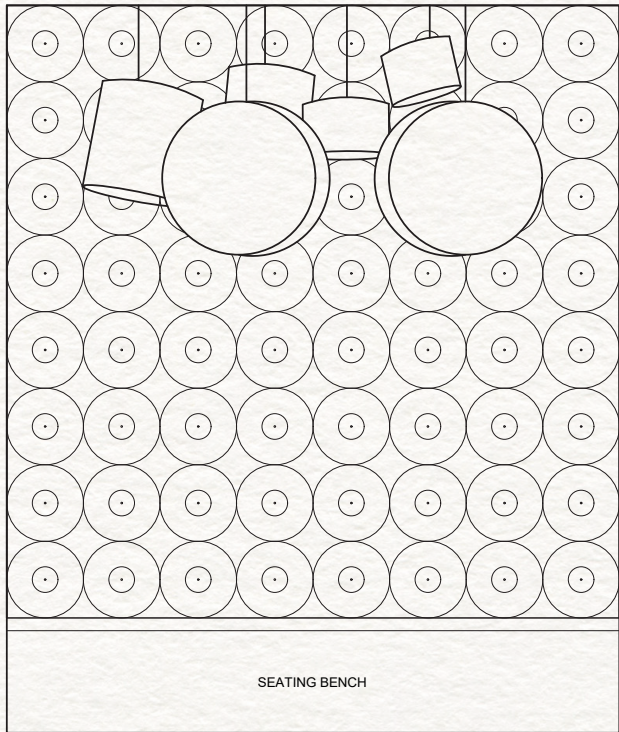
This cruise ship entertainment venue captures the energy and excitement of rock and roll culture through an immersive environment. Inspired by the bold spirit of live music, the design incorporates vibrant red accents, dynamic graphic patterns, and large-scale media displays to create a high-energy atmosphere. A large projection screen continuously showcases iconic music videos and concert footage, creating an engaging backdrop for guests to relax, socialize, and spend time with friends between activities throughout the ship.



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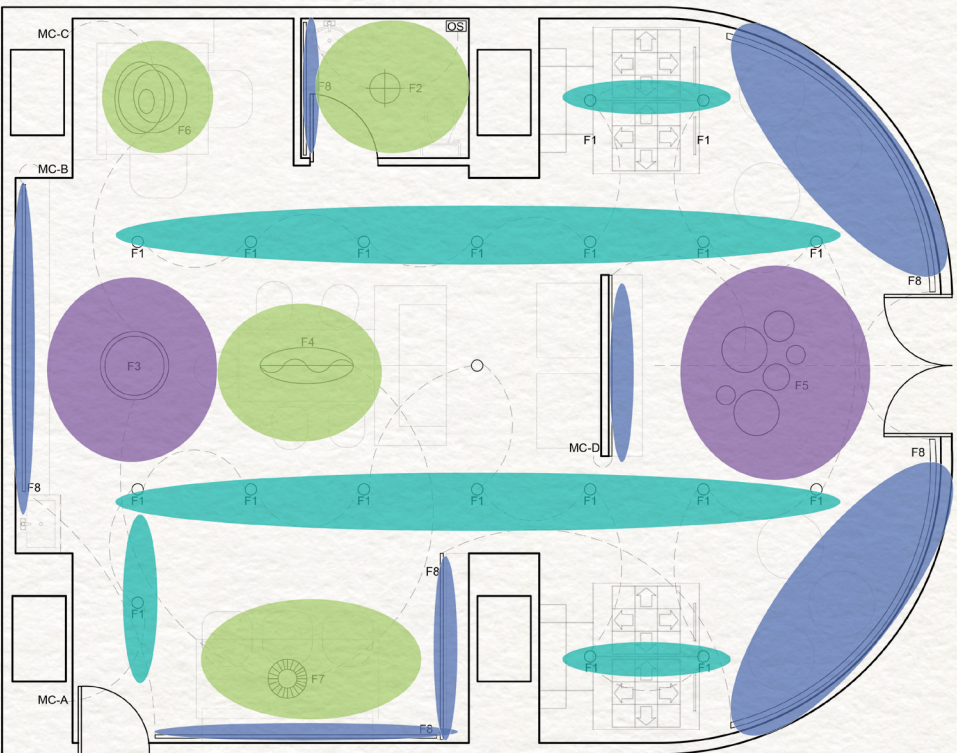


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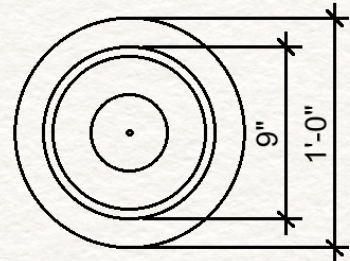
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F7		SPIRAL LIGHTBULB PENDANT
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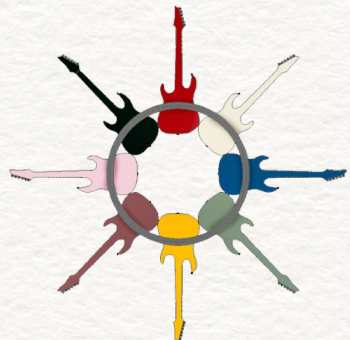
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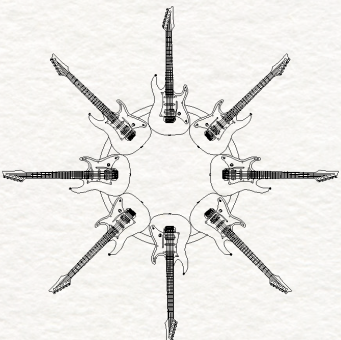
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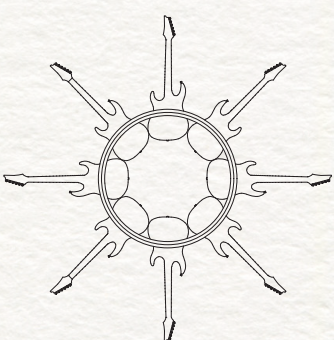
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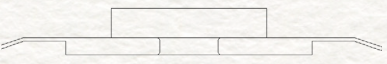
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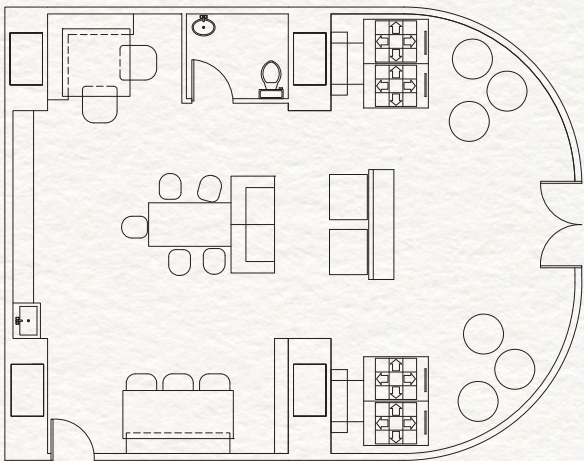
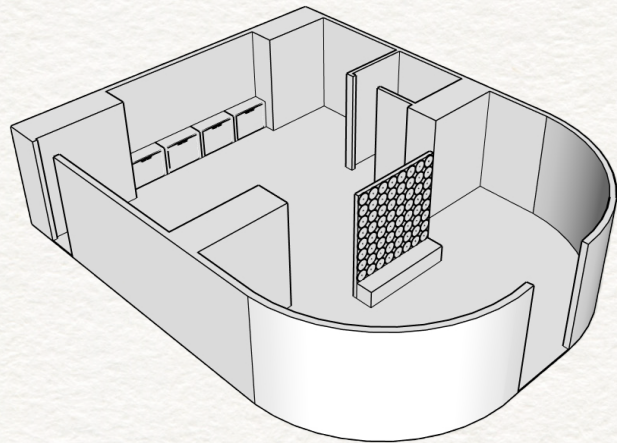


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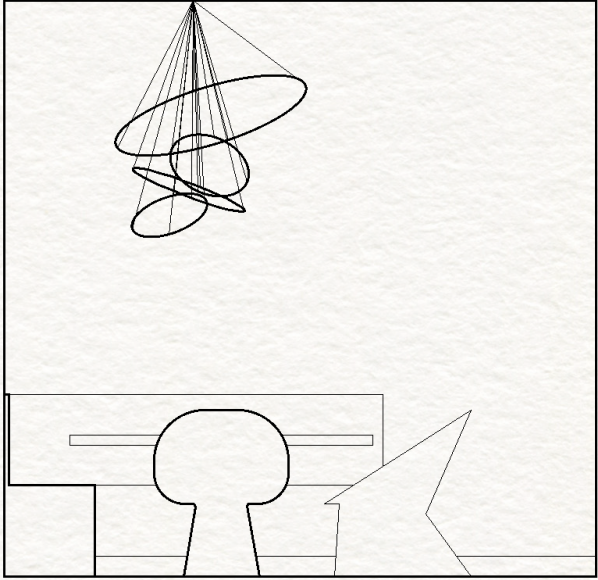
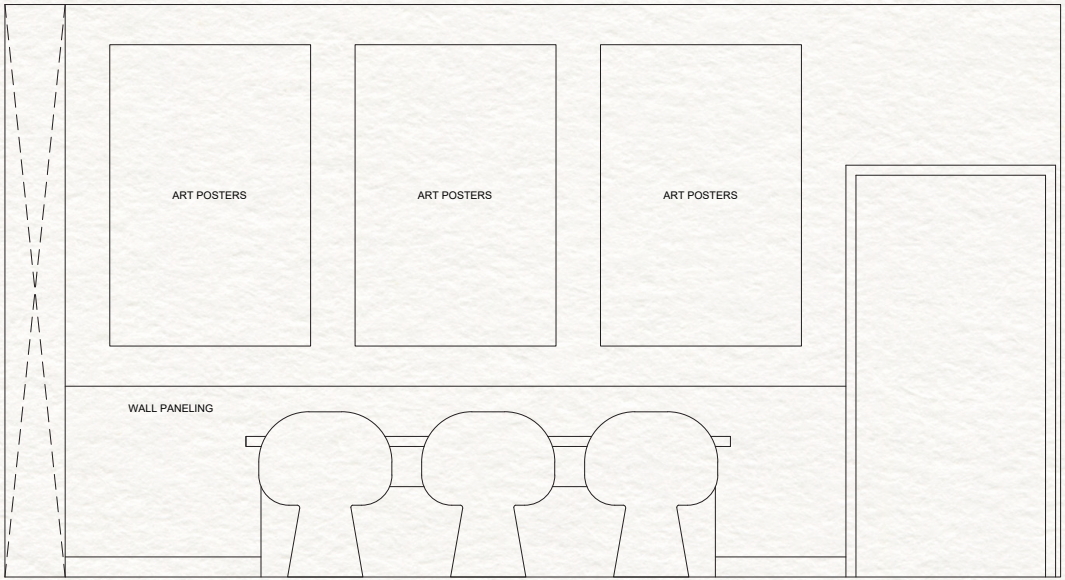
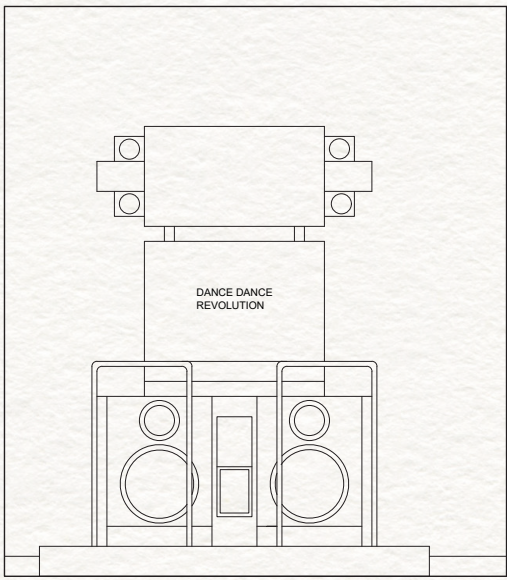
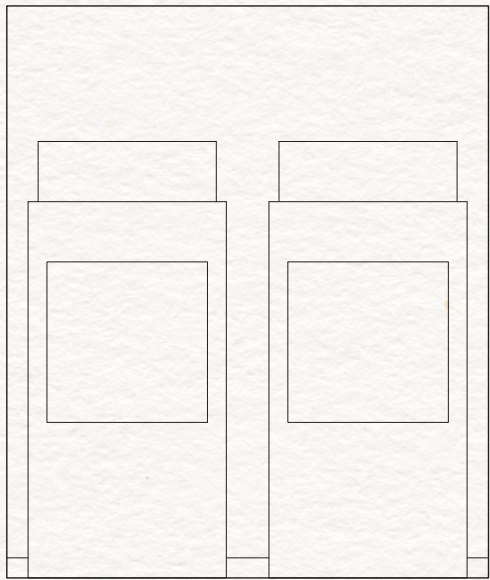
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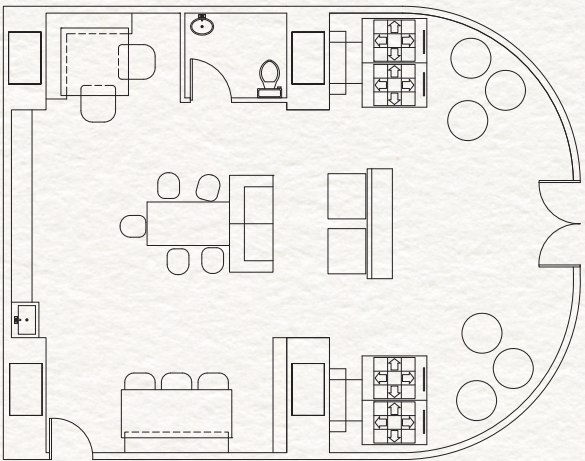
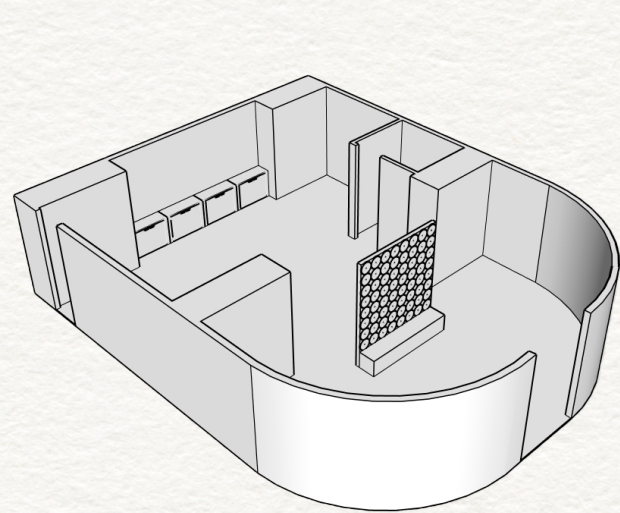


Additional Light Fixtures

A defining feature of the space is its custom lighting, which transforms real musical instruments into sculptural light fixtures. Repurposed guitars and a suspended drum set serve as striking focal points, reinforcing the rock-and-roll theme while adding authenticity and visual interest. These unique fixtures blur the line between functional lighting and artistic installation, creating a memorable environment that reflects the energy and spirit of live performance.



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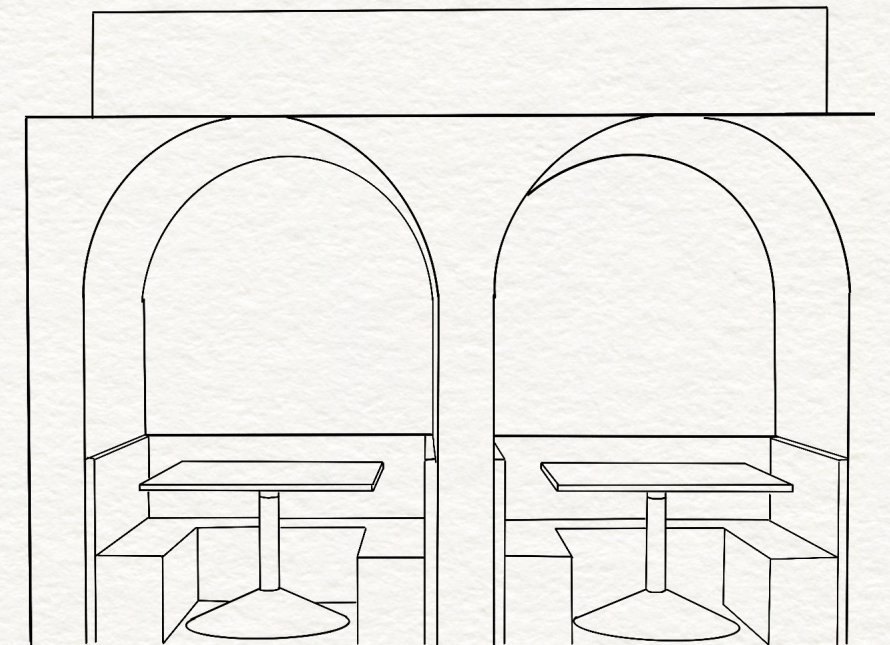
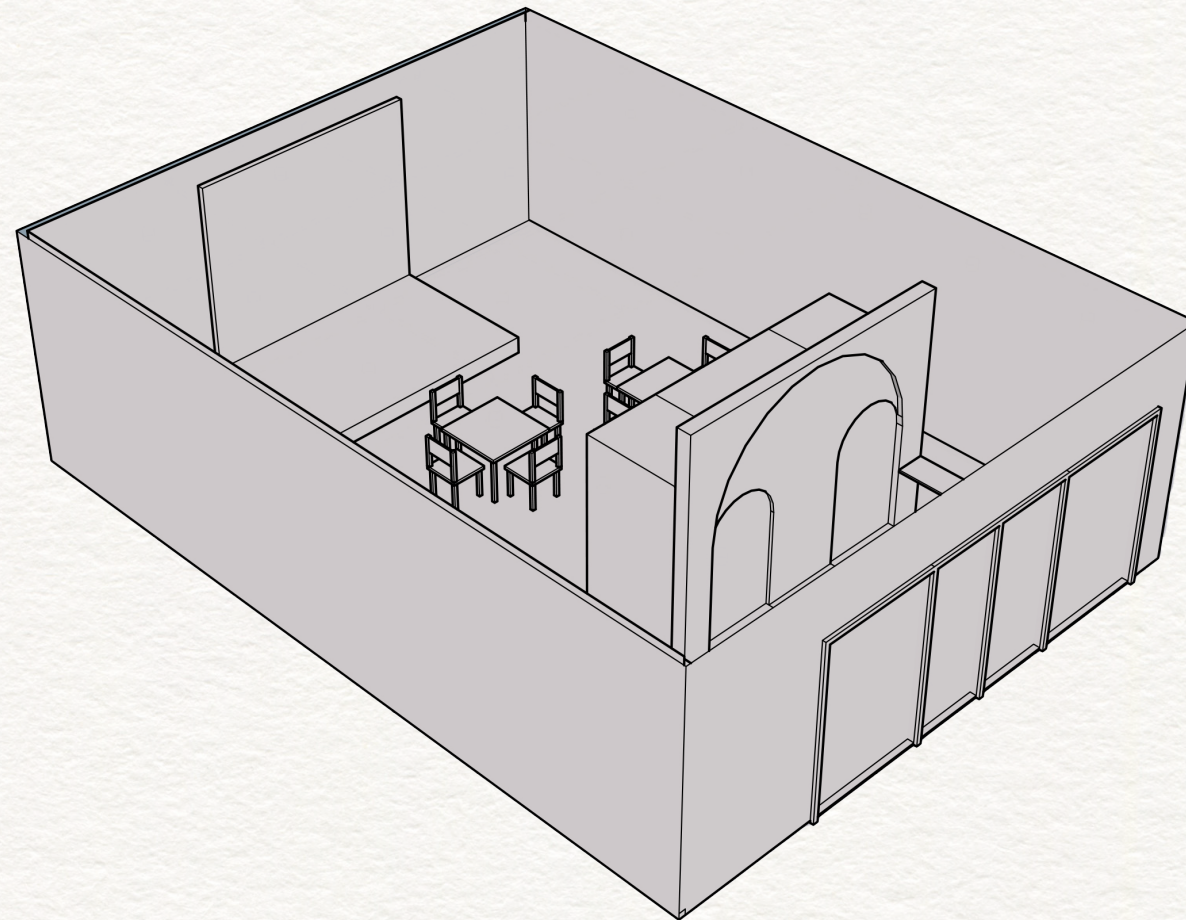
Designer-imagined, AI assisted

AI-assisted visualization is a valuable tool for communicating a designer's vision to clients. For these examples, I used AutoCAD elevations that I created, along with finishes and furnishings I had already selected, as the foundation for AI-generated renderings. Each concept was designer-led, with AI serving as a visualization tool rather than a design tool. This streamlined rendering process allows designers to communicate ideas more efficiently, reducing time spent on labor-intensive renderings while allowing greater focus on creativity, problem-solving, and the overall design process.

DESSERT SHOP

THIRD PLACE CAFE

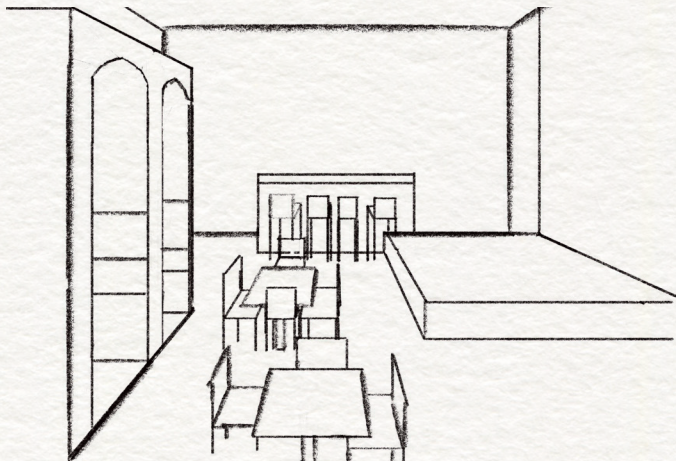
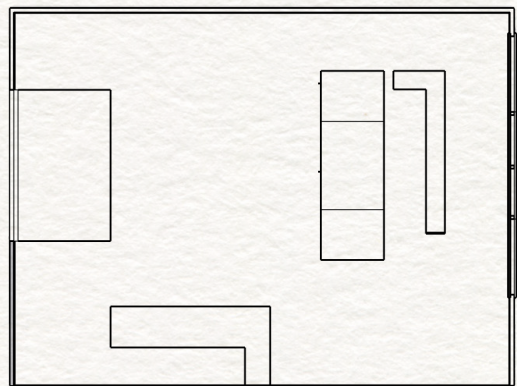
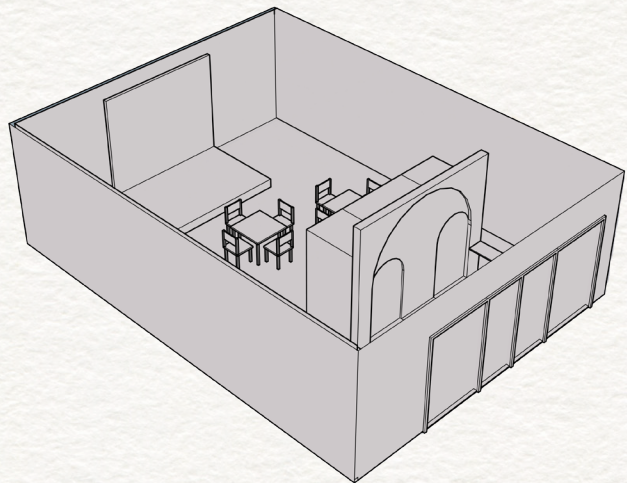
Designed as a vibrant third-place destination, this dessert shop combines playful, bubblegum-inspired aesthetics with spaces that encourage guests to gather, relax, and connect. The front of the shop features the primary ordering area, while the rear includes a performance stage that supports live events and community programming, as well as a dedicated bar area that allows guests to extend their visit and enjoy the lively atmosphere. Bright colors and bold patterns create an energetic environment that is both memorable and inviting.





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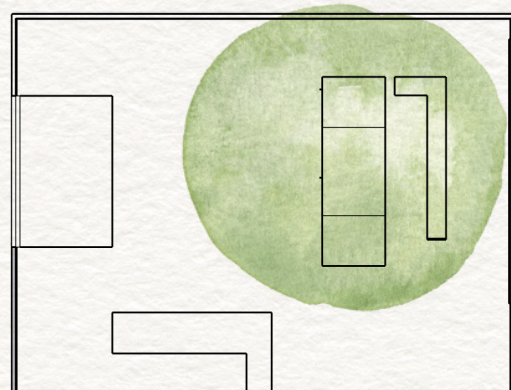
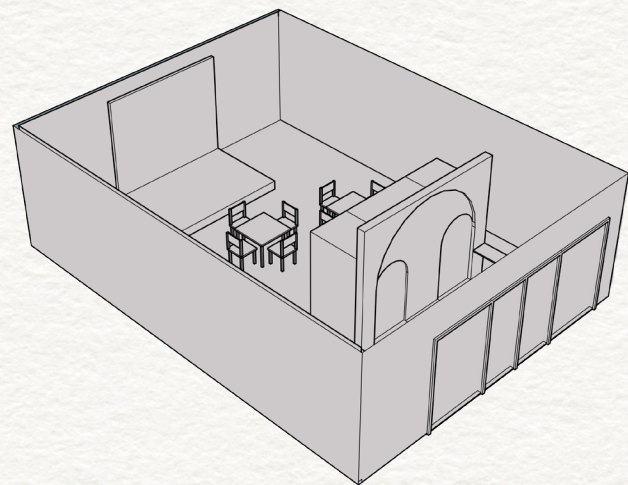
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Before selecting the final “bubblegum” concept, I used Photoshop to explore a variety of design styles and aesthetics for this dessert shop. From Mediterranean to Industrial to Sonoran-inspired interiors, each concept offered a distinct personality and atmosphere. Ultimately, the Bubblegum aesthetic was chosen for its vibrant, playful character, which best complemented the shop’s desserts, specialty drinks, and lively programming, including live music, karaoke, trivia, and game nights. This iterative design process demonstrates how digital visualization can be used to evaluate multiple creative directions before refining a final concept.



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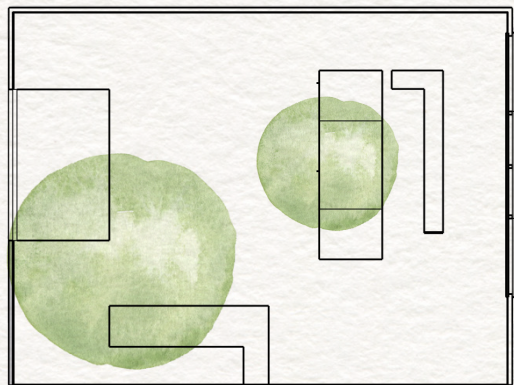
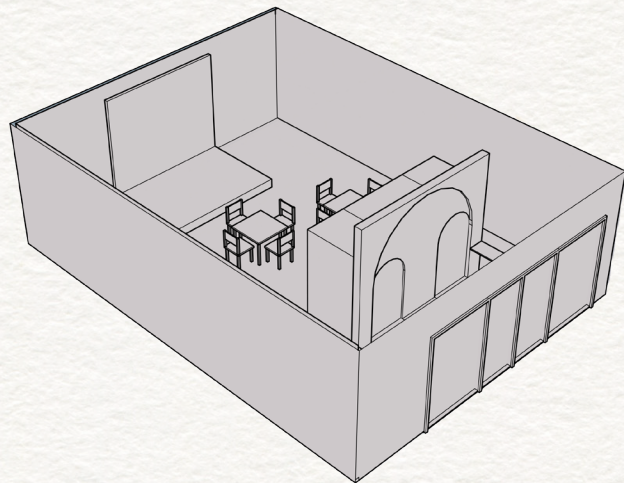
As guests enter the dessert shop, they are welcomed by a vibrant display of freshly prepared desserts that serve as the focal point of the space. The ordering counter is designed to provide an efficient customer experience, while corner seating offers a comfortable place to wait for to-go orders. The open layout naturally guides guests toward the café's main seating areas, where the playful bubblegum aesthetic continues through bold colors, various high-end finishes, and an energetic atmosphere that reflects the shop's desserts, specialty drinks, and live entertainment.



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The main seating area is designed to accommodate a variety of group sizes and hosted events through a flexible mix of built-in booth seating and movable tables and chairs. This adaptable layout allows the space to be easily reconfigured for everything from casual gatherings to trivia nights, karaoke, and live music performances. A small stage serves as a multifunctional feature, providing space for entertainment or additional seating when performances are not scheduled. Nearby, a compact beverage bar offers specialty non-alcoholic drinks that complement the dessert menu. Funky light fixtures and bold patterns complete the space, creating a playful, easy-going atmosphere that encourages guests to relax, socialize, and stay awhile.