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COFFEE & TEA

IN PROGRESS: SENIOR THESIS

I have been challenged to design a twelve piece tea and coffee set. I focused on developing an art-deco-inspired, minimalist design, that captures only the essence of what is needed to make a family of forms communicate "tea set."

Additionally, I have focused on developing my fluency with ceramics, and mixed my own clay body, made plaster molds, and mixed my own glaze for the final product to be displayed at the end of the academic year.



SKETCHES

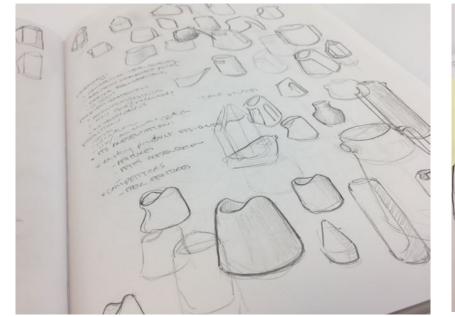
INITIAL BRAINSTORMING

The thesis project began with sketches everywhere, exploring every possible tea pot, for a few weeks.



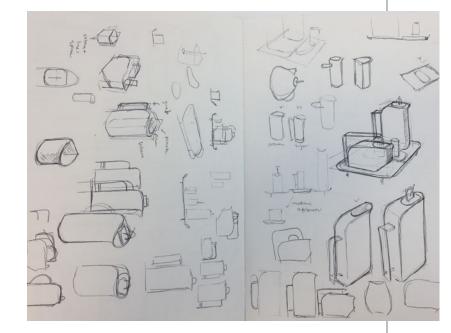


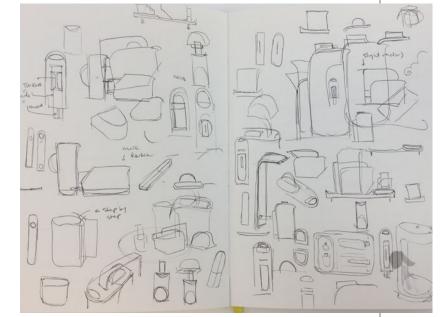


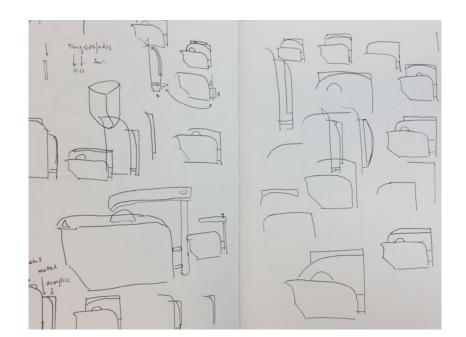


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SKETCHBOOK SNAPSHOTS

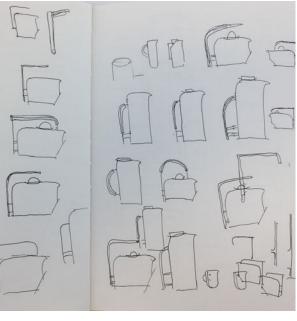


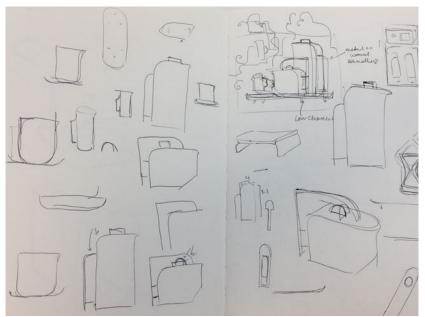


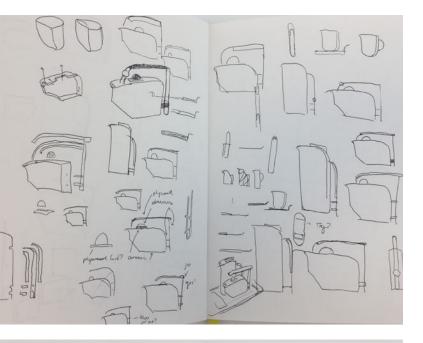


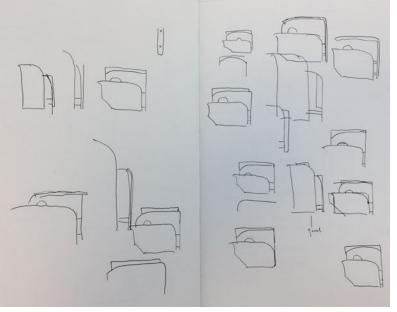
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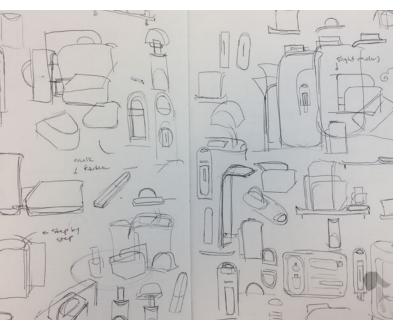
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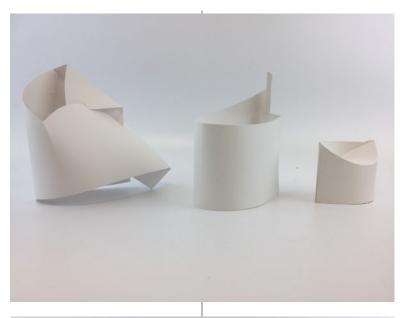






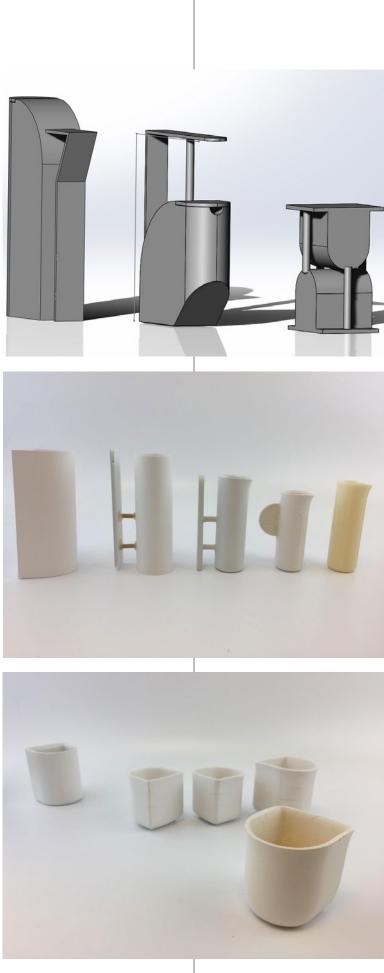


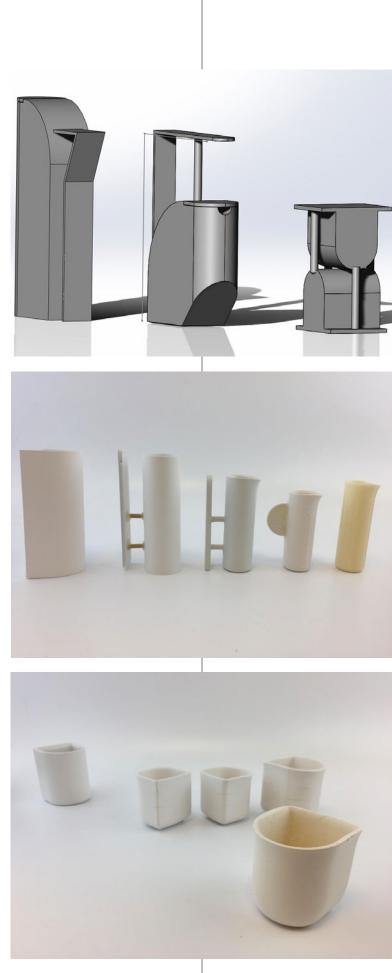


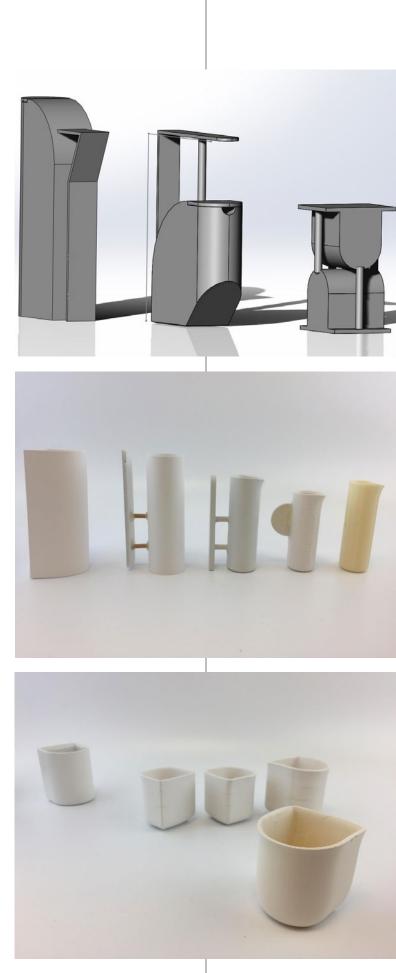












MODEL MAKING









DISCOVERIES

After bending PVC pipe in this elegant way, I knew I had to include such curves in my final set.

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3D PRINT

I printed several items in the tea set before to help finalize the forms.

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MAKING THE SET



CASTING FROM A 3D PRINT

I made plaster slip-cast molds out of scaled-up tea set pieces.

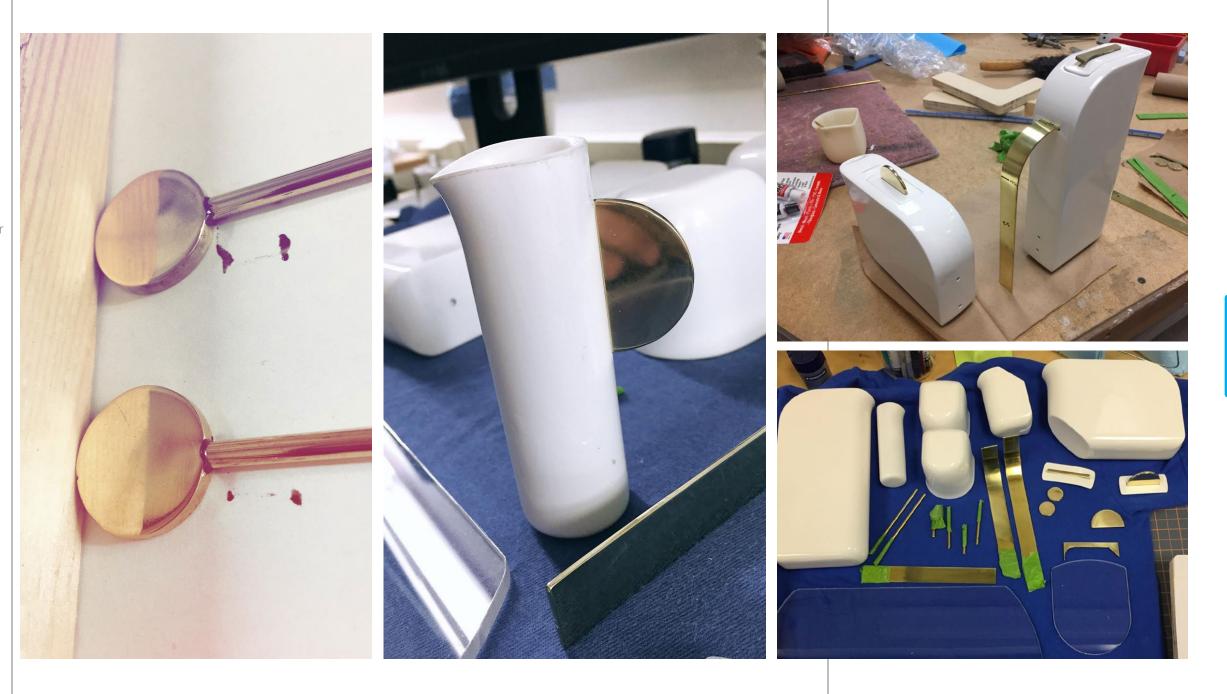
CERAMICS



BRASS

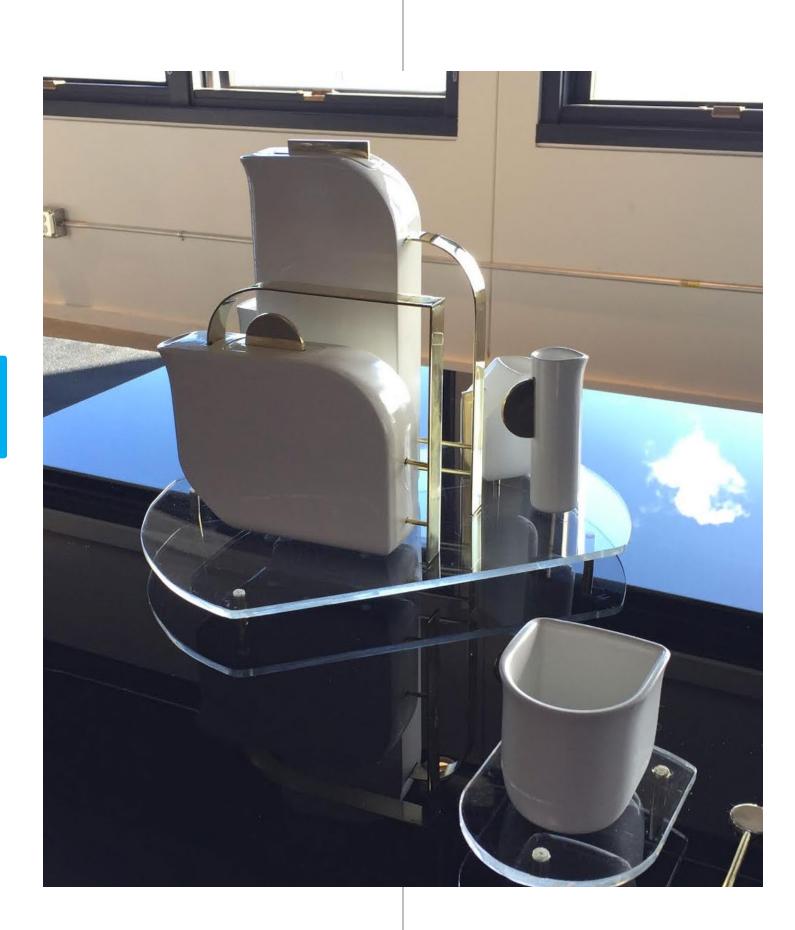
FINAL TOUCHES

The final step of the tea set is to polish everything, glue or weld it together, and show it at our senior show!



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ON DISPLAY