

Project 03
Light Diffuser

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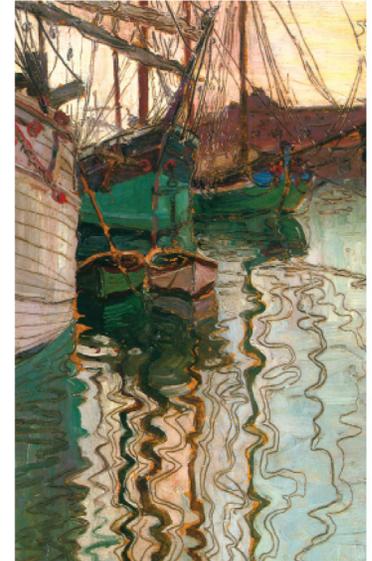
Mood Board

Melancholic

Keywords: melancholy, serene, tranquil, subdued, hazy, dusk, neon pastel

Materials: Clear or frosted acrylic sheets, muted complimentary colors/shades

Light Source: Small multi colored LED light below multiple overlapping sheets of laser cut acrylic silhouettes



Concept

CONCEPT BRIEF – MELANCHOLIA LIGHT DIFFUSER

ACRYLIC LED TABLE LIGHT

OVERVIEW

Melancholia Sconce is a cylindrical LED mood light diffuser that explores melancholia as a fragile, transient emotional state. Abstract butterfly forms orbit and soften the surface of the light, symbolizing delicacy, transformation, and emotional sensitivity. Rather than depicting melancholy as heaviness, the piece reframes it as something quiet, airy, and easily disturbed—an atmosphere that surrounds rather than overwhelms.

Through diffused illumination and layered translucency, the sconce creates a gentle, ambient glow that mirrors the subtle shifts of introspective mood. The butterflies act as both ornament and metaphor, suggesting fleeting thoughts and feelings that drift in and out of focus. Together, form and light transform melancholia into a contemplative object—one that invites stillness, softness, and emotional presence.

INSPIRATION & ARTISTIC LINEAGE

This work draws inspiration from the emotional depth and psychological atmosphere found in painters such as Danielle Roberts, whose portraits dissolve into color pools of alienated calm, and Albrecht Dürer, whose engraving Melencolia I codified melancholy as a state of suspended thought. Both artists explore figures who are present yet removed, illuminated yet obscured—caught in the pause between feeling and articulation. The Melancholia diffuser translates these painterly moods into physical form, using color, shape, and light to evoke the emotional density of the melancholic state.

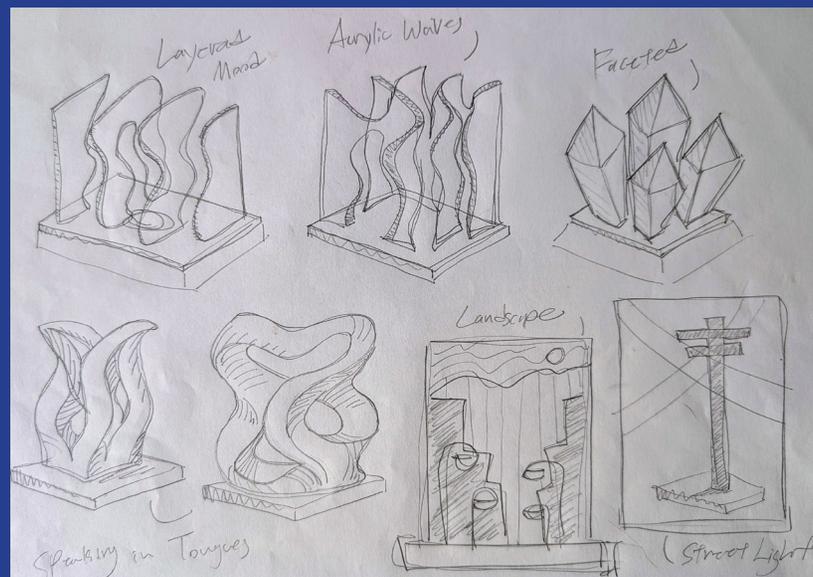
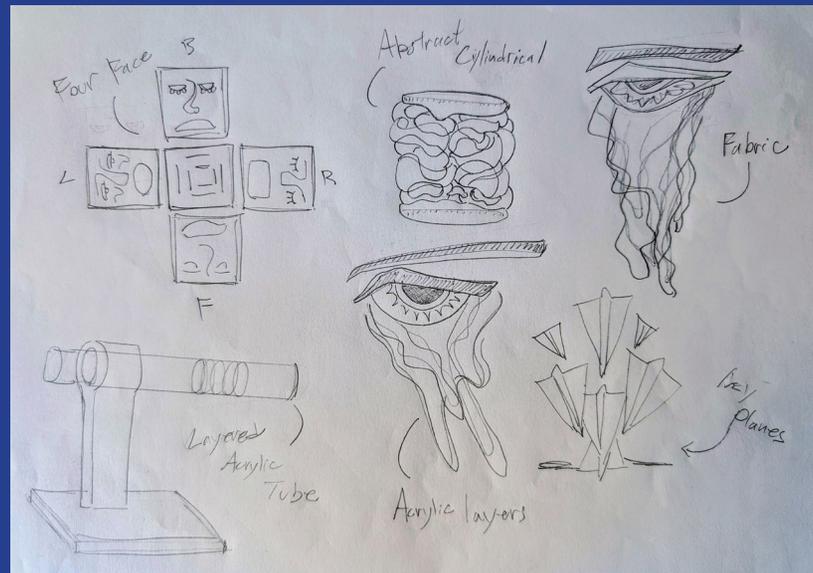
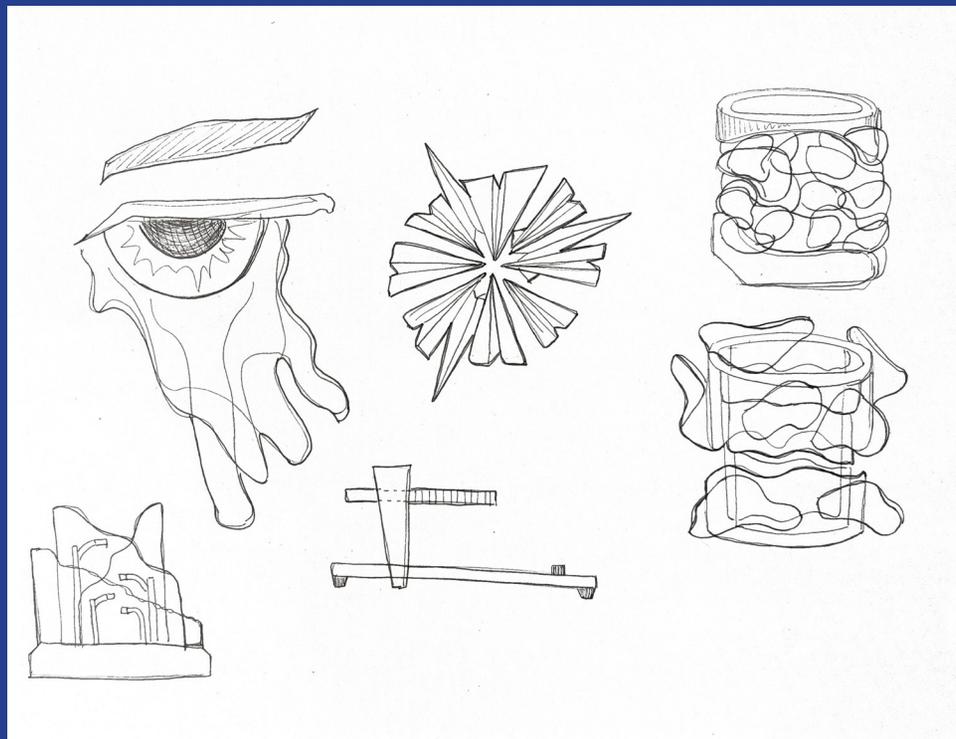
EMOTIONAL INTENT

This diffuser is not a depiction of sadness, but a portrait of the complex middle-ground: the foggy, suspended, introspective quiet that exists between overwhelm and clarity. It invites the viewer into a moment of internal slowing, allowing the emotional world to surface without judgment. It is a piece that acknowledges melancholy as an active emotional state—a place where one notices more, feels more deeply, and sees the world with a softened focus.



Artist: Danielle Roberts

Sketches



Lofi Model 01



Lofi Model 02



Final Direction

Abstract Melancholic Mood Light



Process



Laser Cutting



Heat Forming



Assembly

Final Model



Abstract Melancholic Mood Light Diffuser



Made from laser cut acrylic



MELANCHOLIC MOODS - LED LIGHT DIFFUSER

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Laser cut acrylic

Concept Description

A melancholic mood light diffuser focused on quiet introspection

Abstract butterfly forms represent fragility, impermanence, and drifting emotion

Cylindrical core provides stillness; layered acrylic softens and diffuses light

Ambient LED glow feels internal and restrained



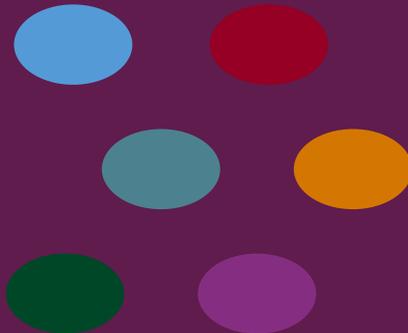
Color Palette

Blues: introspection and reflection

Greens: vulnerability and balance

Reds: subdued emotional tension

Oranges: fleeting highs and lows



Inspiration

Danielle Roberts

Twin Flames, 2024

Acrylic on canvas

Context Shots

