

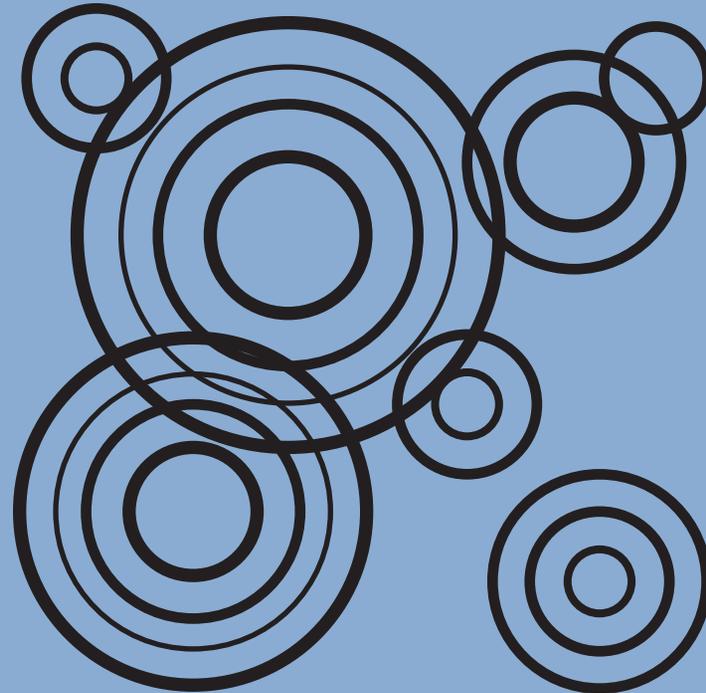
# Project 3: Light diffuser

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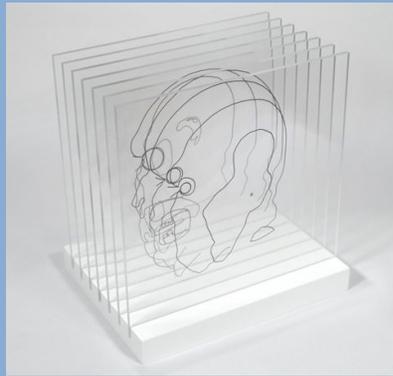
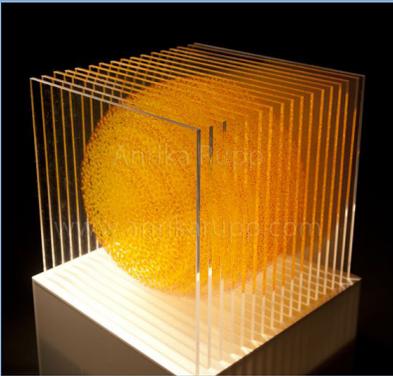
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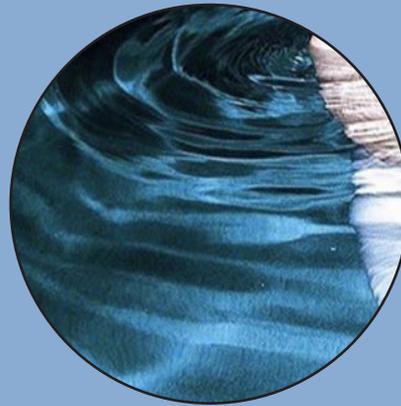
# Mood Board: Maria, puddles, ripples, layers, y vueltas



## Mood Intended

The mood is calm, gentle, and reflective — something that invites quiet thought and a sense of peaceful stillness

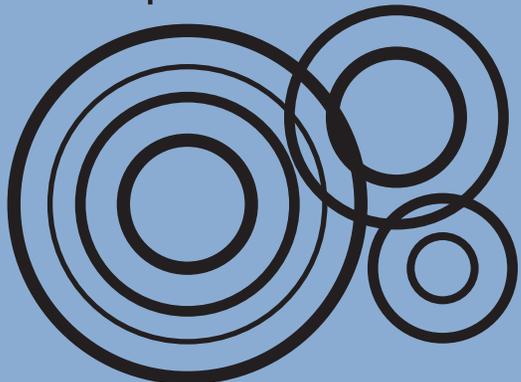
## Colors Intended



The inspiration for my project comes from two songs off of the album Melt by Not For Radio. Not For Radio is Maria Zardoya from The Marias. Not For Radio was created as an alternate reality solo project for Maria.

The goal for this project is to create the illusion of ripples in a puddle. It is meant for calming but at the same time gives you space to look at the ripples individually and to reflect.

To go further into depth here are some lyrics pulled from the two songs that gave the inspiration.



### **Lyrics from Puddles:**

Puddles and puddles, I picture us there  
Walking in circles and talking in stares  
My mind is blurry from all of the rain  
Don't think that love is worth all of the pain

### **Lyrics from Vueltas:**

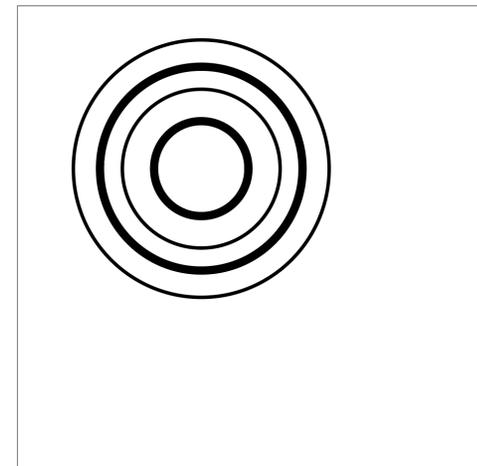
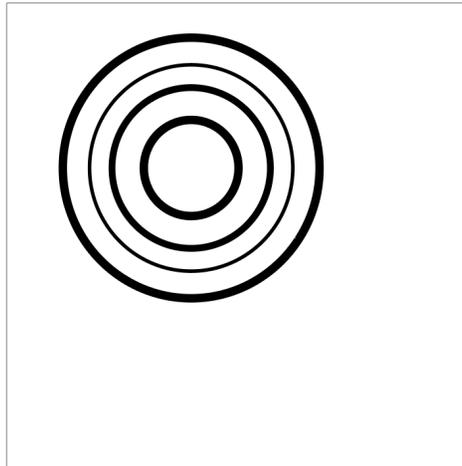
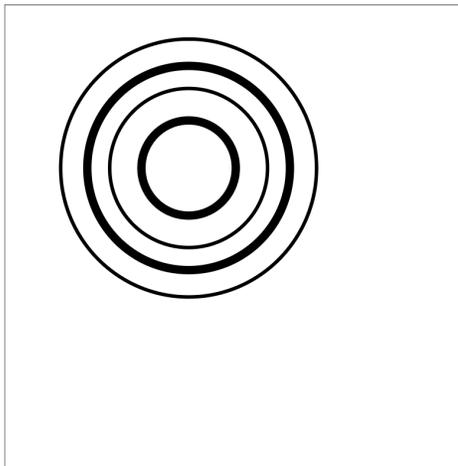
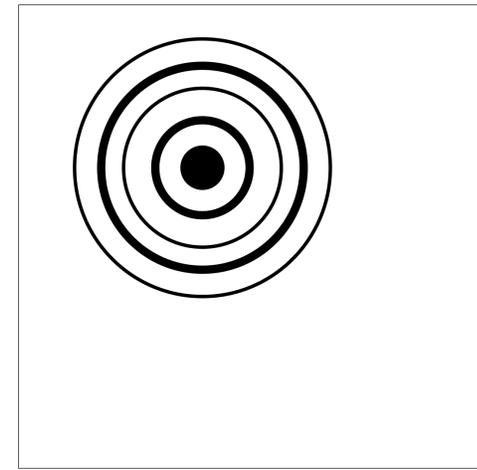
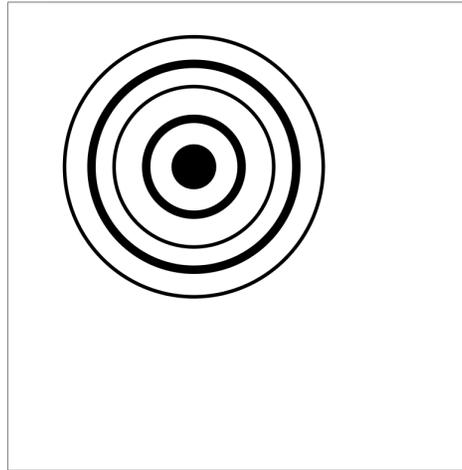
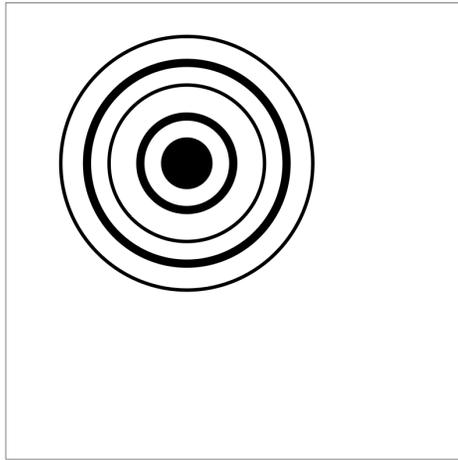
Y tú das vueltas en mi mente  
Quizás, amor, no es suficiente  
Te vas y te siento tan presente  
Porque vives en mí

Translation:

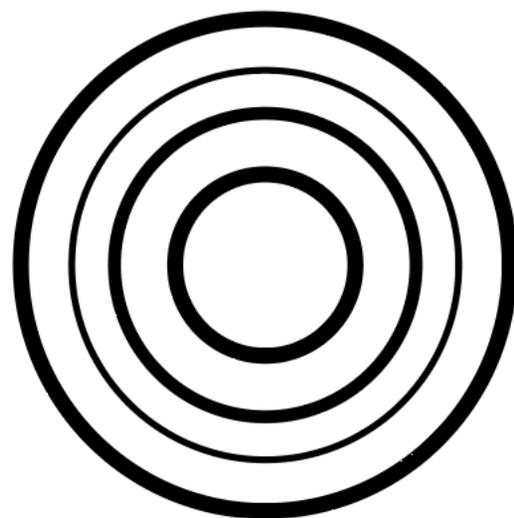
And you linger/ travel (in circles) in my mind  
Perhaps, my love, it's not enough  
You leave, and I feel you so present  
Because you live within me

# Ideation in Illustrator

Testing the stroke of the elips, and asking whether to add the inside dot but realizig if the fill was added to the inner elips it looked more like a target

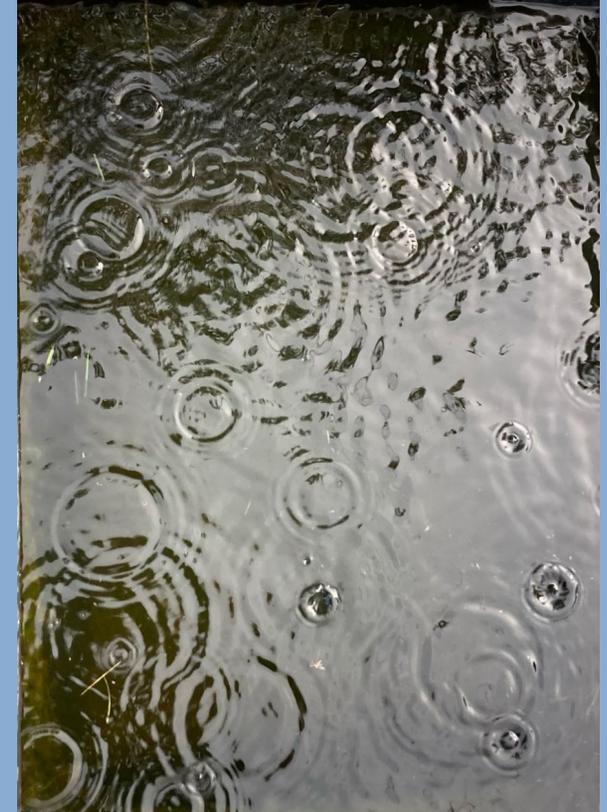


# Final Pattern

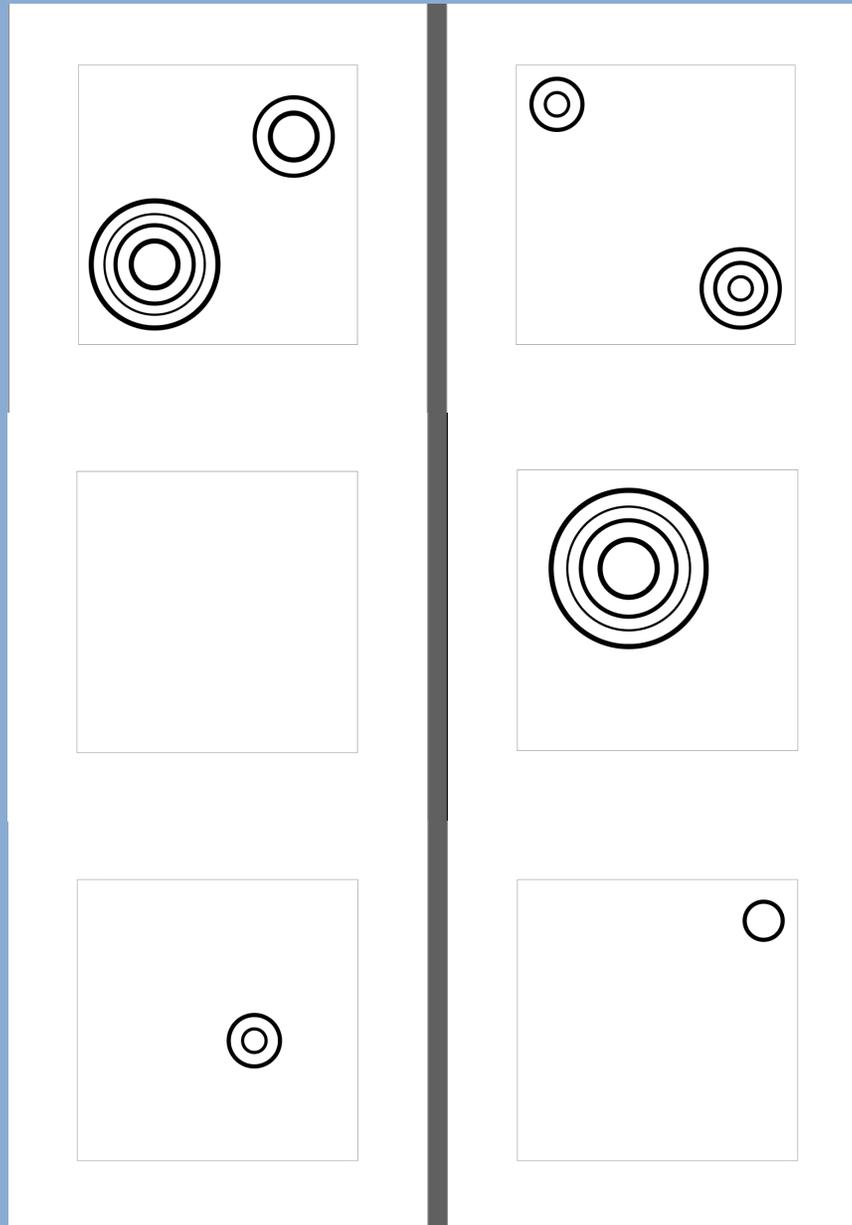


# Concept and Inspo

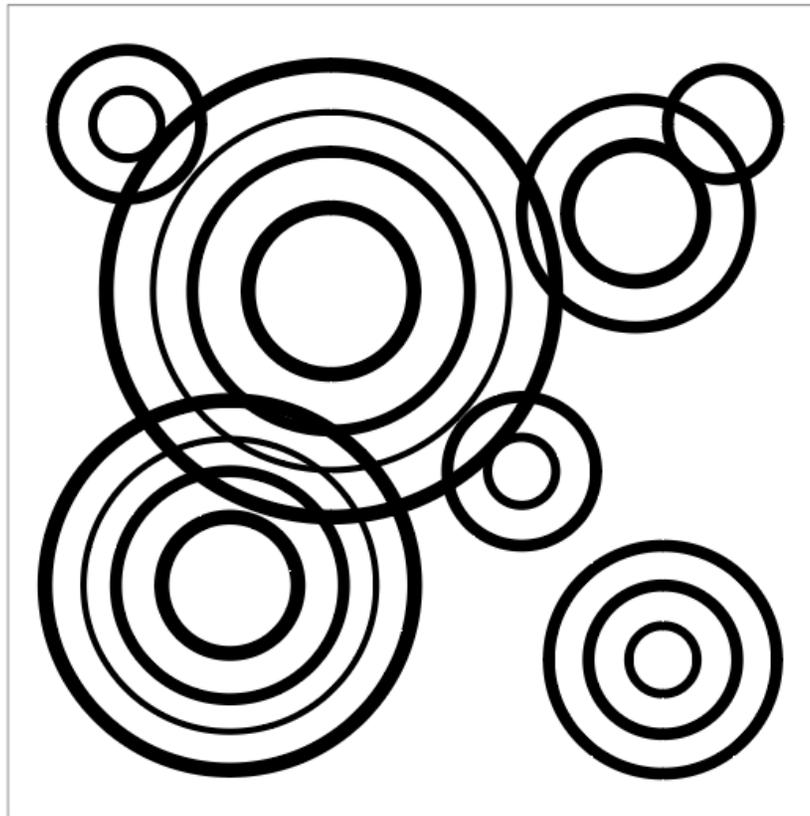
The idea is to create different ripples created by rain drops on different pieces of plexiglass to create the illusion of raindrops in a puddle



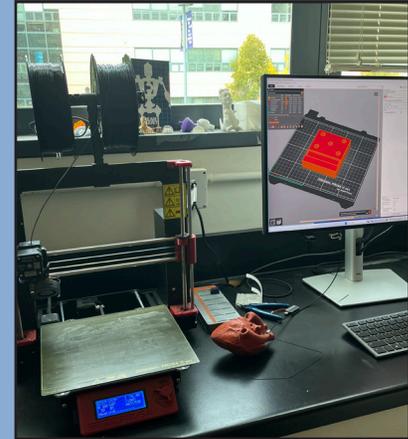
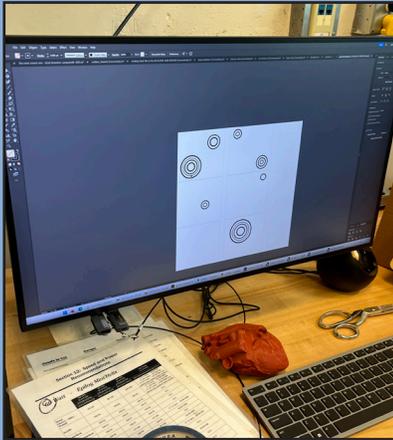
# Layers for final concept



# Final concept: Front View



# Process Photos



# Final Light Diffuser (No light)



# Final Light Diffuser (With light)



# Final Light Diffuser (With light)



# Final Light Diffuser (Wow)



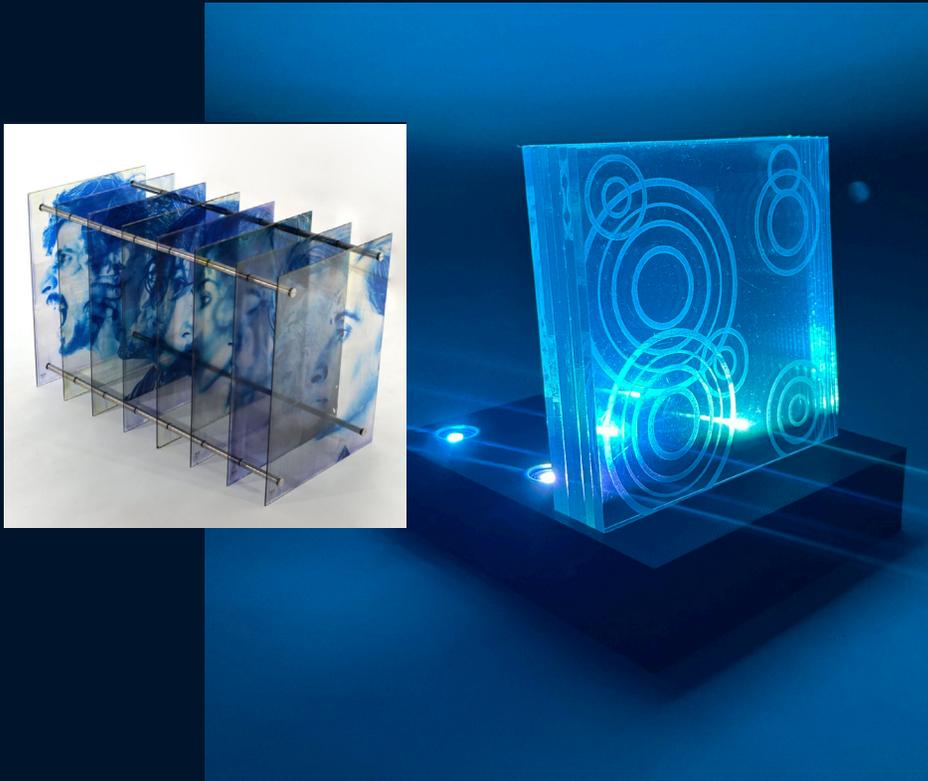
# *Where Water Thinks*

Where water thinks is supposed to be a relaxing yet reflective piece. Like ripples in a puddle and changing light are meant to hypnotize you and invites you to get lost in your thoughts and reflect.

Water is a sign of life, it's nourishing to many living things. Water is also a sign of a clean slate and new beginnings.

When doing this project I emphasize on the color blue. The color blue is supposed to represent calmness, wisdom, and provide a sense of stability.

The name "where water thinks" comes from the way I would like people to think and reflex while looking at something that's supposed to imitate a puddle. I know I think a lot when it rains and the weather always feels blue when it rains.



# Thank you

