

Project Narrative



Solution

The invitation design was inspired by a dress from Katrantzou's Spring Summer 2017 collection with the Maia top, Maia shield, and Thouskis Trousers, which will be featured in the exhibition. The dress has a unique pattern of multi-colored squares. The pattern on the sleeve that contains the invite is the same pattern on the dress, with matched colors. While the dress is elegant, it is also simple in terms of the use of geometric shapes. A simple, single colored page is revealed on each fold of the invite. Ultimately the recipient will open the last fold, which reveals the dress that the invitation is inspired by as well as a taste of what they will see at the exhibition.

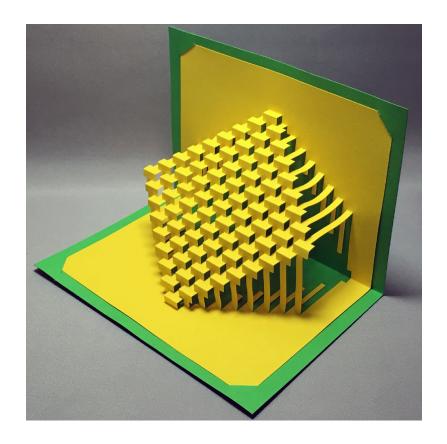
Description

Every year the Savannah College of Art and Design features work from world renown fashion designers in their museum of Fashion + Art. I designed an invitation for special guests to attend their opening reception and fundraiser. The invite is then sent to specific guests for a private, invitation-only event. This particular exhibition, called Kaleidoscope Katrantzou, features work by Mary Katrantzou.

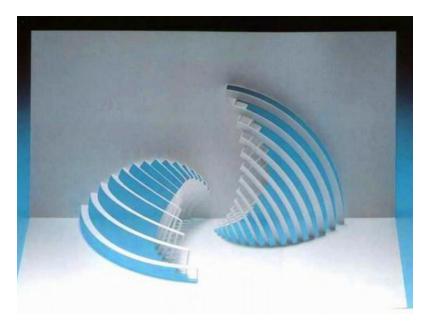
Objective

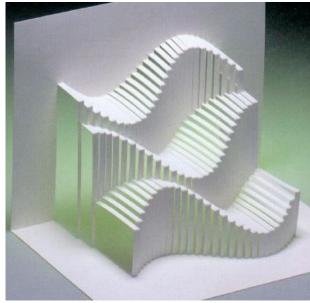
My goal in designing this invitation was to capture the spirit of the exhibition, its elegance, and also make each invitation recipient feel valued. I wanted to create an invitation that the recipient would not want to throw away, regardless of whether or not they would be able to attend. Throughout the process of opening the invitation, my intention was to surprise and delight the recipient each step of the way.

Initial Ideation

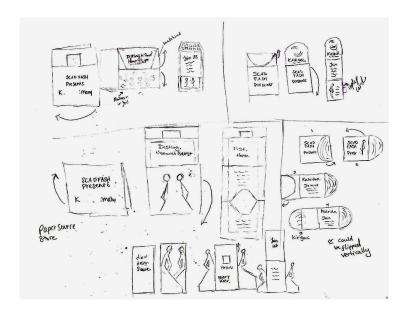


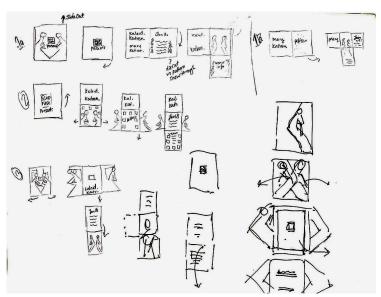
My initial inspiration came from ornate kirigami and pop up designs. I wanted to incorporate some kind of surprise pop-up type element.

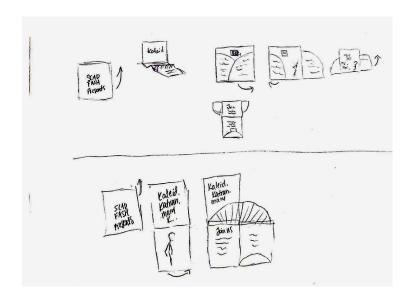




Preliminary Sketches



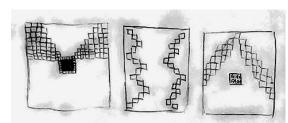


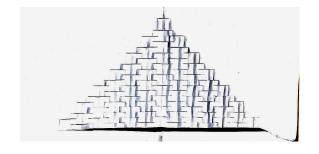


Initially I was teetering between two dresses for the inspiration of the invitation (as reflected in some of these sketches). I ultimately decided to go with a dress from her Spring Summer 2017 collection with the Maia top, Maia shield, and Thouskis Trousers.

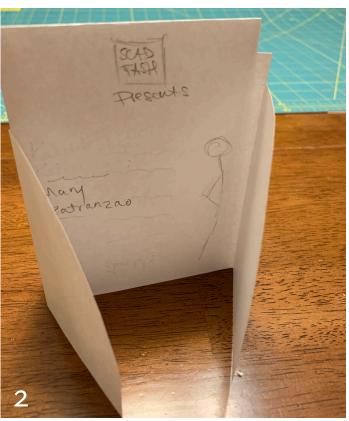
I played with various surprises hidden within the invitation as well as potential die-cuts.

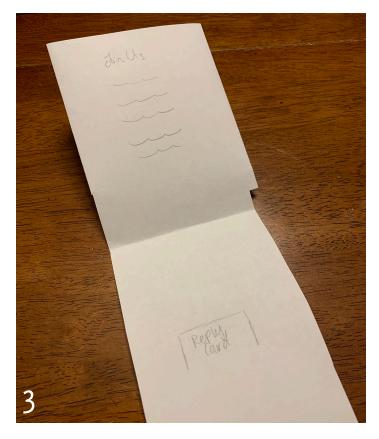








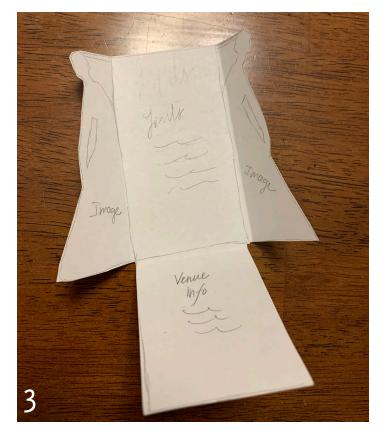


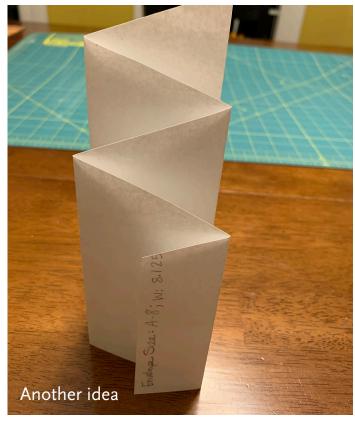


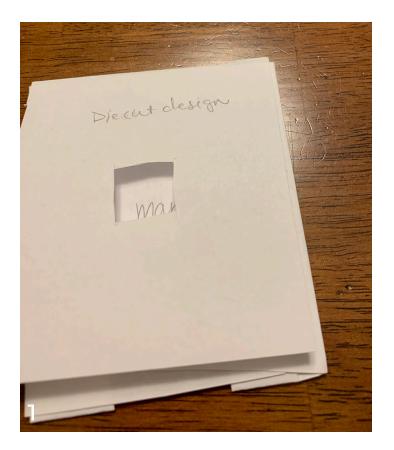


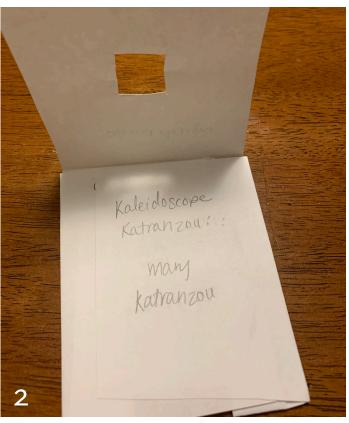


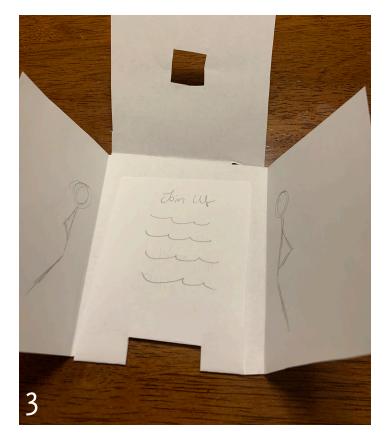


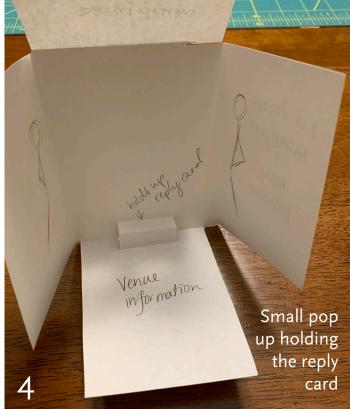


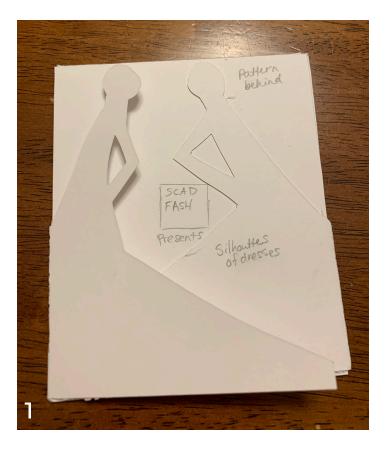


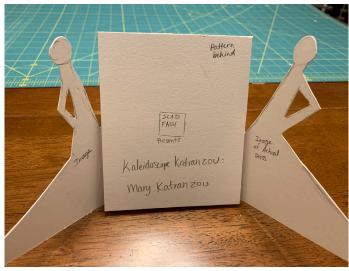


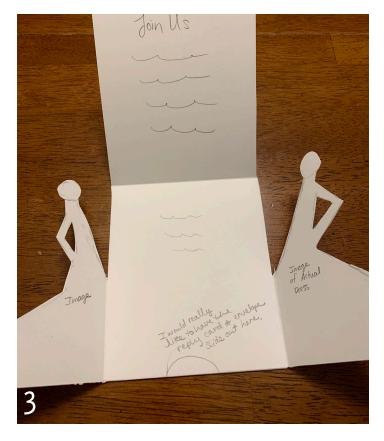








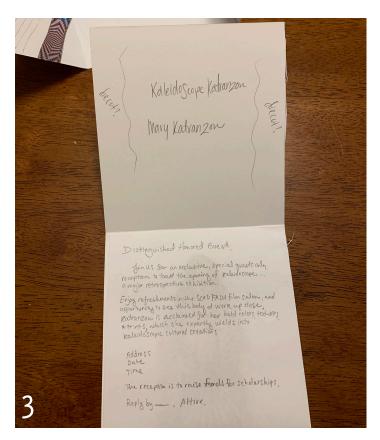








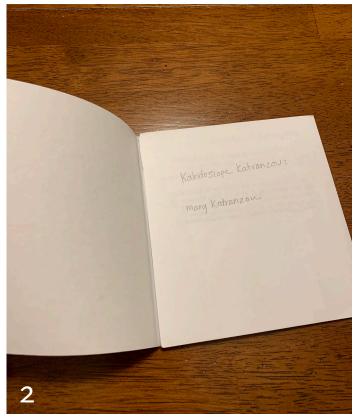


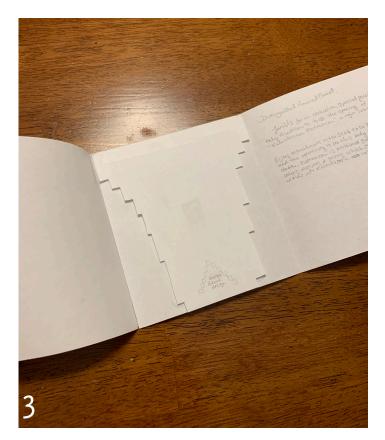


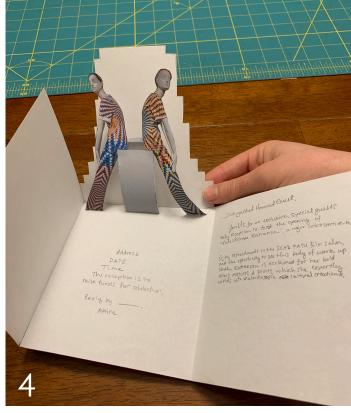


Chosen Design Dummy





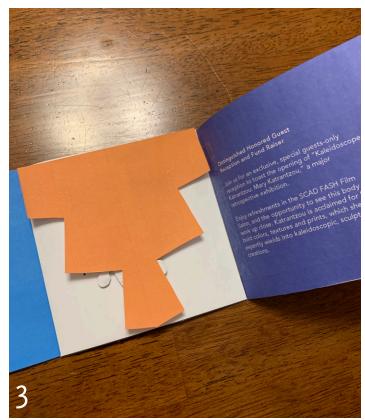


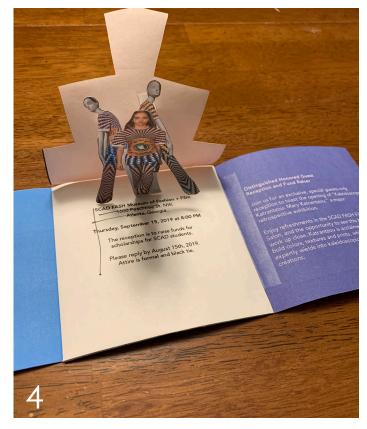


Refining Chosen Design









Refining Chosen Design



One major change I made proceeding into the refined, final design was to make the color pattern of the square mirror that on the dress. It may seem simple, but the dress is a unique pattern of simple, solid colored geometric squares. This way the design is true to the dress.



Refining Chosen Design



Initially the pop up background and base was all white. I felt it needed some other color or pattern besides only white, but didn't want the color to detract from the attention given to the revelation of the dress itself.

I tried adding a runway-like orange stripe down the center but ditched the idea because it didn't fit with the geometric squares consistent with the rest of the design.



Final Invitation







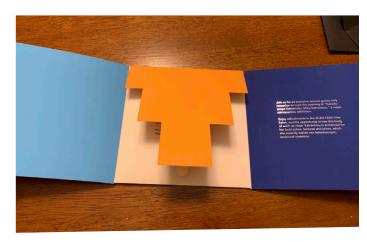


Final Invitation









Final Invitation





