



## ON DRAWINGS AND DESIGN

A few years ago, researchers found what is believed to be the oldest surviving testimony of human drawings in a cave in South Africa. It is around 74,000 years old. Lascaux in France is a lot "younger" at just 20,000. And they are both breathtaking.

I am sure that even before these examples, our ancestors were already painting the walls of their caves, trees, tools, faces, bodies, and ornaments. It doesn't matter how or what, but we have been drawing for a very long time. It could be a gesture in the sand with a stick, the intricate decor of a cathedral facade, or a kid drawing something for her mom, but we need to draw.

Maybe we need to draw to put a reference point in our existence, like a compass to find our way, to know where we stand, or to cope with life and the idea of mortality. At least, I think it is for me.

Drawings testify to the ability to symbolize our inner thoughts into stories, where each one is like an extension of our mind on paper. It's a bit like staring at our thoughts in the mirror. When we share them, we communicate with the people around us and influence the world and especially ourselves.

I draw, and that drawing changes me, then I draw again, and I change again. It's almost like the work I produce is an extension of myself on paper. In a way, it's more me than I am, in an eternal vibrating cycle.

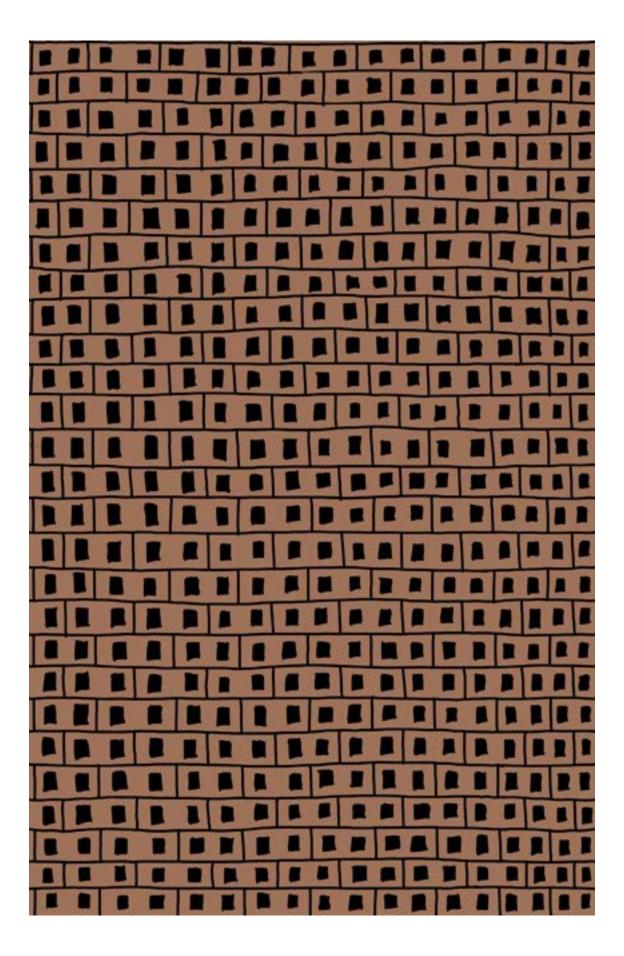
These vibrations, sounds coming from a single individual integrated into a symphony played by millions of others, are at the core of what Design is. It is not functions, not problem-solving, not marketing. It's the desire to make sense of the symphony or even just acknowledge that we can never grasp its essence at all.

Sergio Mannino, 2022

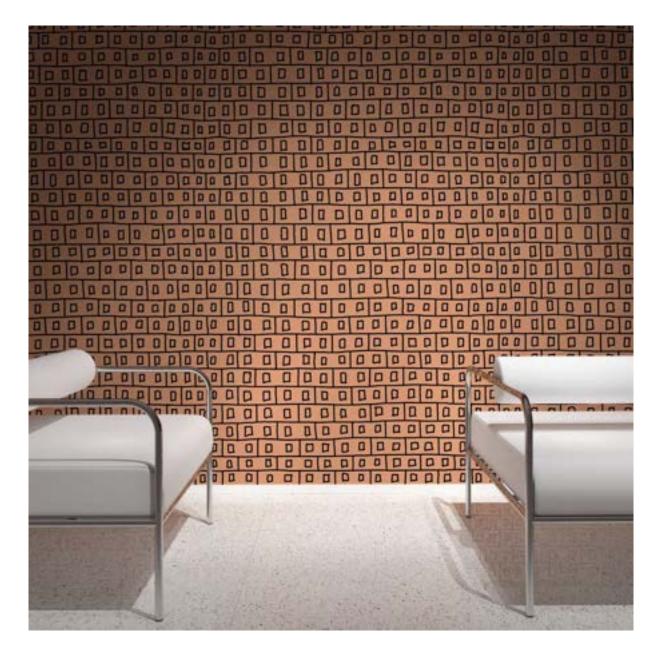
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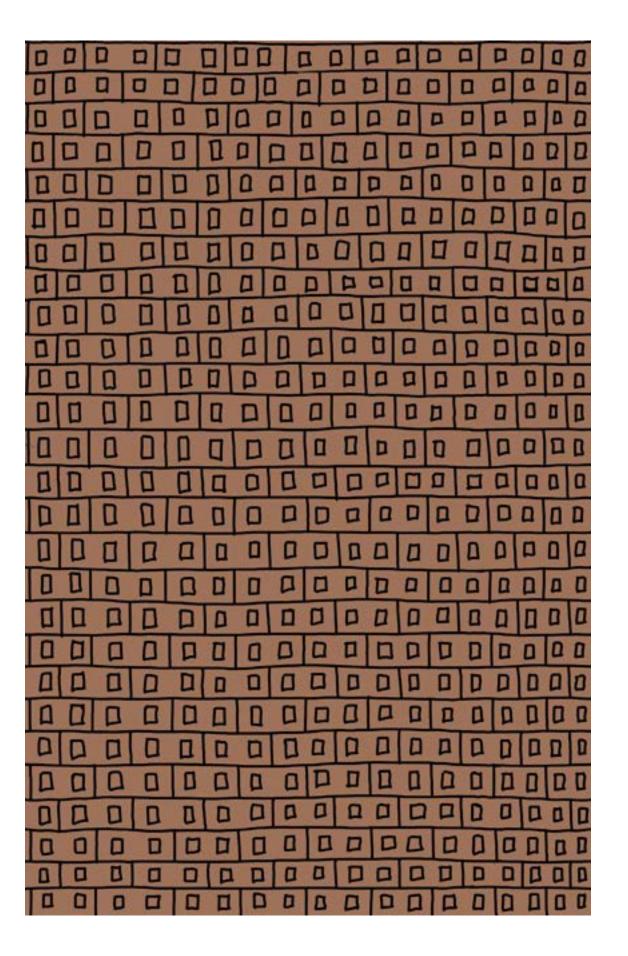
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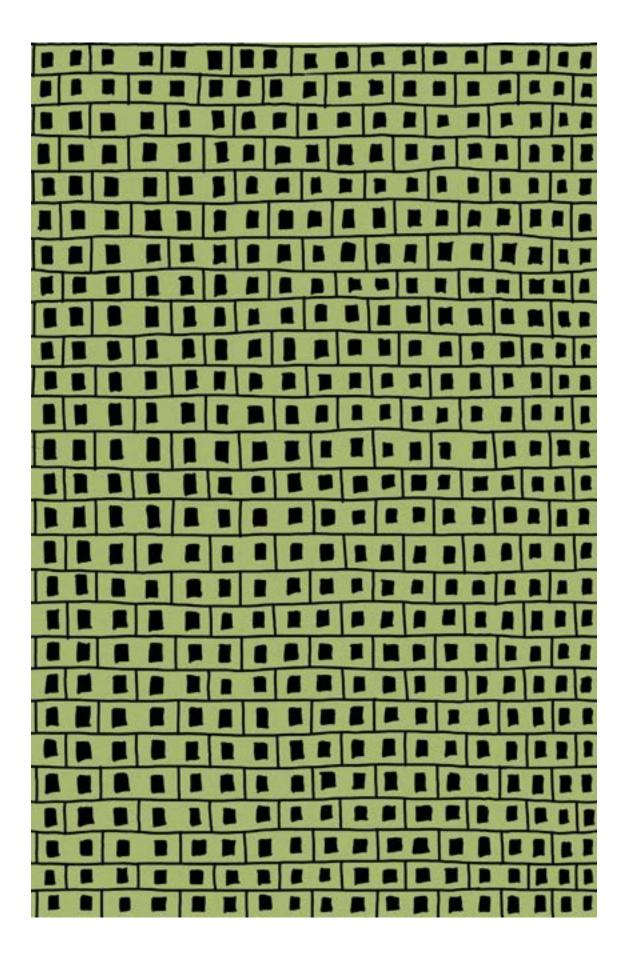
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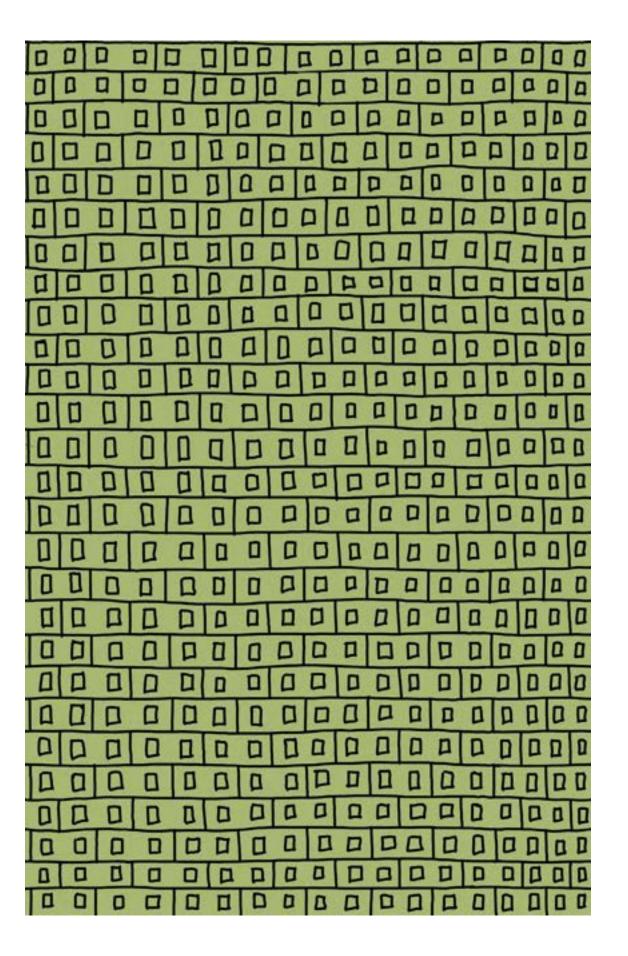
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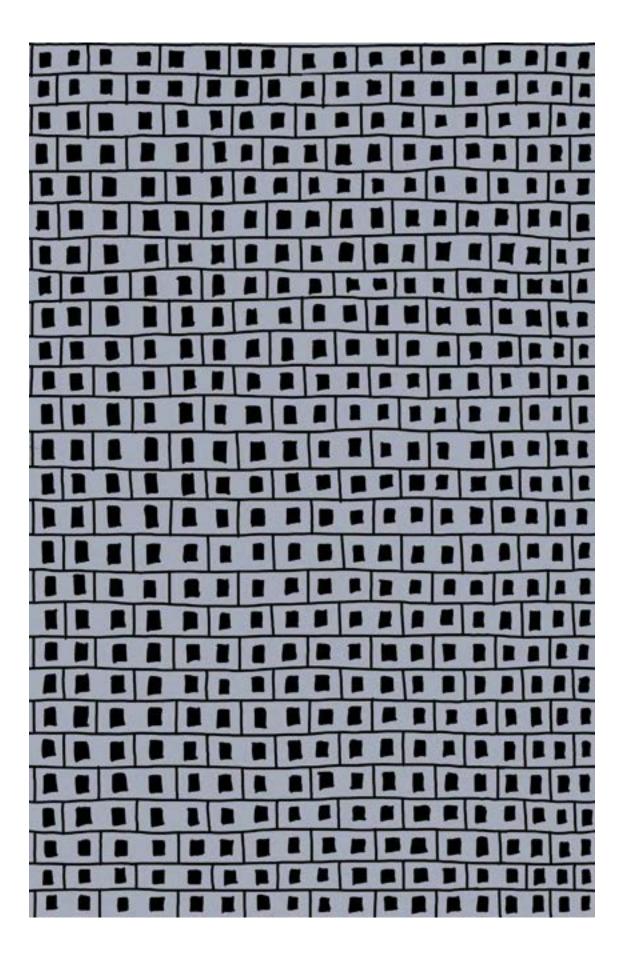
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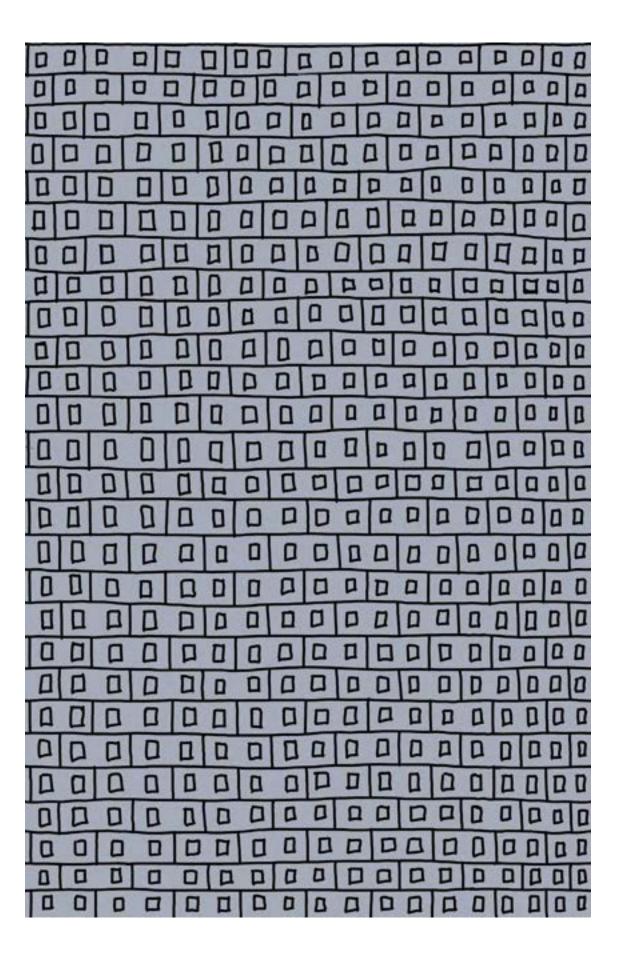
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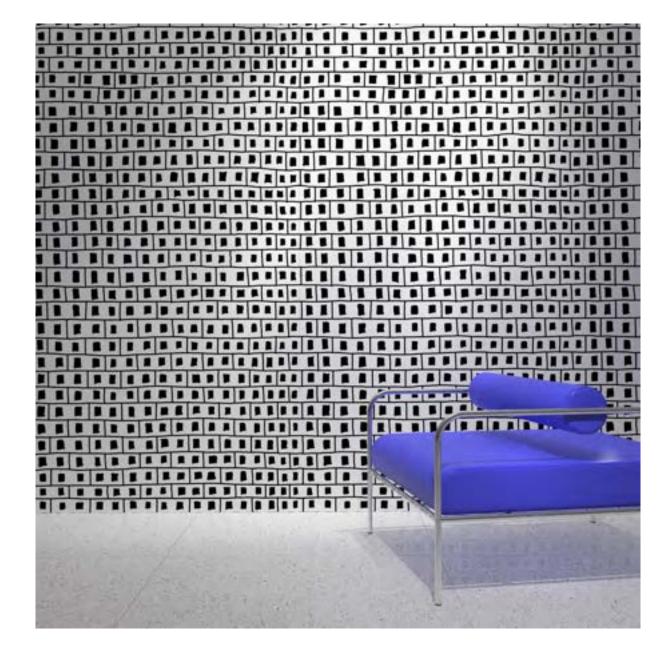


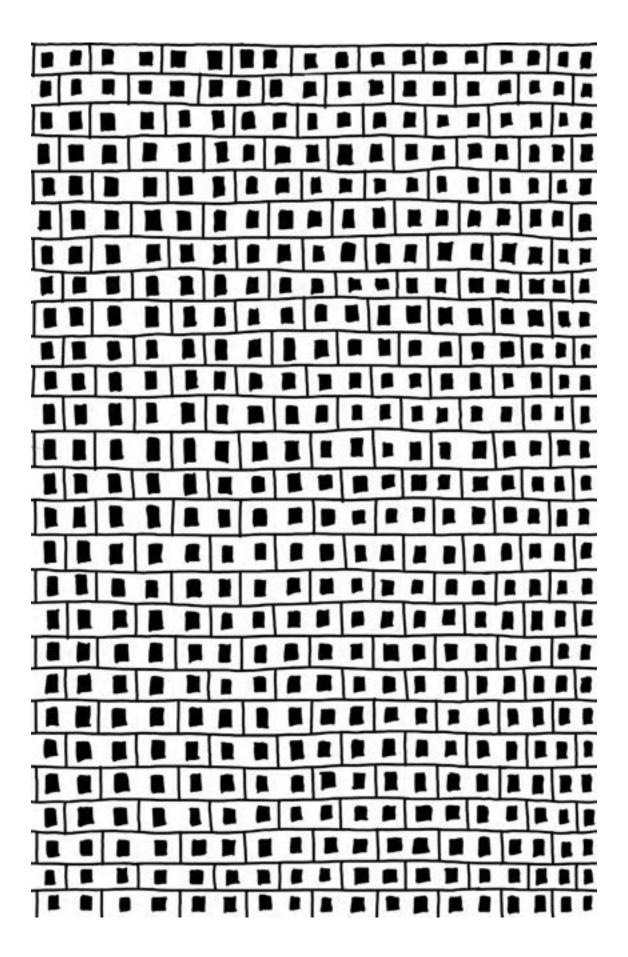
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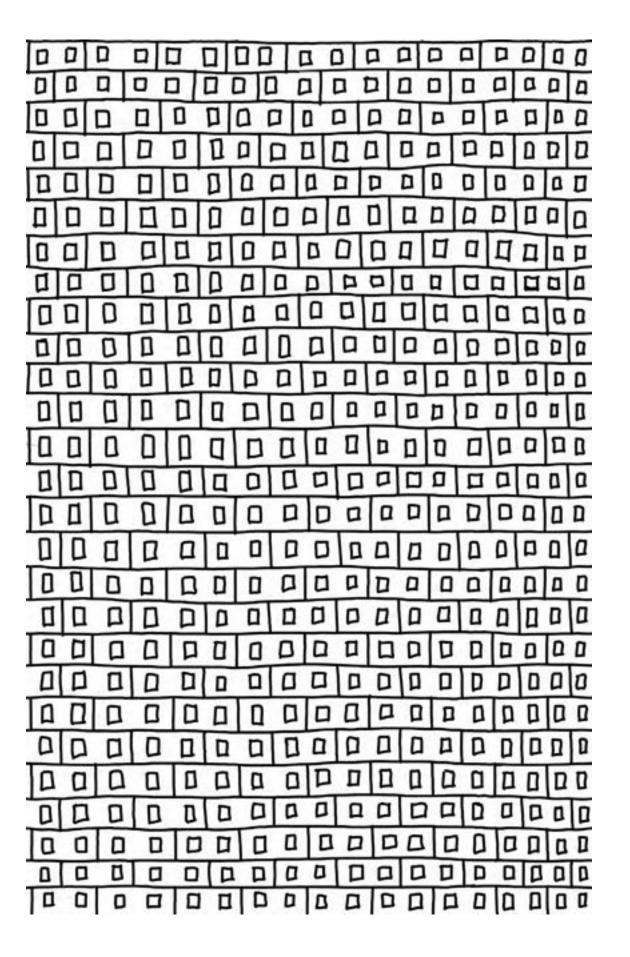
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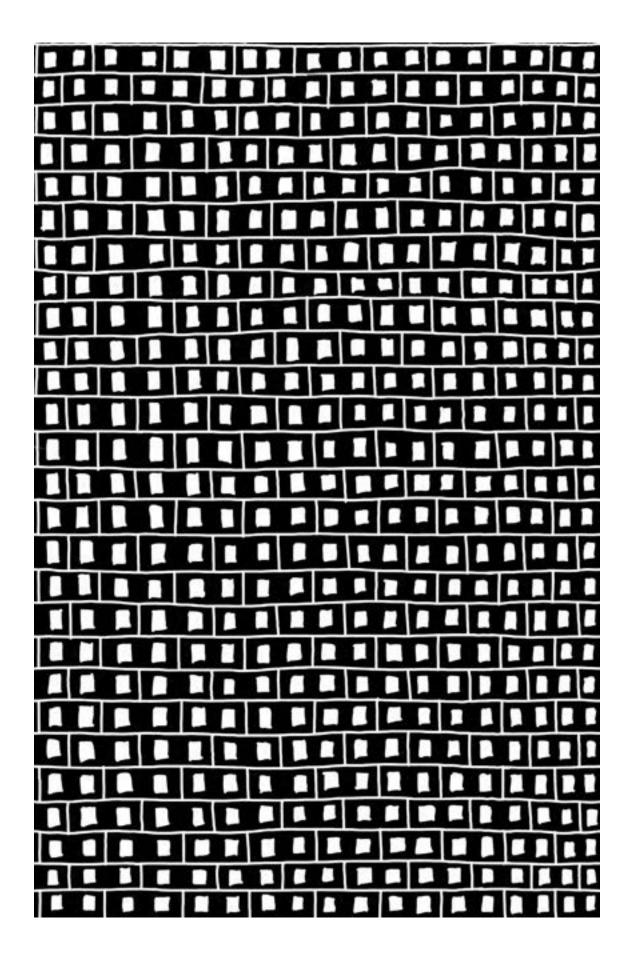
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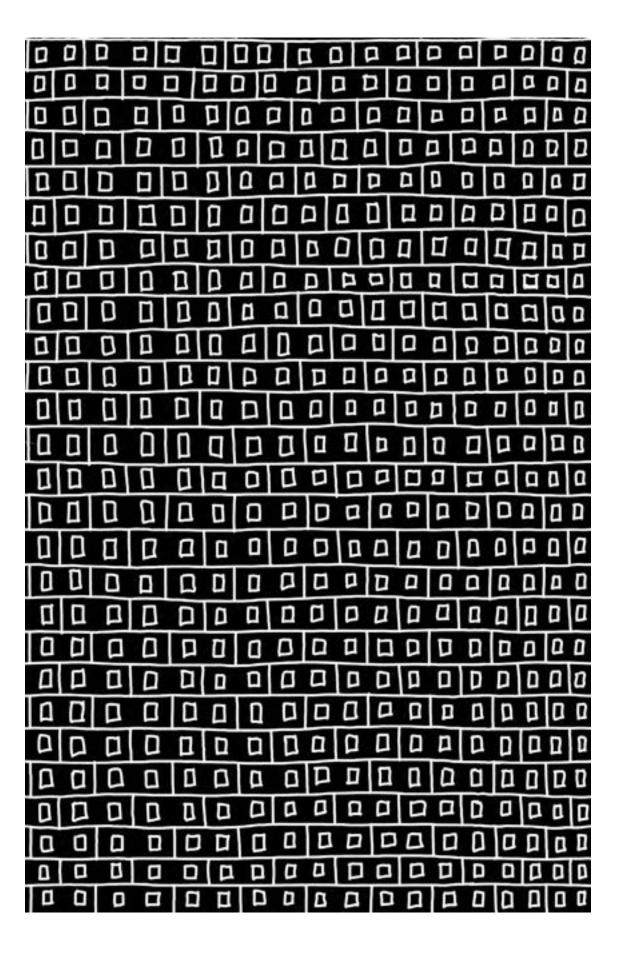
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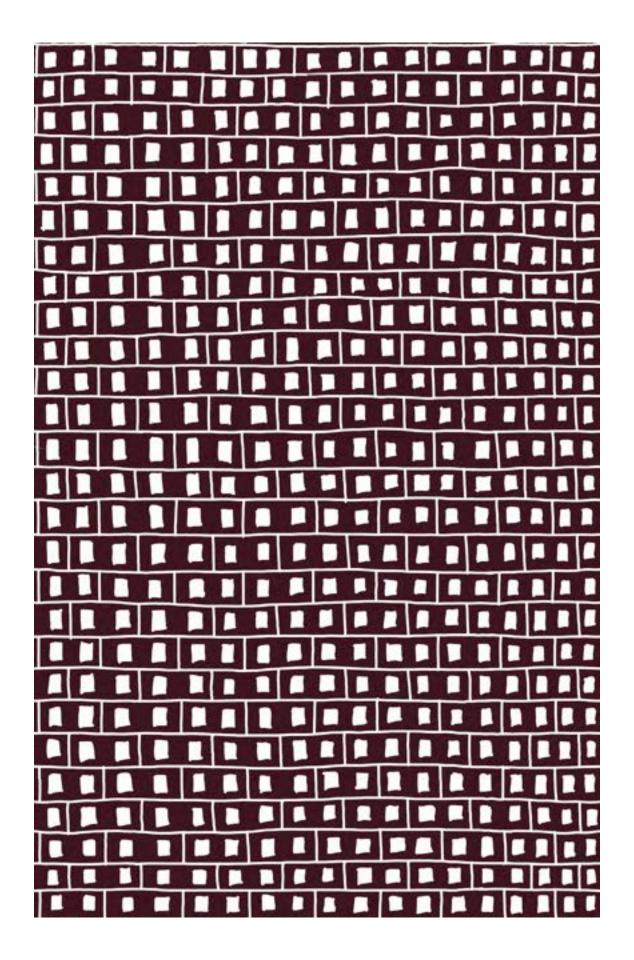
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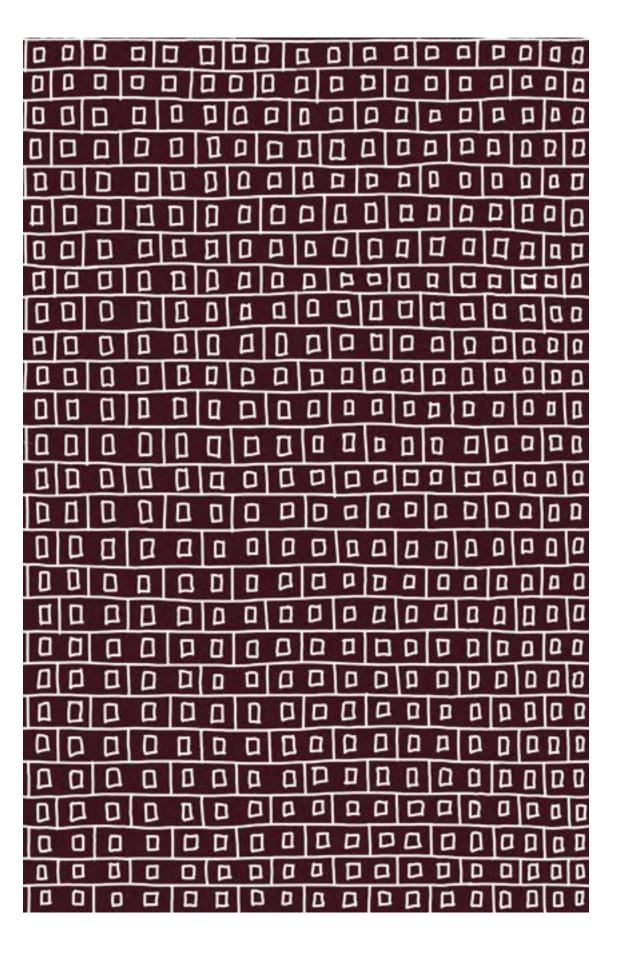
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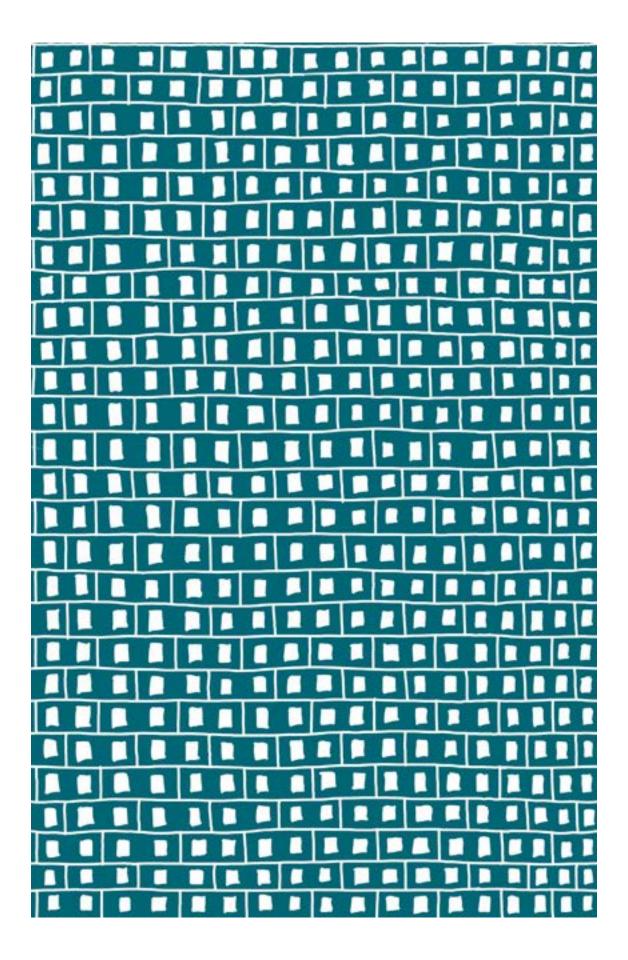
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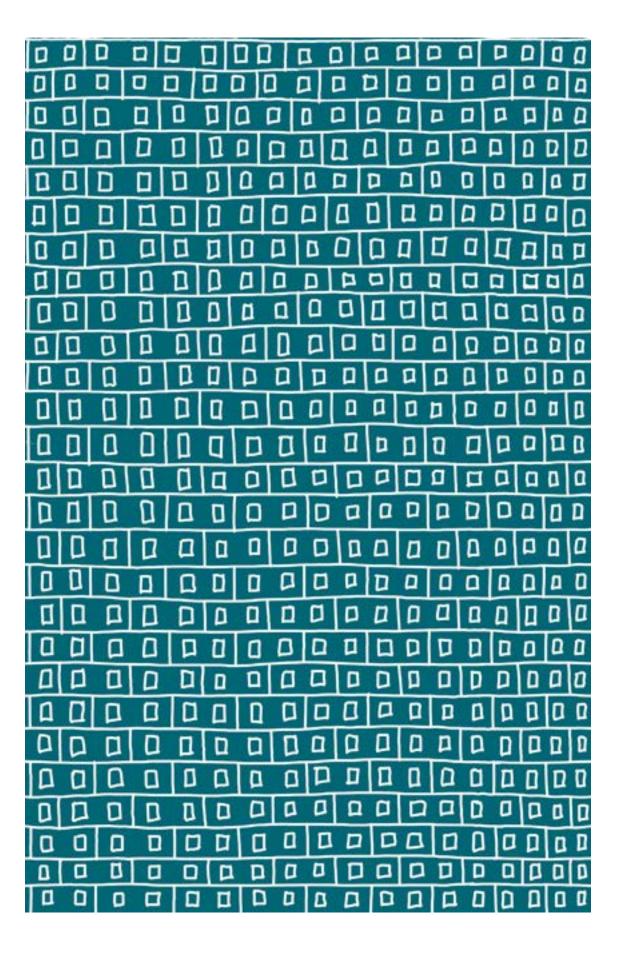
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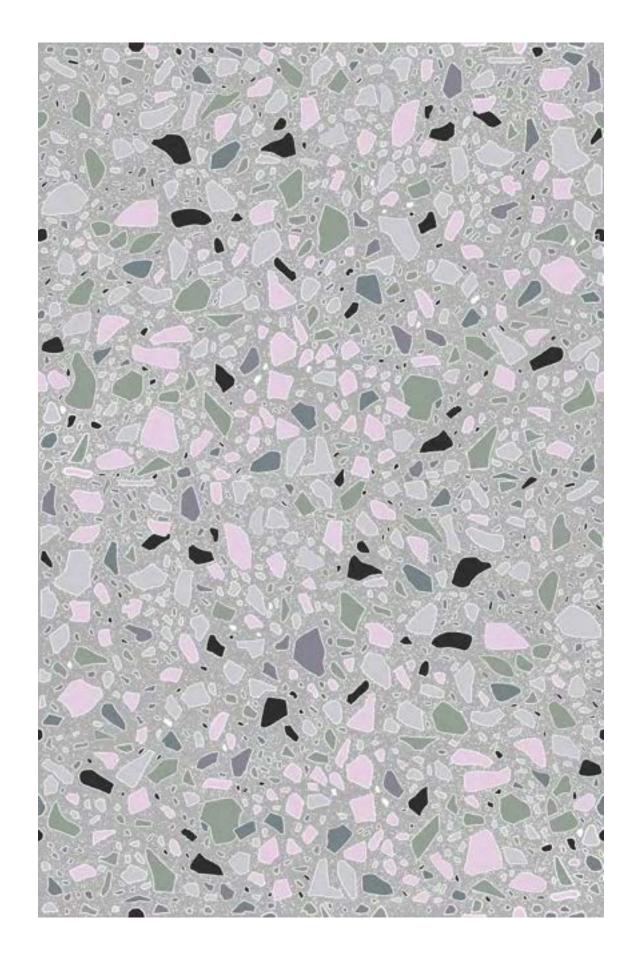
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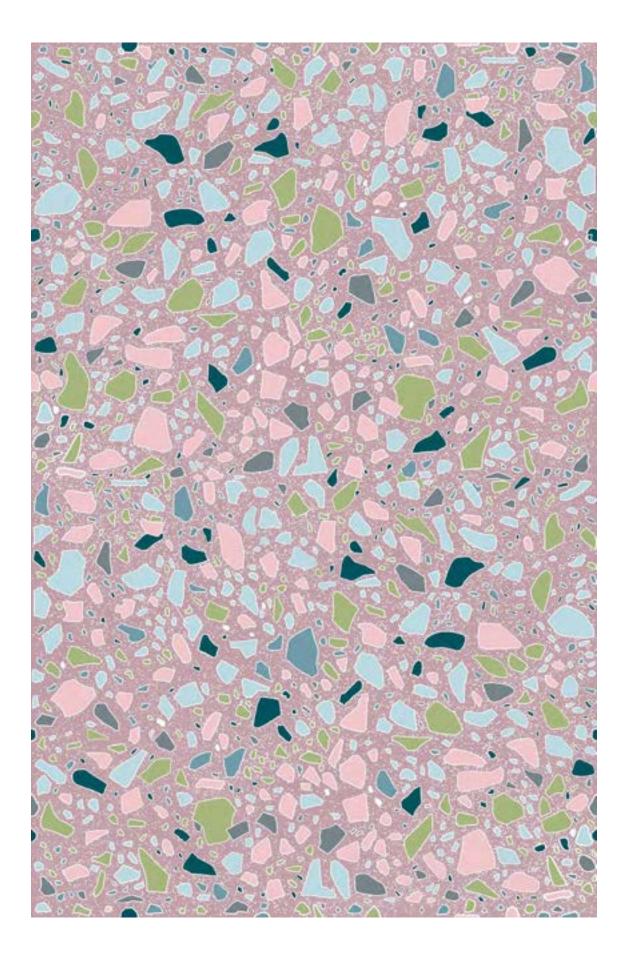
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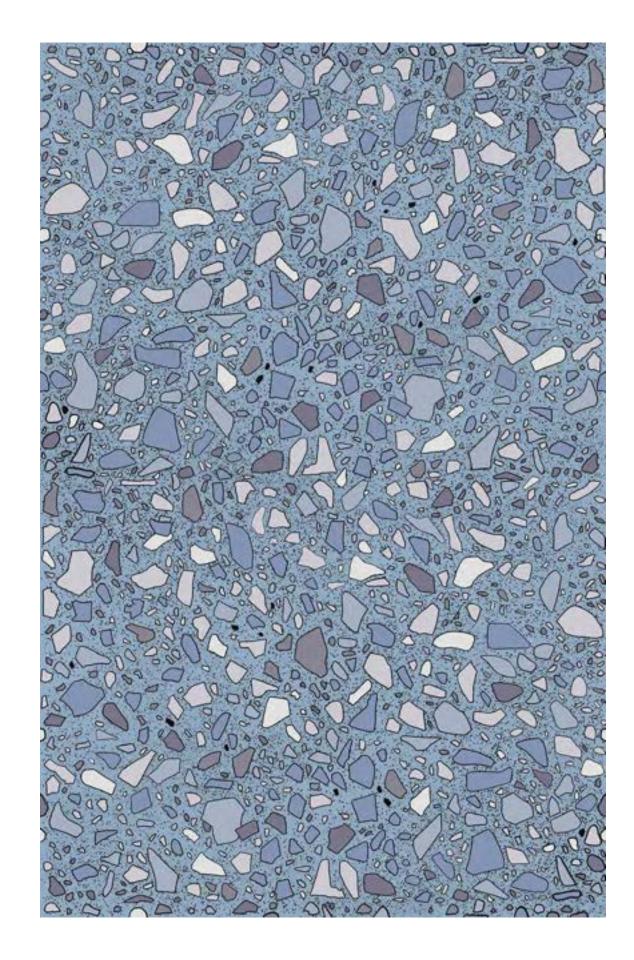
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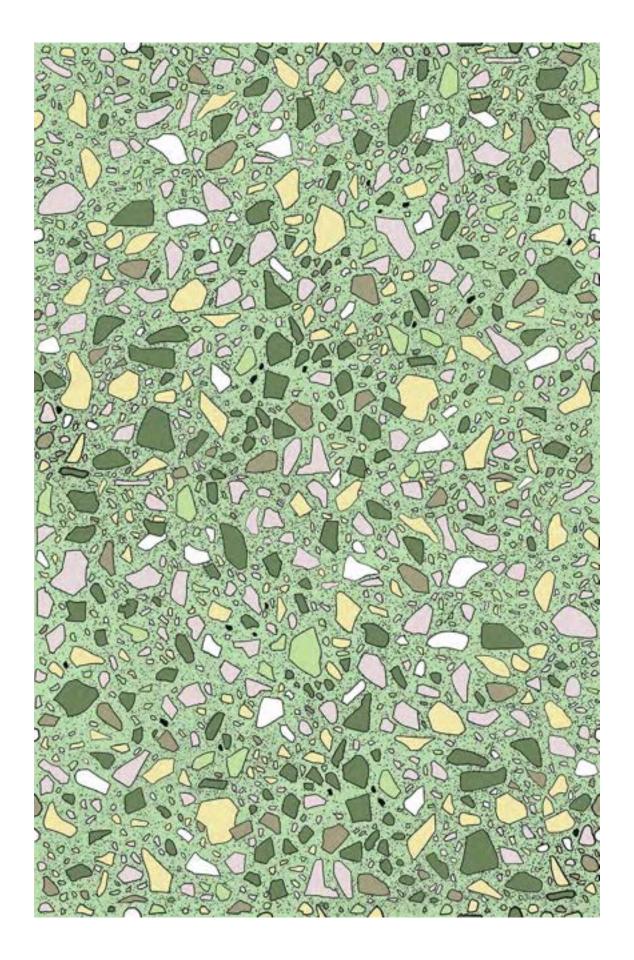
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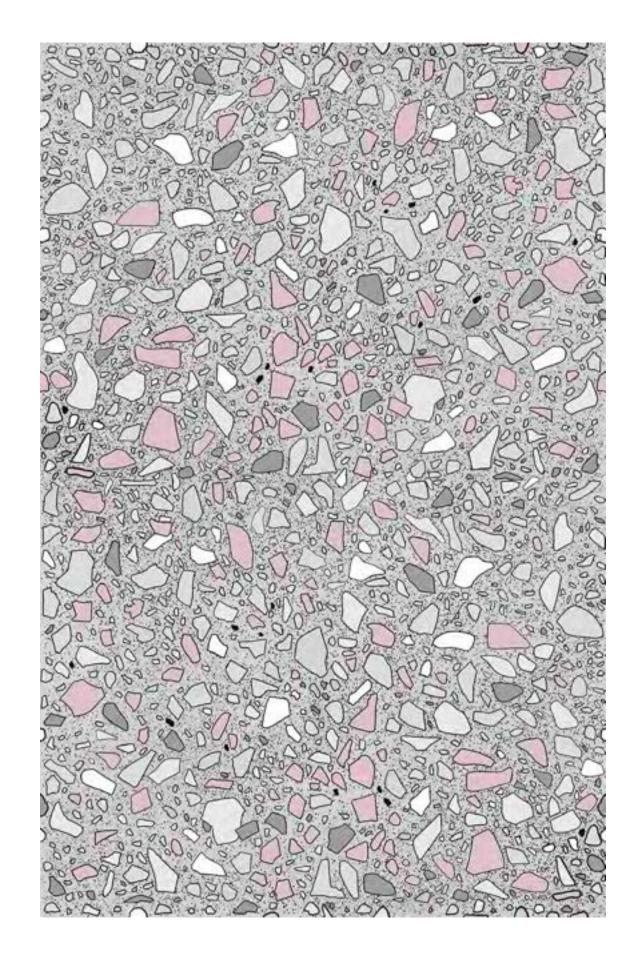
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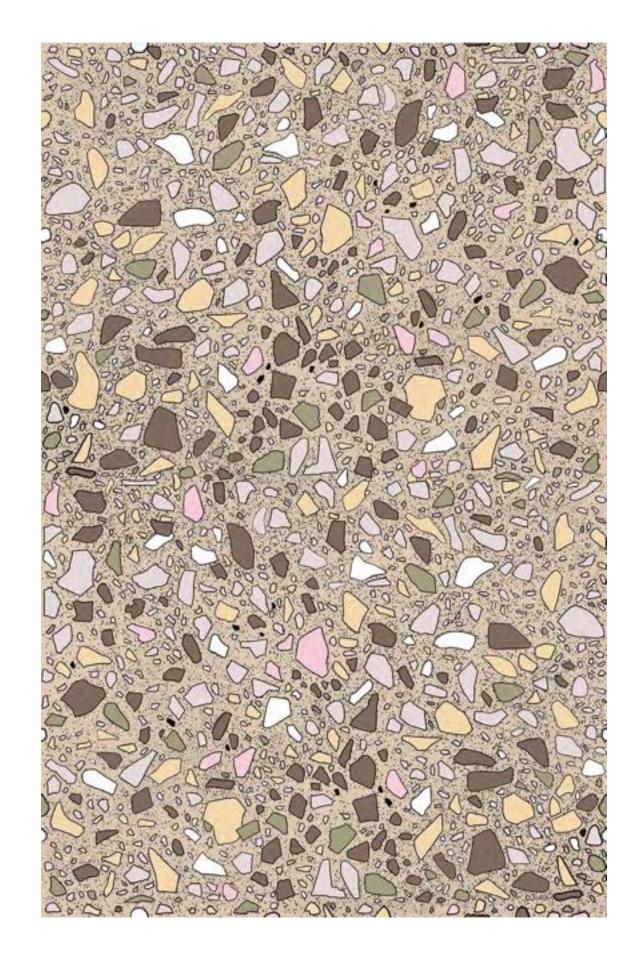
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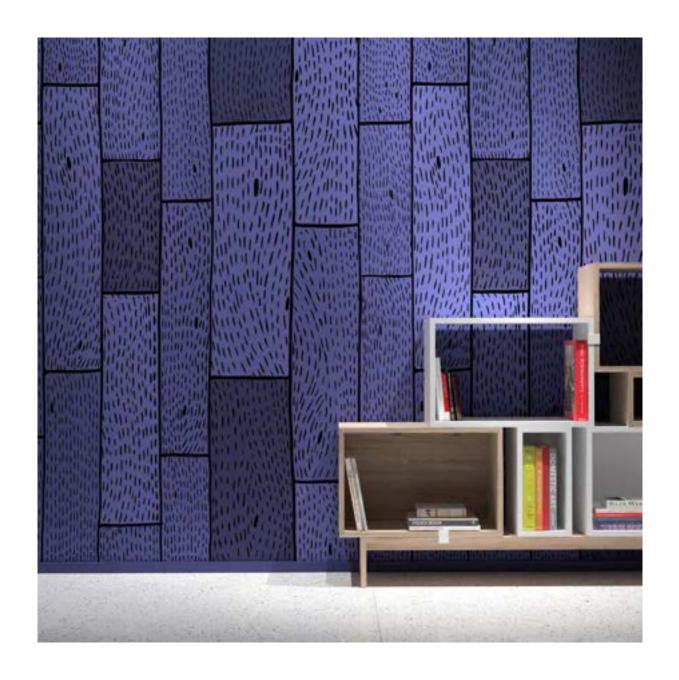


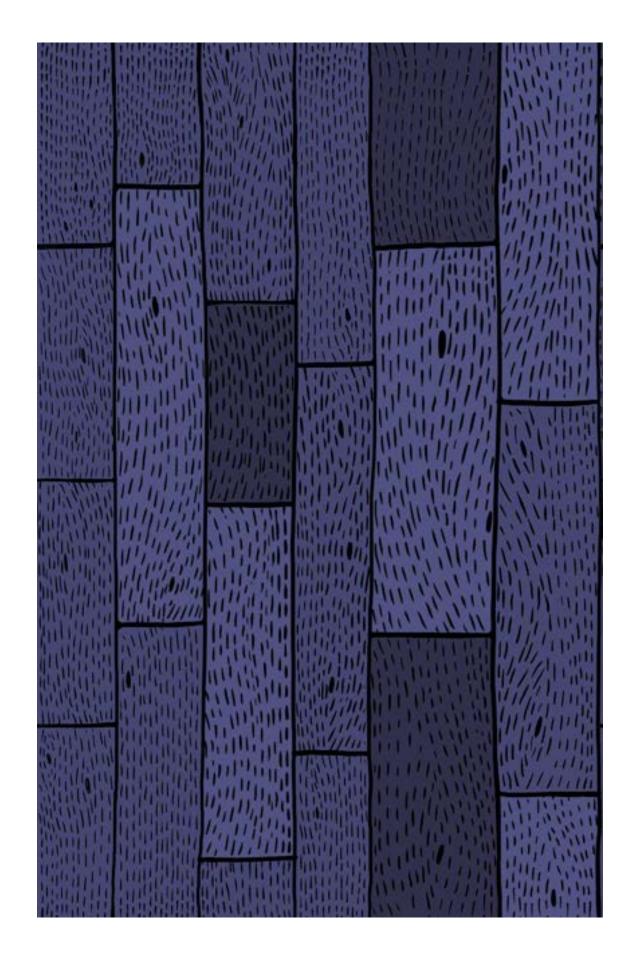


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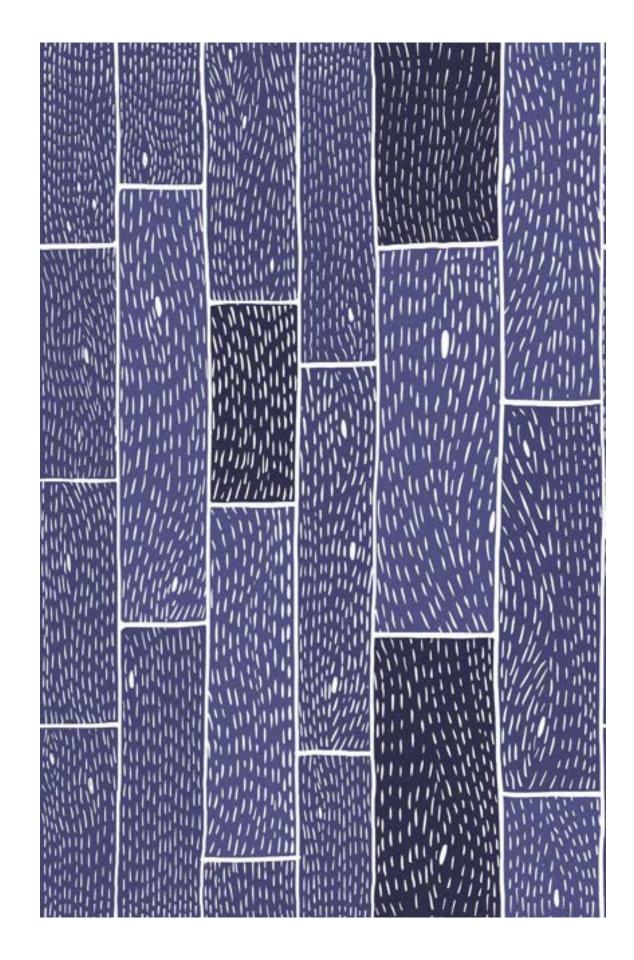






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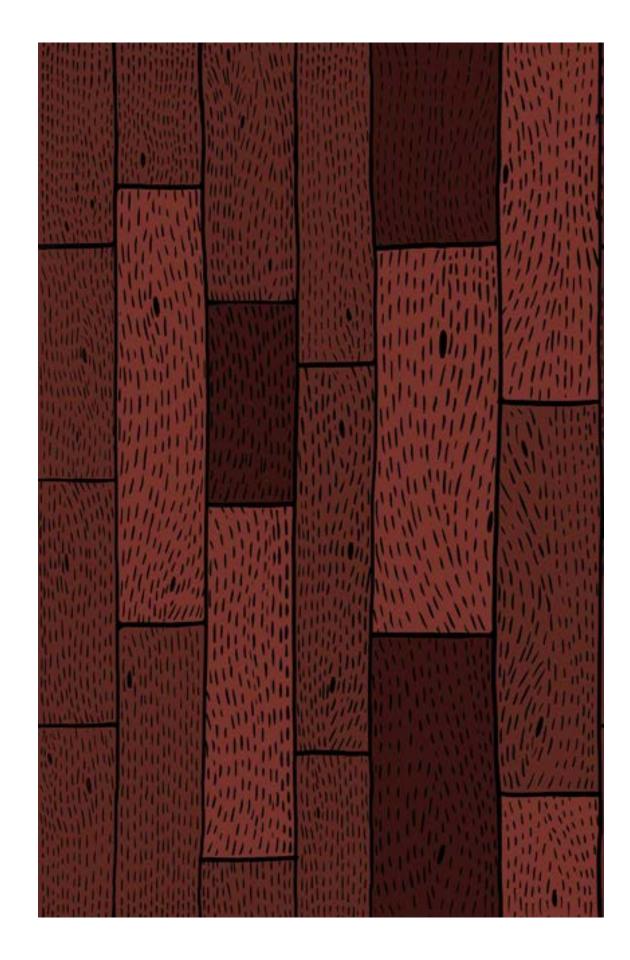




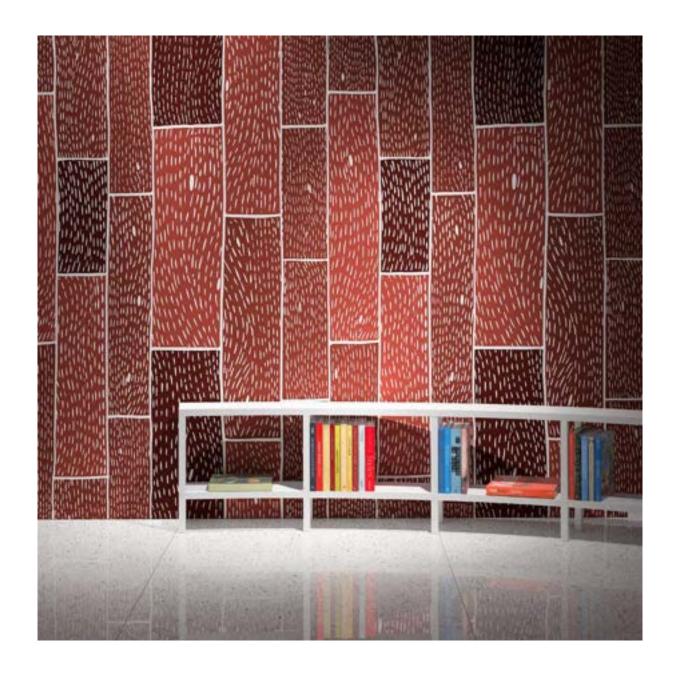
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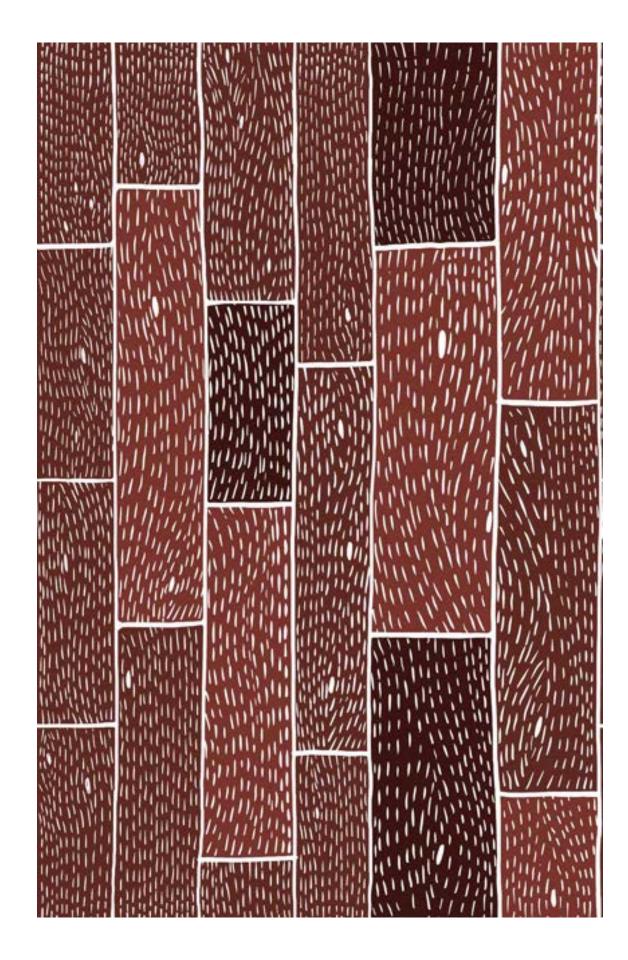
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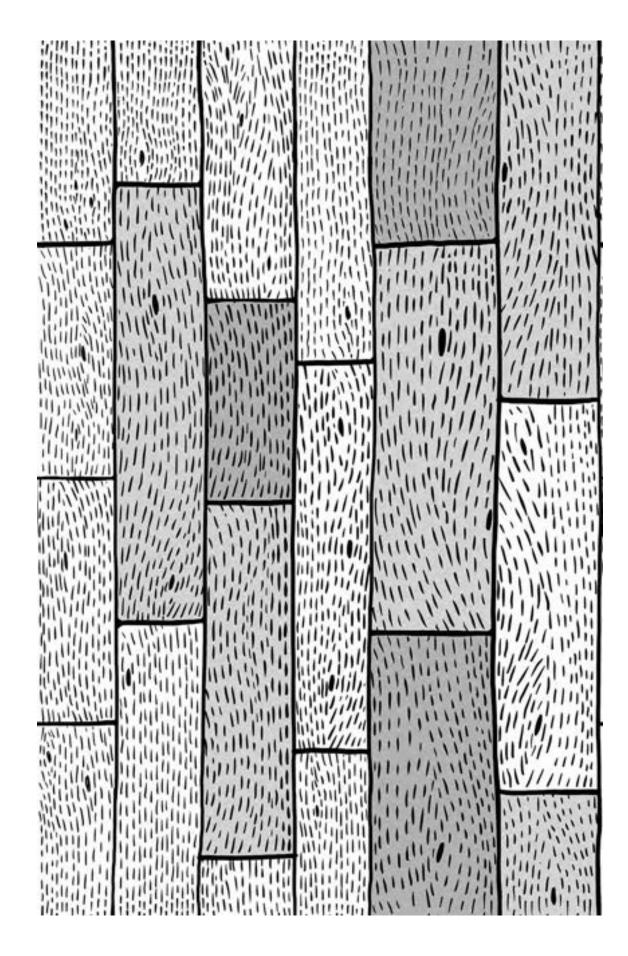
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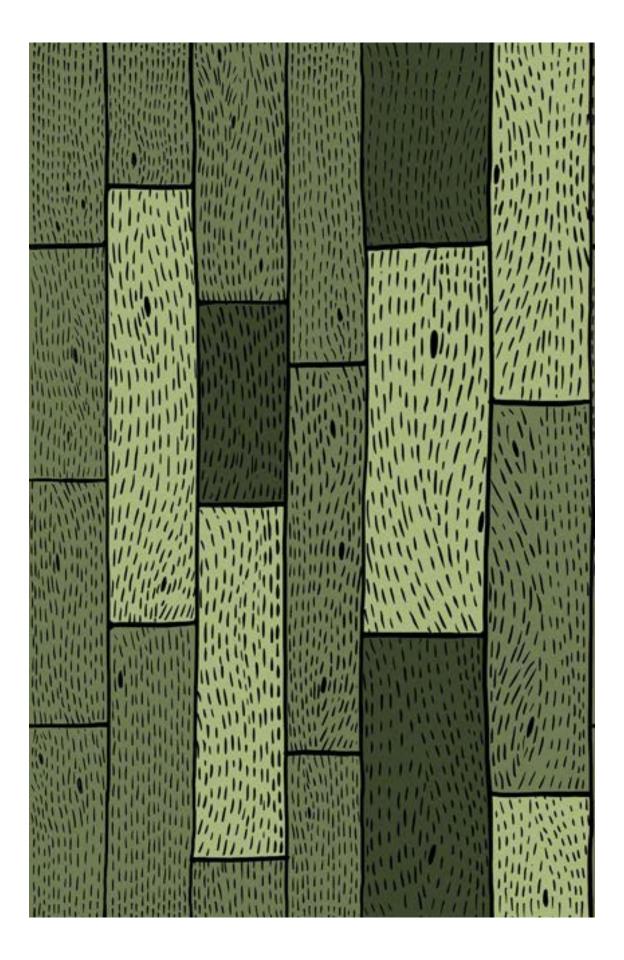


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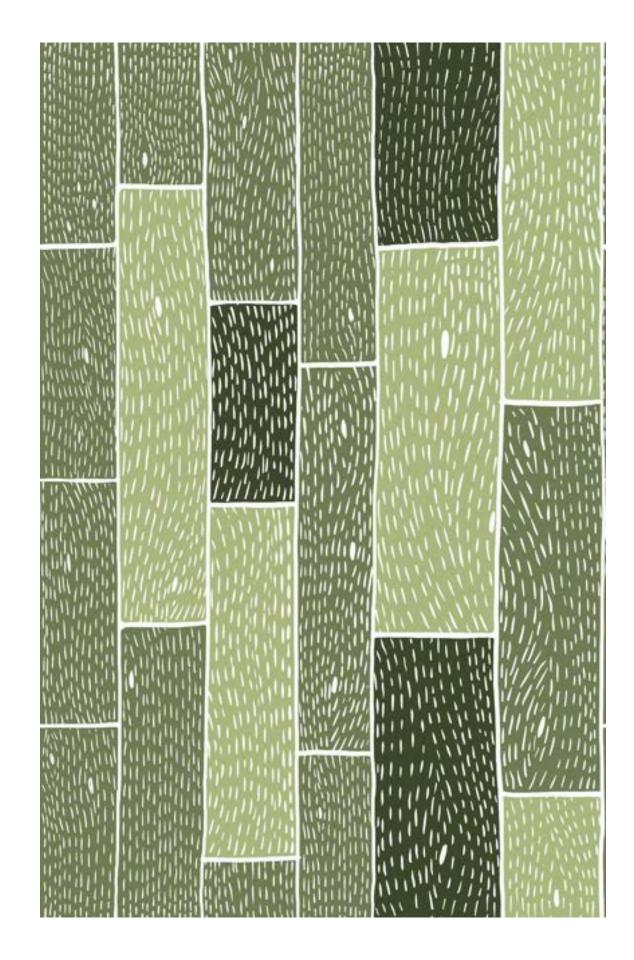






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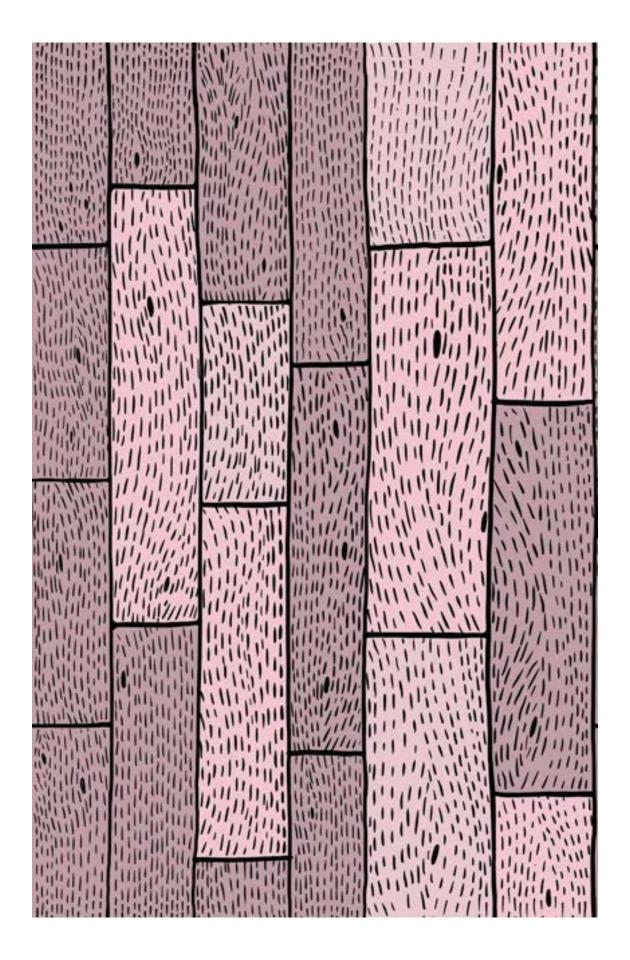






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"Sergio Mannino Studio's roots in Italian design culture shines through in its projects. The firm uses a bold palette to create distinctive environments that channel the Memphis Group—and other influences unafraid of a little color—with an aesthetic that is uniquely its own"

Surface Magazine



## ROLLOUT