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RELIEVE TROPICAL

#### "Tropical Relief" Development of a new surface inspired in Colombia identity and its implementation in an Interior Space

# WHAT IS THE SENSORY IDENTITY OF COLOMBIA?

Surfaces treatments are one of the most attractive applications for young interior designers; they have the challenge today to reinterpret culture and identity of their country into a contemporary perception and transmit unique senses and meanings into space. -Colombia is selected as international culture due to the multi-cultural wealth, biodiversity full of senses, exotic lands and large folklore to explore.

Therefore, the main purpose of the project is to analyse Colombian identity and apply it towards a contemporary environment, transforming the impression and feeling of interior space throughout the development of a new surface. The following project consists of three phases: the research, the development and its implementation:

= The research explored What is a surface?, Which are the principal elements who represent it? and What is the traditional and contemporary Colombian identity? Consequently, the research takes a direction where the -five thermal floors of Colombia will represent the authentic Colombian identity in all its senses.

**Z** = The development of a design concept in which the juxtaposition of the main aspects of surface: color-texture-pattern with the five layers of thermal floors of Colombia will represent the story behind the construction of the new surface.

3-The implementation of the new surface apply into a contemporary interior space dedicated to retail experience; the final result is the design of a single and multibrand store.

Here is where Relieve Tropical is created: a visual, tactile, emotional surface will express a unique perception of Colombian identity.

#### - Research



## **SURFACE**

**ELEMENTS Texture** Pattern Color

Visual Touch Hear/Smell/Taste Emotional&Cultural experience

Sensory experience

**COLOMBIAN IDENTITY** 

Geography Biodiversity Folklore & Traditions Ethnics Patriotic Symbols Agriculture & Exotic Food Crafts & Art Mațerials **Techniques** Tourism Architecture

Thermal floors Hot weather Warm weather
Cold weather
Moorlands
Perpetual Snow

CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE

Education Platform Design Room Cont. Colombian Designers Fairs and promoters International Designers

**Decorative** paper

CLEAF Concept design color-pattern-texture + 5thermal floors

FRAME application decorative paper into interior space single brand store window display multibrand store



-contemporary inspirations

# VerdiDesign



Artesian textile art traditional Col. patterns natural fibers by Tomás and Cristina Vera

**Tucurinca** 

Woven chairs Technique fibers ancestral patterns by Rafael Zuñiga

### Colombian Designers Icono Taller



Handmade artisan tiles variation color- patterns interior inspiration by Luisa Aldana

**Design Room** 



Digital platform highlight Contemporary Colombian Design

Acande

Le tapis in caña flecha application natural fiber handwoven technique



International Designers

Showroom - Exhibition for Salone del Mobile interior Col identity

### - Development

#### Concept Design

Surface + Colombian identity

Juxtaposition of three mainly elements of surface COLOR - TEXTURE and PATTERNS from Colombian traditions with the five layers of the thermal floors previously analyzed by senses to create a complete sensory identity of Colombia.

A dynamic and interactive board is designed where the visual and tactile sensations express a unique perception of the Colombian identity.

#### -color

of endemic Flora & Fauna + Natural landscape



#### -texture

Natural fibers



#### -pattern

of handcrafts + handwoven + woven techniques



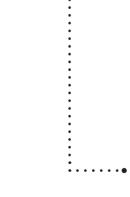




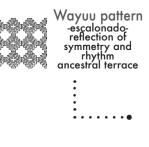




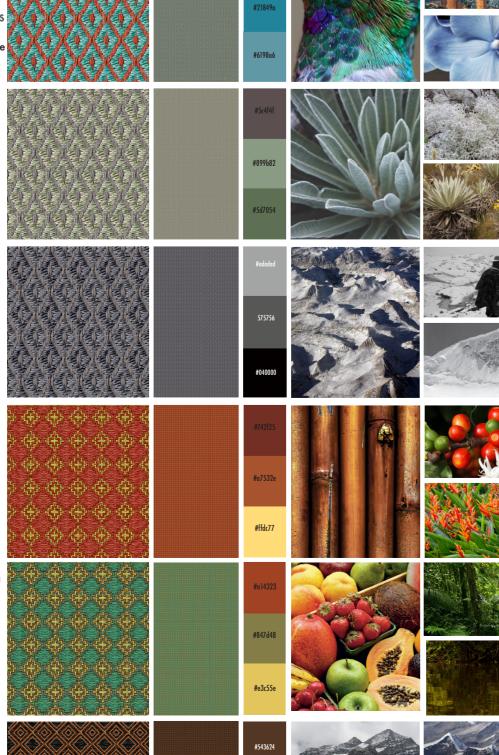
















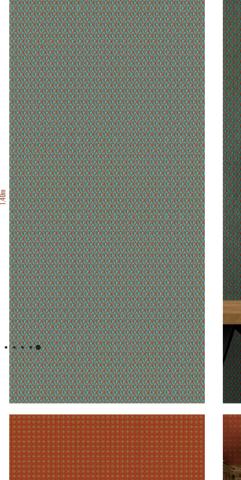






















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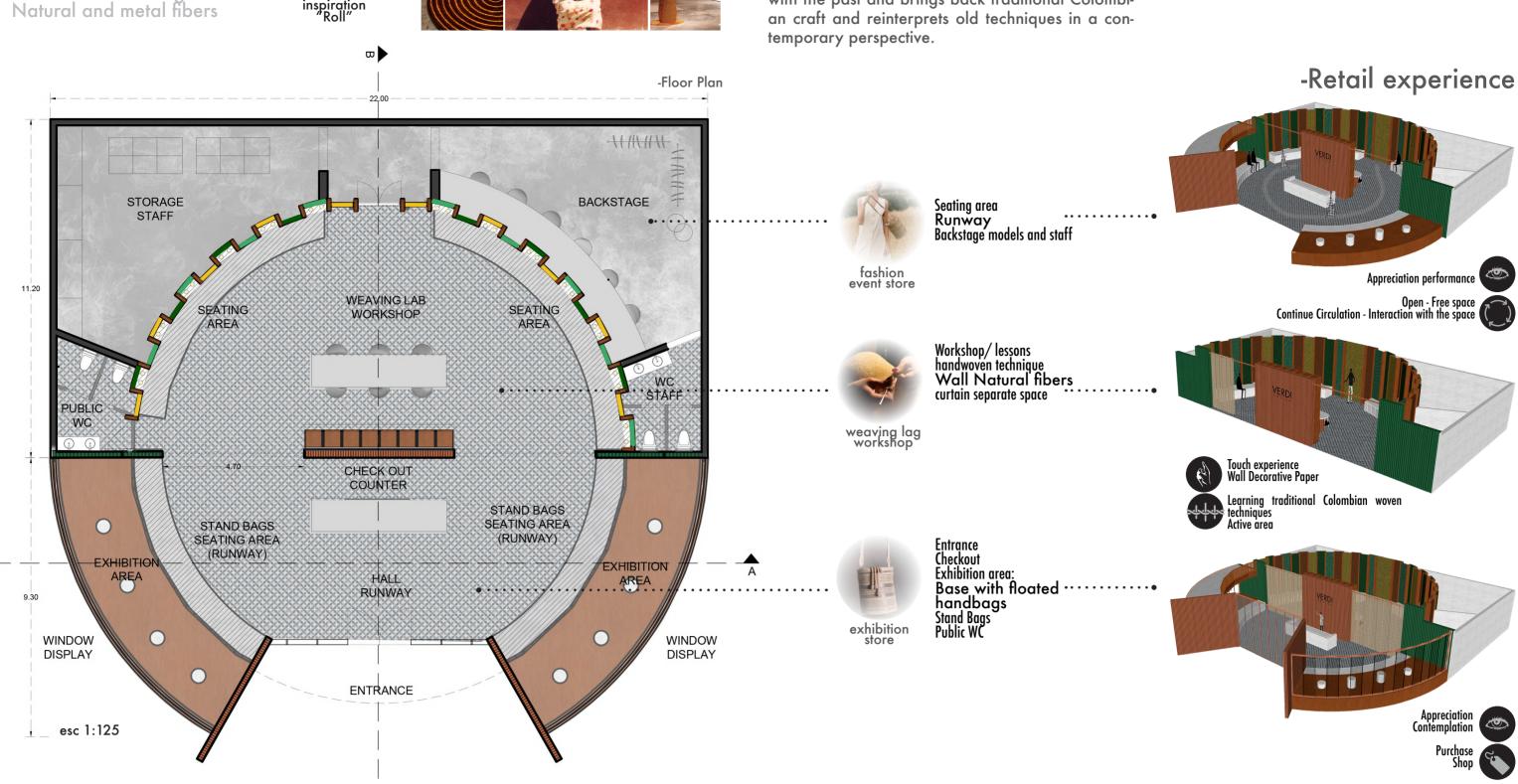
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#### - Implementation





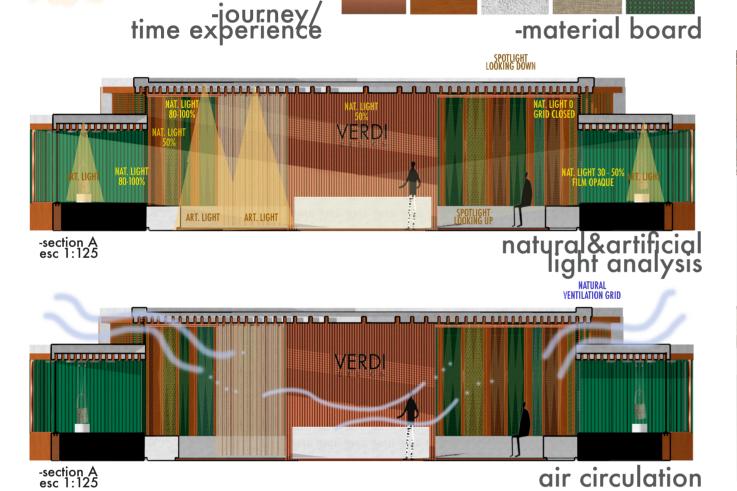
Design inspired by a traditional Colombian woven technique called roll, which consists in a spiral weave made by Fique natural fiber. It represent resonance with ancestral the time, the connection with the past and brings back traditional Colombian craft and reinterprets old techniques in a con-



#### Sense Board



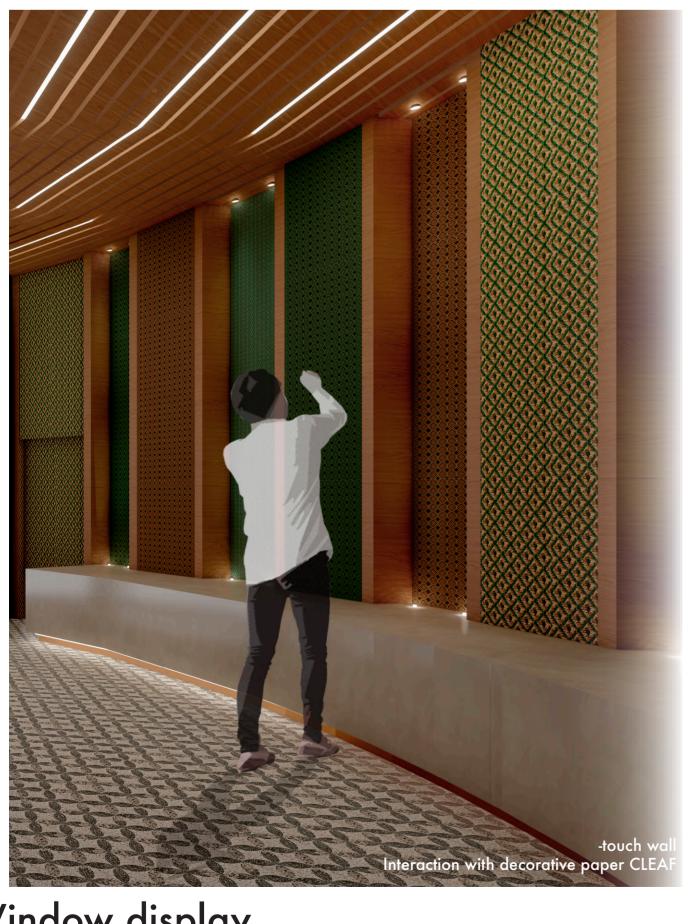








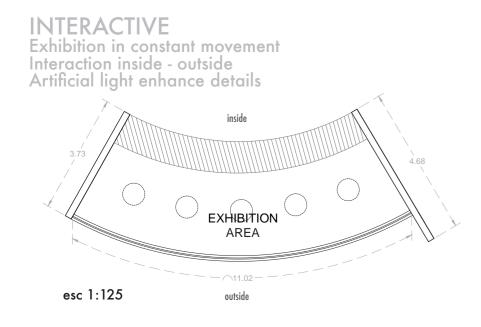


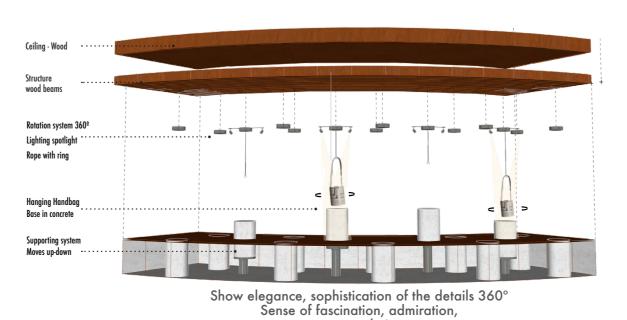






# Window display





contemplation



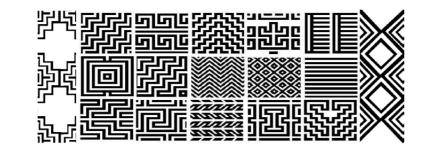
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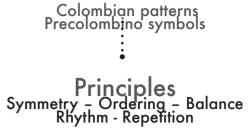
#### Multibrand store **DEPARTMENT STORE**

Fashion, Furniture, Food store Wall flexible system create multiple configuration of the inner space Inspiration: Colombian patterns Precolombino symbols

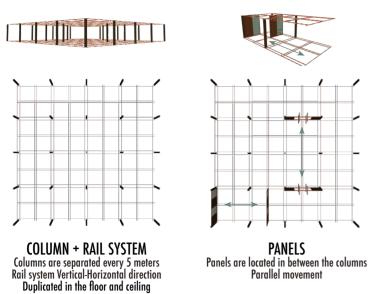


Artisans, natives and indigenous from Colombia have been kept alive the traditional patterns from generation to generation and have transmitted their identity, meaning and symbology over the time.

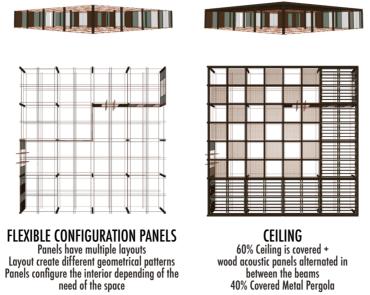
Ancestral influence comes from the Pre-Colonial period (5000 b.c), nature and cosmos were represented by abstract and figurative designs specially with geometric shapes.





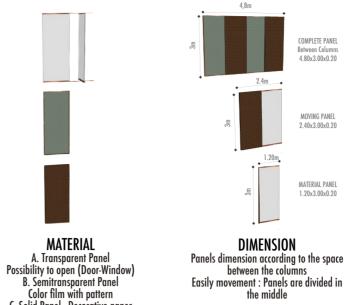


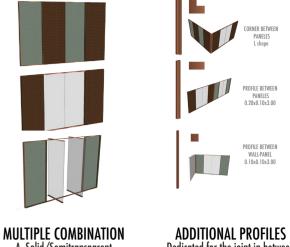






C. Solid Panel - Decorative paper





A. Solid/Semitransparent
B. Solid /Transparent C. Transparent/Semitransparent (Open - Door)

Checkout – counter Offices (2 level)

panels and walls

