

Batman Returns Pitch

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Long Line

'Its 2470, After a nuclear disaster contaminated all of Gotham City it had to be knocked down to rubble and rebuilt. Now in the future we have a city who is divided by those who want to start the nuclear reactors backup and those who want to stay eco power based, a woman who is sick of a society that has progressed so immensely but still has such a misogynistic view towards women, a mysterious flippered man, and a millionaire with a secret life.'

Art Breakdown

BATMAN RETURNS

Screenplay By : Daniel Waters

Based on Character Created by Bob Kane

INT. Stuffy Mansion - Night

- Viewer floats through mansion up the staircase while mother gives birth down the hall
- (Christmas Eve Past) Christmas scene with cage in background and Father and Mother holding martinis look out window

EXT. Park - Night

- Happy couple pushes baby carriage through park appear contrasting couple who throw their carriage into river

EXT. The Carriage - Night

- Carriage lands in small river and floats down it into a sewer pipe

INT. A Dark Lair - Night

- Carriage comes out of pipe and enters moat of water and washes ashore and penguins surround

EXT. A Display Window - Early Evening of the Current era

- Batman logo fills frame, gets hit with snowballs, reveal its an ad in a window

EXT. Gotham Plaza - Early evening

- Plaza filled with Christmas propaganda (straight out of a christmas movie), Classic American family, Girl donates to Salvation Army santa, Ice Princess gets all's attention, Giant Christmas tree gets lit
- NOW NIGHT - Giant Christmas present floats into plaza, Alfred tosses his present into a Rolls-Royce, Pulls ticket off it, Alarms in batman window display go off at 7
- Front of box bursts open, Carnival folk come out of box and cause mayhem, Seline rushes out with Max's speech, trio of bikers buzz her to the ground, Batman sled crashes against police windshield
- TO THE SKY - Bat Beacon is shined

- Fire breather breaks Batman display window and breathes fire onto all merchandise, dropped shopping bags, Ice princess shoves elderly woman to the ground
- Three clowns fire at Batmobile, one jumps out of the way, Other two slam onto hood, Batmobile rushes toward Batman display window and fire breather, More fire at Batmobile, Batmobile brakes and clowns go flying off into fire breather and display window, Batman twists square knob, Steel Jack Type Device comes out of the Batmobile and lifts it off ground, does a sharp 180 spin, Batman re twists the knob, Jack goes back in, Fire breather gets set on fire from the Batmobiles exhaust, Batmobile hurdles towards escaped clown who takes Selina and breaks one of

- her heels, Batmobile door opens and Batman comes out, Acrobat somersaults into his face and Batman punches him, Batman fires speargun and it goes past clown into a wall and yanks the wall and hits the back of the clowns head, Selina takes her only surviving heel and kicks the clown to the ground and the stun gun, Batman dashes after Selina tries to talk to him, Selina picks up clowns stun gun and zaps him
- Mayor thanks Batman and he disappears
- NOW NEXT DAY - Mayor surrounded by news cameras tours scene from last night accompanied by his wife holding their baby and also Max, From behind a tree an acrobat thug somersaults at the Mayor's wife snatching the baby, Mayor launches at thug and gets kicked to the ground, Thug races through crowd and falls into an open manhole, Thug comes scrambling out of hole and dashes away, Bystanders back

- up revealing Mayors child levitating but it's actually Penguin holding it
- THAT EVENING - Banner headline "The PaperBoy doesn't have enough tabloids to sell - their flying out of his hands", Gothamites read each other their favorite quotes from stories, Pick up an exchange of a couple as they pass

EXT. Outside The Sewer Grate - Evening

- Alfred marches past grate and paper boy, Paper boy and Alfred talk, Alfred turns on sewer grate as penguin diapers

INT. Max Shreck's Conference Room - Night

- Big Shreck Corporation Logo of cat, Max(for) and Mayor(against) talk about new power plant, Chip (Max's son) and Selina Kyle walk in, Selina sets down new coffee for Mayor and Max, Talks about powerplant again, Chip says time for Mayor and Max to go down and spread joy, Mayor tells Max that he will have to submit to the committees the normal way (basically saying he won't approve of it and help), Selina tries to suggest something, Max shuts her down, Selina beats herself up for it
- Max turns away from window and sees Chip in the entrance way, Have banter and Chip walks out

EXT. Outside Shreck's Department Store - Night

- Max, Mayor and chip enter from beneath Shreck sign, Max donates to Salvation Army santa plays it off that he gave a lot but second bill is only a single, Max side steps gross sludge, Follow sludge to sewer grate

INT. Below In Sewer - Night

- Silhouette responds to sludge by opening and umbrella

EXT. The Stage - Night

- Clock behind Mayor and Max reads 6:55, Mayor takes mike

- Max, Mayor and staff hurl small wrapped boxes into crowd, Max unzips portfolio its empty
- Max drops a present lands on sewer grate
- Monkeys with guns on a man's shoulder who fires at the Christmas tree blasting off things, Max and Mayor hit the deck, Fat clown leaps onto stage with Knife thrower, Sword Swallower chokes up an Excalibur ?, Max gets pushed of stage by Knife thrower, Knife thrower throws a knife at Chip grazing his ear

INT. Max's Office - Night

- Selina scribbles "OBEY" on a post it, Sticks it on compute with other demeaning notes, Phone rings she just stares, Notices Max's speech

INT. Sewer Below Stage - Night

- Umbrella closes, We see Max through sewer grate, Penguin flips open a rusty old watch(1 min to 7)

INT. Wayne Manor - Night

- Bat Beacon can be seen through window, reflection of it is seen through mirror in living room and then through another mirror the reflected onto Bruce

- LIVING ROOM - THAT NIGHT -

- Alfred is hanging ornaments on a step ladder with his attention on TV, Bruce sitting on couch
- Bruce and Alfred are frozen, Alfred has arm outstretched to the tree ornament dangling
- Alfred trims tree, Bruce staring at TV

INT. Sewer - Night

- Through grate bars we see Bat symbol

EXT/INT. Batmobile - Night

- Batmobile rockets towards viewer, Bat insignia reflecting on windshield, Batmobile smashing through giant present, Three stilt walkers viciously kicking the

- crowd, Batman slams down lever causing blades to come out of car, Causes stilt walkers to come crashing down, Batman fires frisbee things in heads of carnies and bikers, Frisbee hits Tattooed strongman in face
- INT- (MOVING) - NIGHT- Batman driving, Alfred's face comes onto a screen, Glances out the window at the Hall of Records, Sees one light still on causing a shadow of Penguin hunched over at his desk and sees two Shreck guards in front of the building on stairs asleep, Drives around hall

EXT. Plaza Side Street - Night

- Max trots over sewer grate
- Max stops atop a manhole and it opens up and swallowing him and then the manhole flips back normal

INT. Beneath The Side Street

Sewer Grate - Night

- Max stomping across grate

INT. Selinas Apartment - Later That Night

- Selina enters and hangs up winter coat, Neon "hello there" sign on wall, Meticulous doll house, A quilt in progress, lots of stuffed animals, Christmas tree, Cat (Miss Kitty) slinks

- in through her window, Sets down a dish of milk, Miss Kitty comes over, Passes childhood photos, Turns to answering machine and turns it on, Lets it play while opening murphy bed, Fast forwards through messages, Miss Kitty snuggles up against her, Fires her stun gun at the answering machine which jolts it off, Goes to closet and puts coat back on, Exits to go get the file
- STILL LATER THAT NIGHT - Battered and bloody clutching Miss kitty Selina enters her apartment, She stands there and then starts her destruction, Grabs Black spray paint, Sprays everything, Takes uncoiled wire and transforms her murphy bed into something "weird and painful", Flings childhood photos off the wall into a mini bonfire as well as he

- christmas tree, Shoves a stuffed unicorn into the garbage disposal and destroys her other stuffed animals, Stabs her doll and the house with a sewing needle, Stitches together something “black and silky”, Punches with bare fists the last letter of the first word to make her neon sign say “HELL HERE”
- THE NEXT MORNING - Sun rises through windows, Sits in lotus position on floor, Wearing her sewn cat suit, Slides a bowl of milk to Miss kitty

EXT. Old Gotham Zoo - Night

- Viewer wafts over creepy panorama of an abandoned zoo expo area, whoosh downward to decrepit “ARCTIC WORLD” Pavilion then through its cracked observation window

INT. Penguins Lair - Night

- Continue down halls, Max slumped over the edge of a block of ice, Max glances to his side to see an emperor penguin, Block of ice shaped as a conference table,

- Carnies are there (Red Triangle Circus), Electrical generator wired to an air conditioner turns on, Penguins horseplay in the moat, Drip thudding against an umbrella held by a penguin who is wearing a coat, he then flaps down the umbrella revealing he is THE Penguin, Max freaks, Penguin shoots fire from his umbrella, Sets it down, Penguin picks up another umbrella and it shoots knives, Penguin plays with a third umbrella, Points it at Max, Penguin shoots a blank with the umbrella at Max, Carny hand Penguin a stocking with “Max” stitched on it, Pulls out a rusty thermos from the stocking and pours some goo onto the table top and it sizzles, A different Carny hand Penguin a sheaf of papers (they have been shredded but pieced together), From under the table penguin pulls out a human hand and waves it

Insert - TV Screen

- On TV you see what happened with the child and Penguin and Penguin getting out of the hole with a big rubber duck attached to a tall scissor lift then wife snatches up baby and embraces Penguin, Mayor tries to shake Penguins hand, Max pats Penguins back, Max whispers in Penguins ear then Penguin takes a bow
- Penguin in Gotham plaza doing an interview, Wearing a tattered cloak, Shielding his eyes with a small fraying umbrella

EXT. Hall Of Records - Next day

- Press photographers try and snatch photos through windows of the building, Journalists barred from the building by cops interview

- each other, A reporter tries to sneak through a side entrance and is grabbed by two Shreck Security Guards, Max is suddenly standing there surrounded by a posse of his own reporters, Reporter thrusts tape recorder at Max's mouth, Flips the recording button off

INT. Hall Of Records - Day

- Penguin alone in the Main Hall seated at a enormous table surrounded with files marked "Birth Certificates", Penguin going through them with his left flipper, Right flipper wrapped around a pen, Jots down names on legal pad, NIGHT NOW— Now dark same scene Penguin has not left but press has, Now the one pad is a tall stack of them, Sits by an eerie table lamp

EXT. Gotham Street - Night

- Batmobile cruises down a empty street

EXT. Cemetery - Day

- A mob tried to muscle into the cemetery cant get in due to security, Penguin passes headstones and stops at the ones marked TUCKER COBBLEPOT and ESTHER COBBLEPOT, Penguin falls to his knees, Plucks two wilted flowers from his sleeve then places on each plot, Penguin rises and goes to the entrance, Interviewers bombard him, Twirls his umbrella

INT. Batcave Laboratory - Same Time

- Bruce reading paper but its projected on a large screen, Punches in a command and old articles appear, Searches for more, Alfred enters with

- supper on a tray, Bruce sips soup, Keeps searching, Bruce grabs an interactive CD on his tabletop and throws it like a frisbee at Alfred, Alfred puts it in the CD player, Bruce snaps it off

EXT. Shreck building - That Night

- BOOM UP to the executive suite, See Selina at her desk in the outer office slaving away

INT. Outer Office - Night

- Selina makes notes, Consults her notes, Max lights a match and sets her notebook on fire, Max drops the charred notebook, Selina is backed up against a

- window, Max pushes Selina through window

EXT. Shreck All - Night

- Selina falls downward through snow and glass, Her fall is softened by a flagpole with the Shreck cat on it, she lands in a deep pile of snow, Eyes open blurry ;looking at cat flag
- Miss kitty summoned and shows up with cats every shape/size, Miss kitty crawls on top her ,breathes into her mouth, A siamese whispers in her ear, Tabbies snuggle against the soles of her feet, a tom bites finger

Concept Inspiration

The Goiania
Incident

Chernobyl

SL - I reactor

Frutiger Aero

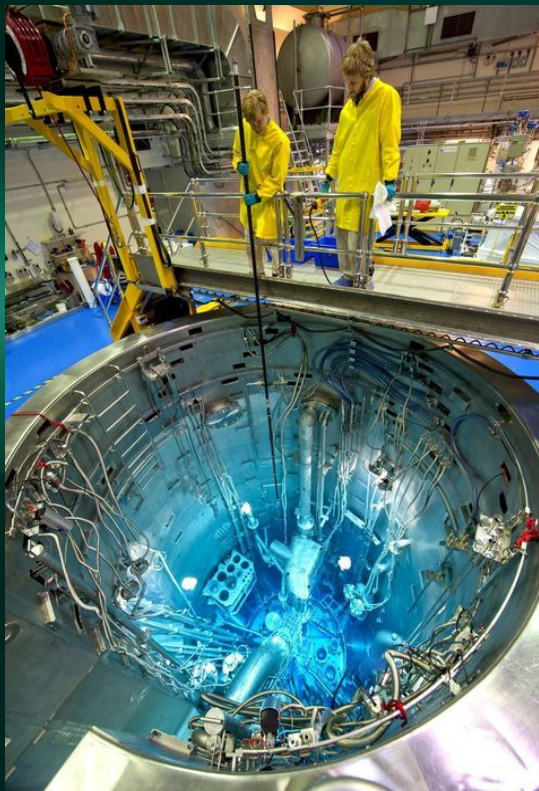
70's

Futuristic

Concept Color and Texture Scheme



Progression of Reactor





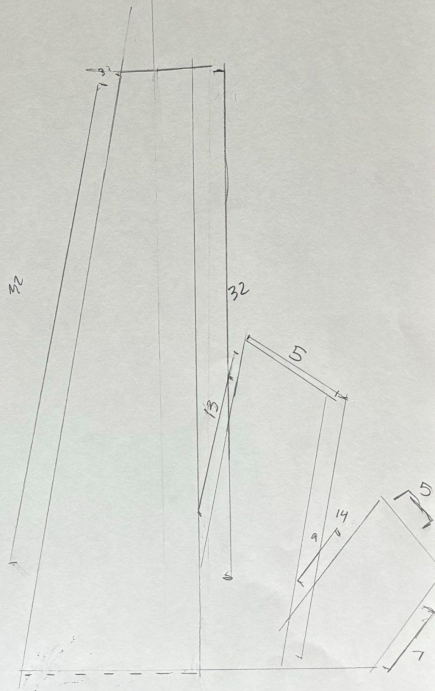
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Sewer

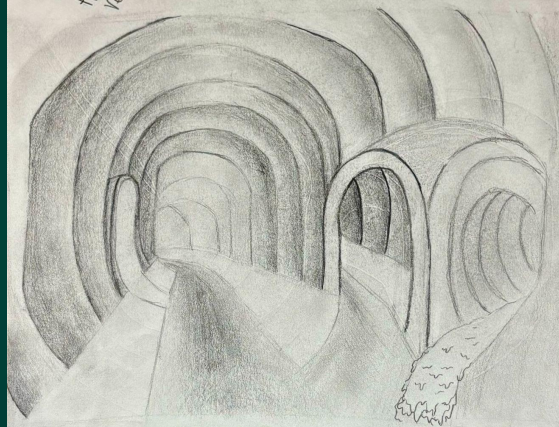




Sewer



Nuclear reactor disaster → Max wants to start up the ones that did not get destroyed in the explosion
 Frutiger aero
 floor plans
 windows
 everything is modern knocked down all old buildings contaminated w radiation
 used a (deep dive) only left the sewers and the penguins since it was underground
 habitat 200 knocked down



to destroy doll house Selina teleports into it
 is a family heirloom → why its Victorian esq

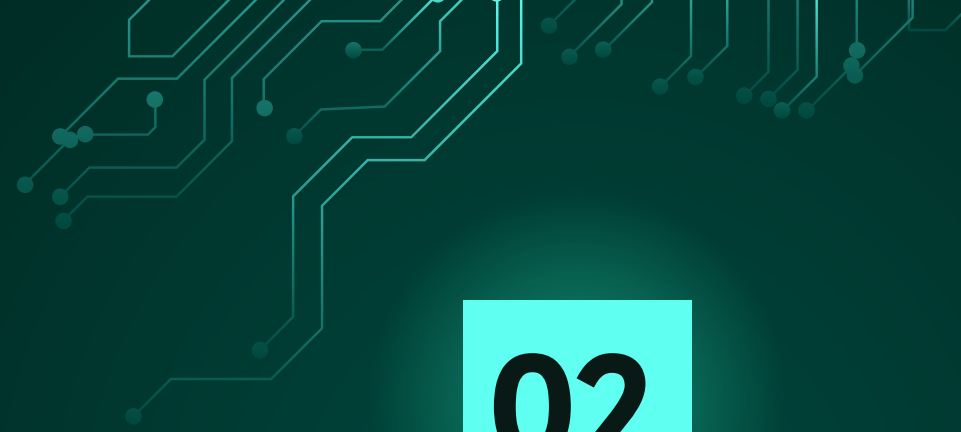
Selina apartment
 - circles
 - inco from space
 (+ future moon habitation)

takes place in 2470

↓
 futuristic
 esq
 10's

moon landing

even though
 society has evolved
 but respect towards women
 has not

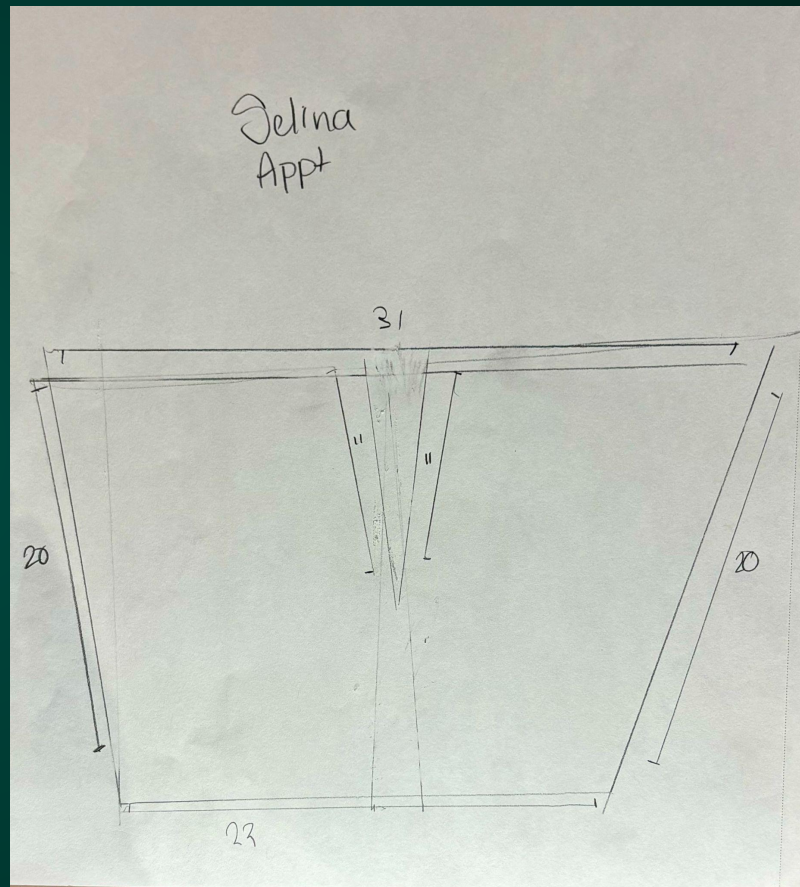
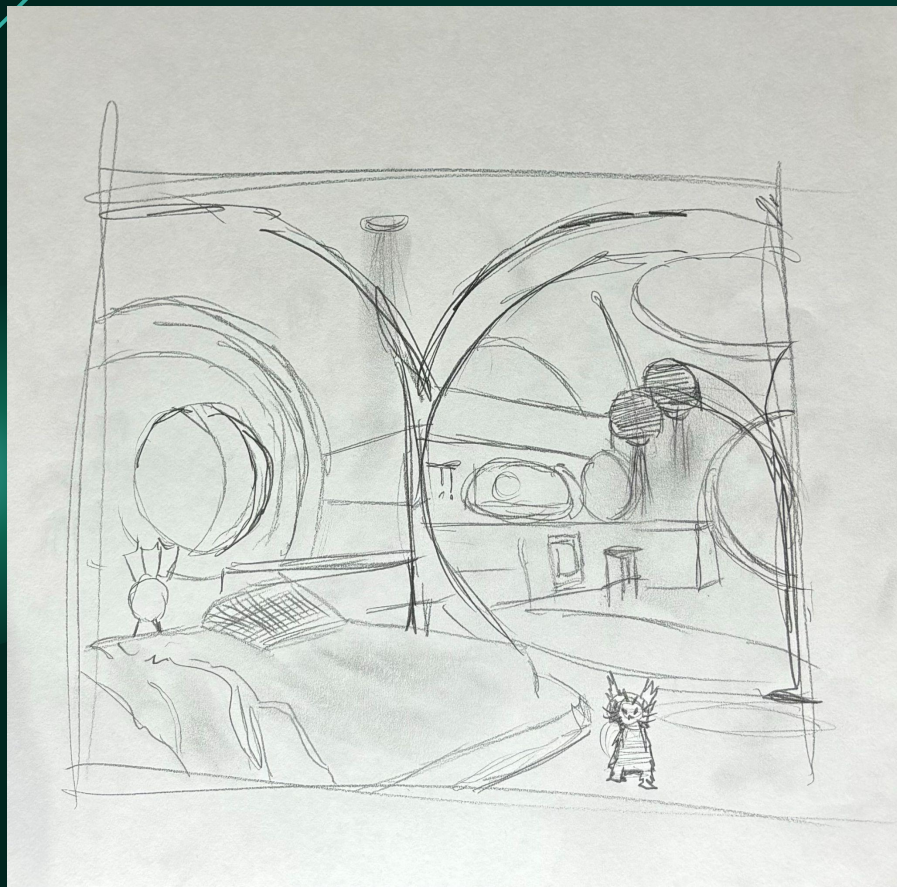


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Selina's Apartment







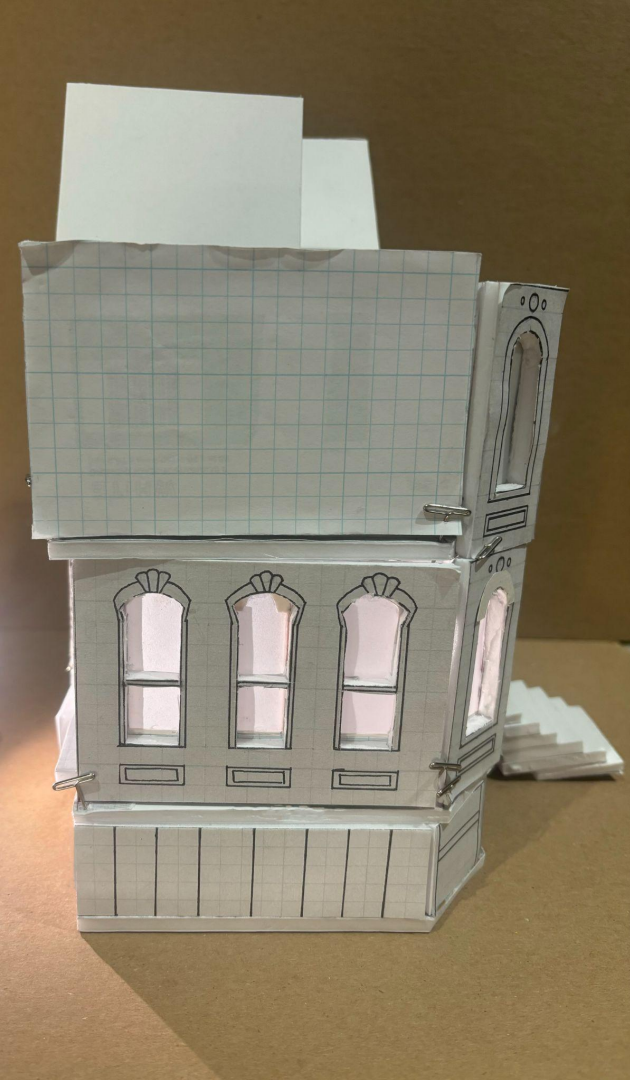


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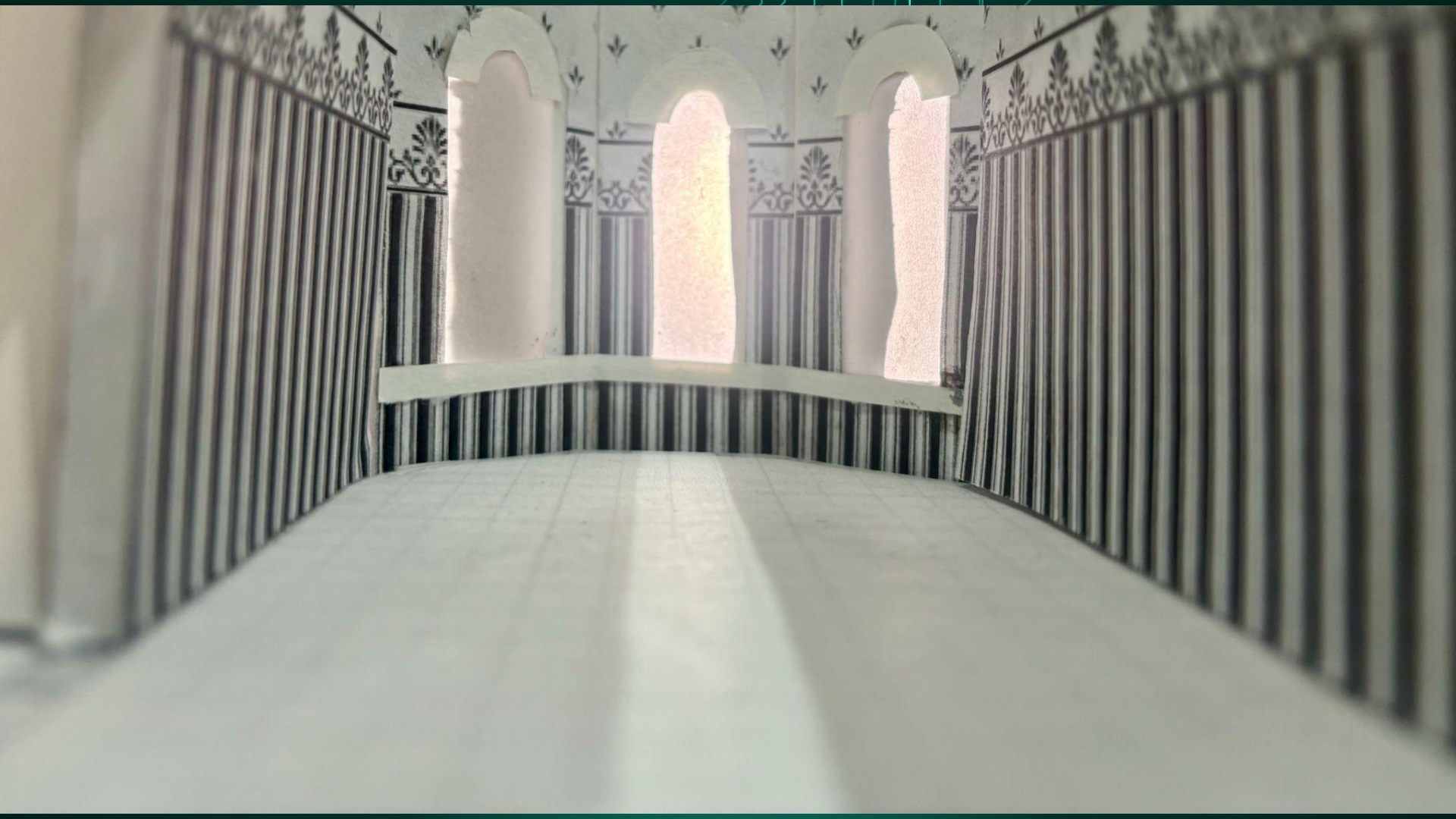
Victorian Doll House



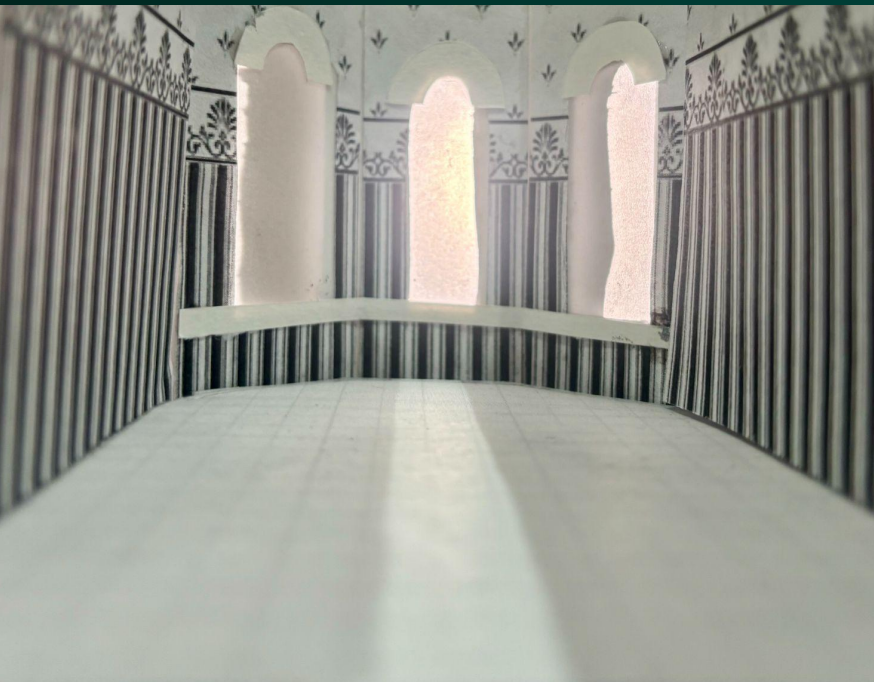


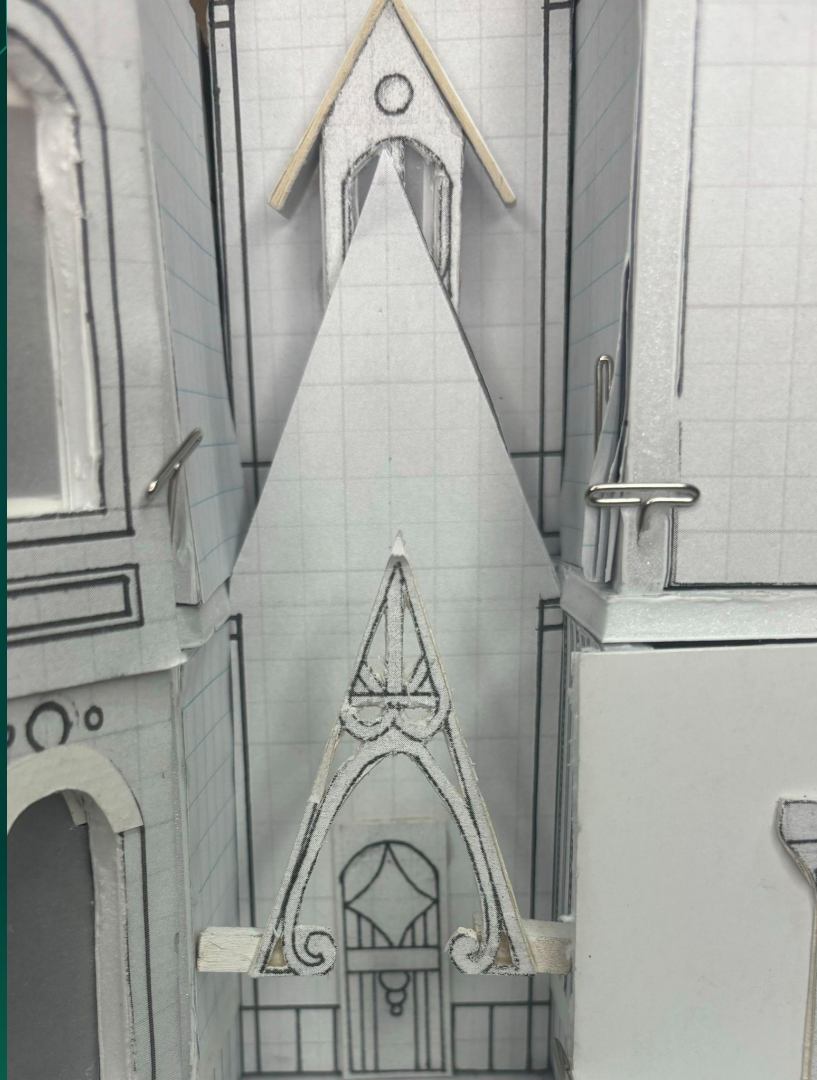




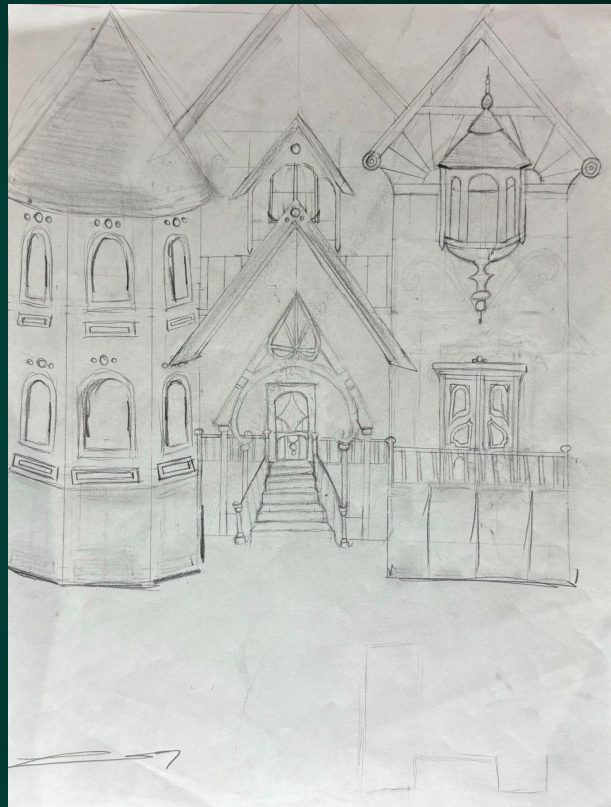
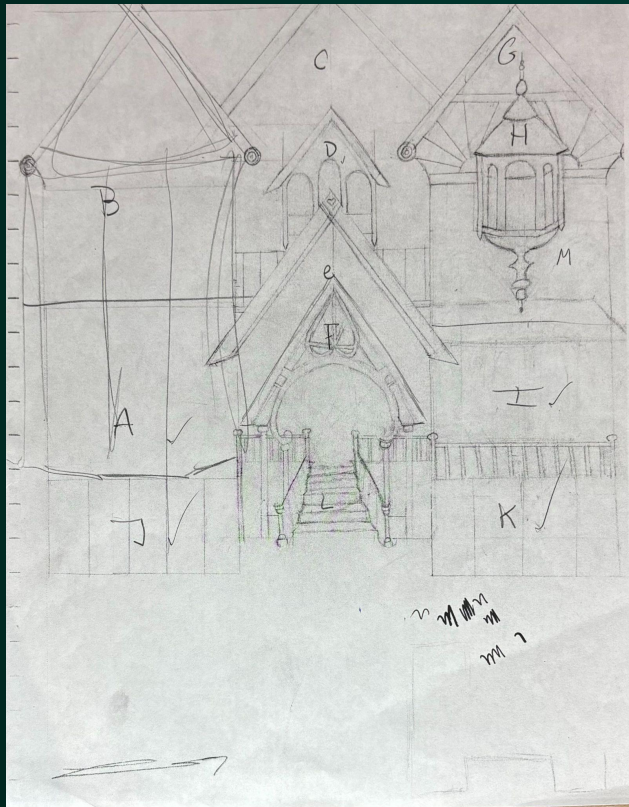


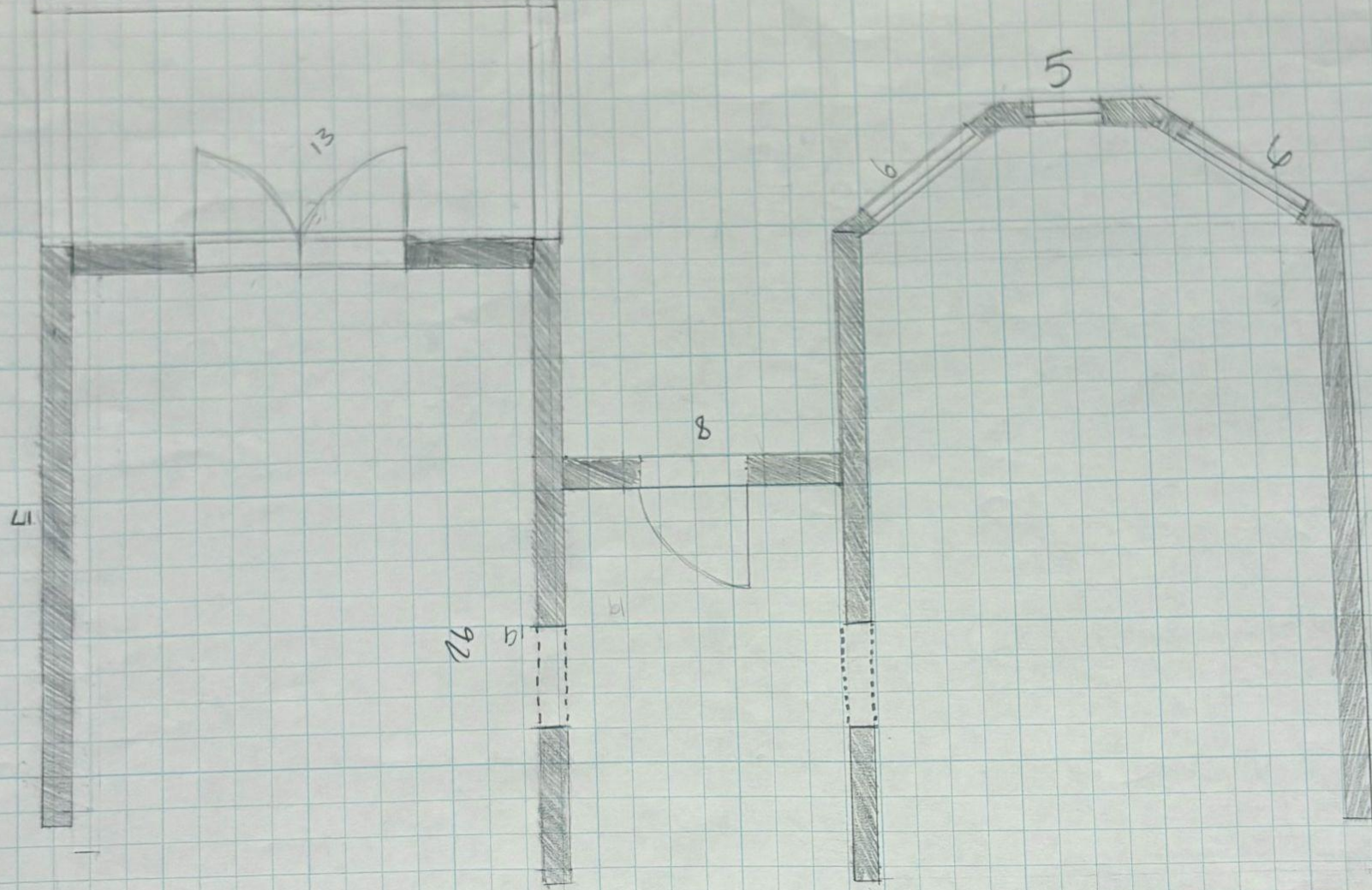


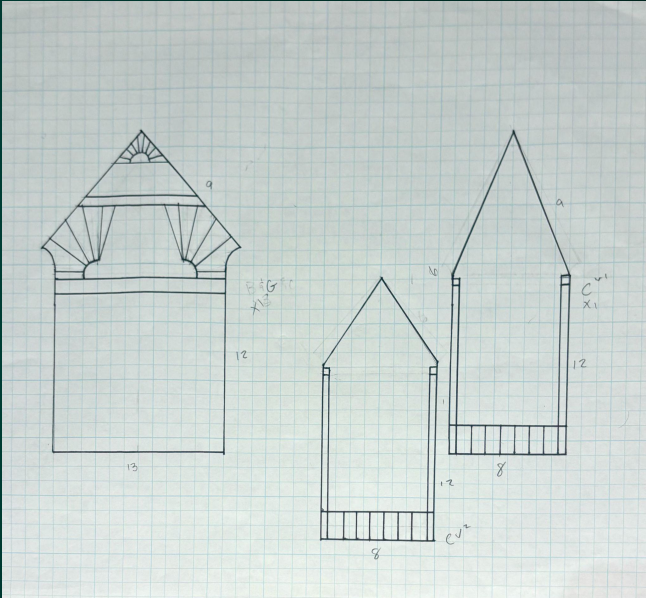


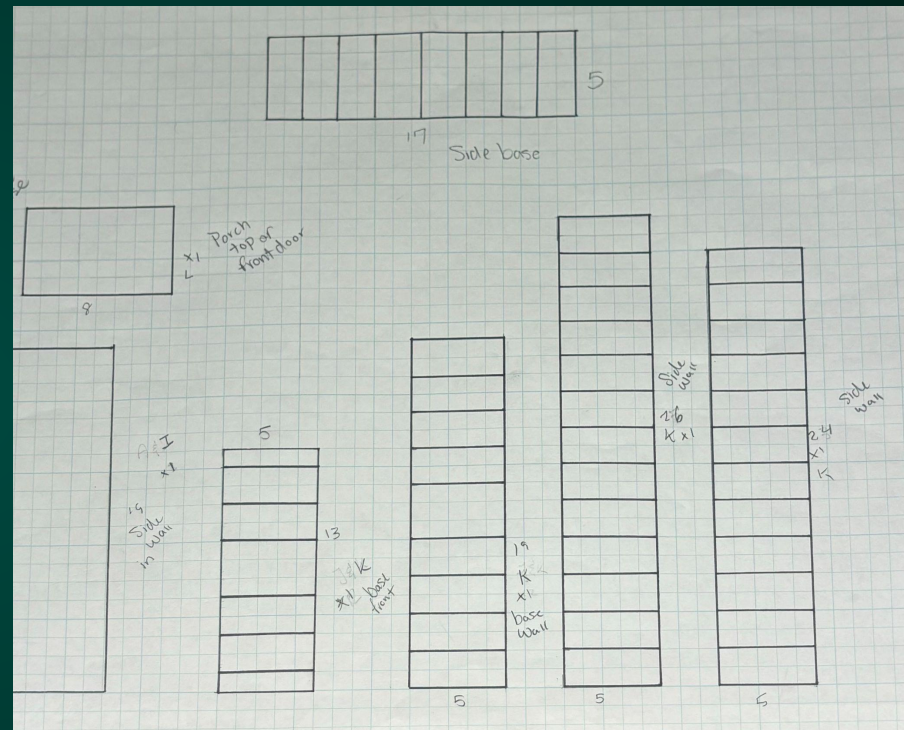
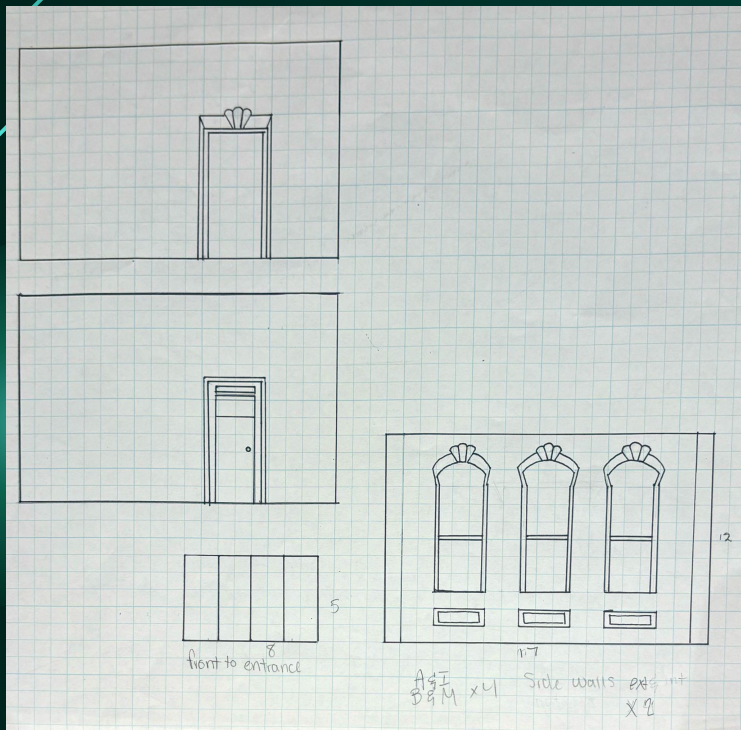


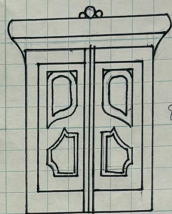
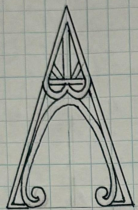






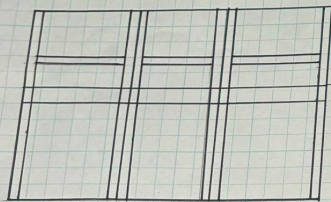
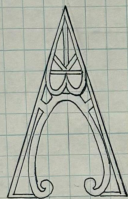






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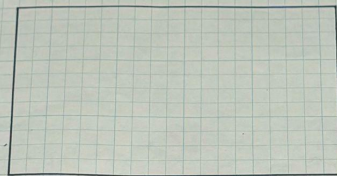


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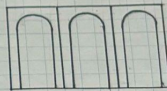


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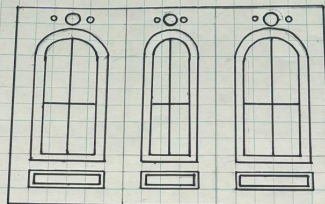
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