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02 / Prosperity in Red

Exploring Symbolism in Color





Project Summary

Prosperity in Red/ Exploring Symbolism in Color and Light

Role: Industrial Designer Project Timeline: 4 weeks

This light diffuser embodies **the color red**, which holds significant meaning in **Chinese culture**, **symbolizing good luck**, **fortune**, **prosperity**, **and happiness**. Designed as a hanging lantern, it draws inspiration from traditional decorations used during celebrations such as Chinese New Year.

The lantern is laser cut from transparent red acrylic, placed in a hexagonal form, with an **intricate dragon etching** wrapping around its surface. In Chinese culture, **dragons** are revered as symbols of power, wealth, and protection, believed to ward off evil spirits.

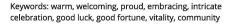
Mood Board

The light diffuser represents the color red in Chinese culture. Red is a symbol of luck, fortune, prosperity, and happiness. The color is used in festivals and celebrations, one of which is Chinese New Year.



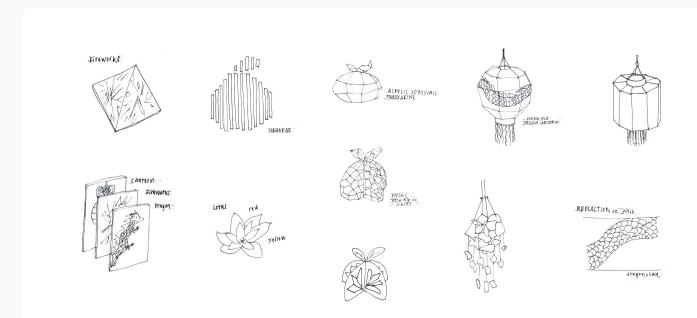








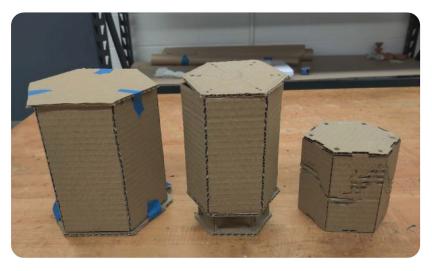




Concept Sketches

Exploring important symbols of Chinese culture and the various ways light interact.

Low Fidelity Models



Cardboard models to test overall size and form. Experimented with the hexagonal pieces sitting flush to one another or touching at the edges. Was originally a standing lamp but became a hanging lantern through the iterative models.



Testing laser cutting file and etching of dragon. Experimented with method of connecting all the parts



Process

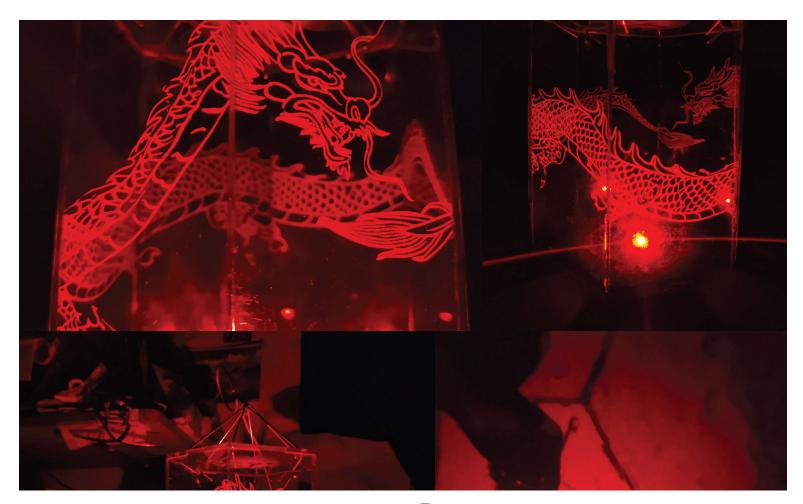












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