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identity of turkish coffee

A BRIEF HISTORY



Turkish coffee begins its journey in Ethiopia, where coffee beans were first cultivated, before traveling across the Red Sea to Yemen in the 15th century. From there, coffee followed trade routes into the Ottoman Empire, arriving in Istanbul in the 16th century, where it was transformed into something slower, more intimate, and ceremonial. Finely ground, brewed patiently in a cezve, and shared rather than consumed, coffee became a ritual of hospitality and conversation—less about origin than about encounter. Over time, Turkish coffee came to embody a culture of waiting, sharing, and belonging, shaped by movement yet rooted in place.

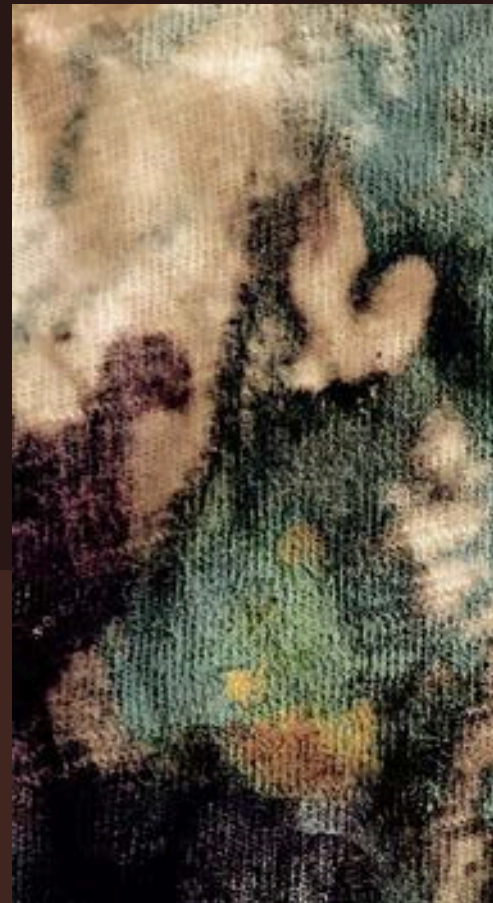
TURKISH COFFEE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A PRODUCT THAT DOES NOT GROW IN ANATOLIA CAN ACQUIRE MEANING, RITUAL, AND IDENTITY IN THIS REGION; IT IS A CULTURAL PRACTICE DEFINED MORE BY ITS CIRCULATION THAN BY ITS ORIGIN.



Concept Statement :

THIS PROJECT EXAMINES TURKISH COFFEE AS A RITUAL SHAPED BY MOVEMENT RATHER THAN ORIGIN. THOUGH IT APPEARS CULTURALLY FIXED, ITS IDENTITY IS FORMED THROUGH CIRCULATION, REPETITION, AND SHARED PRACTICE. BY TRANSLATING SLOWNESS, PREPARATION, AND COLLECTIVE PRESENCE INTO FORM AND MATERIAL, THE WORK EXPLORES BELONGING AS SOMETHING THAT LOOKS STABLE ON THE SURFACE WHILE REMAINING FLUID BENEATH.

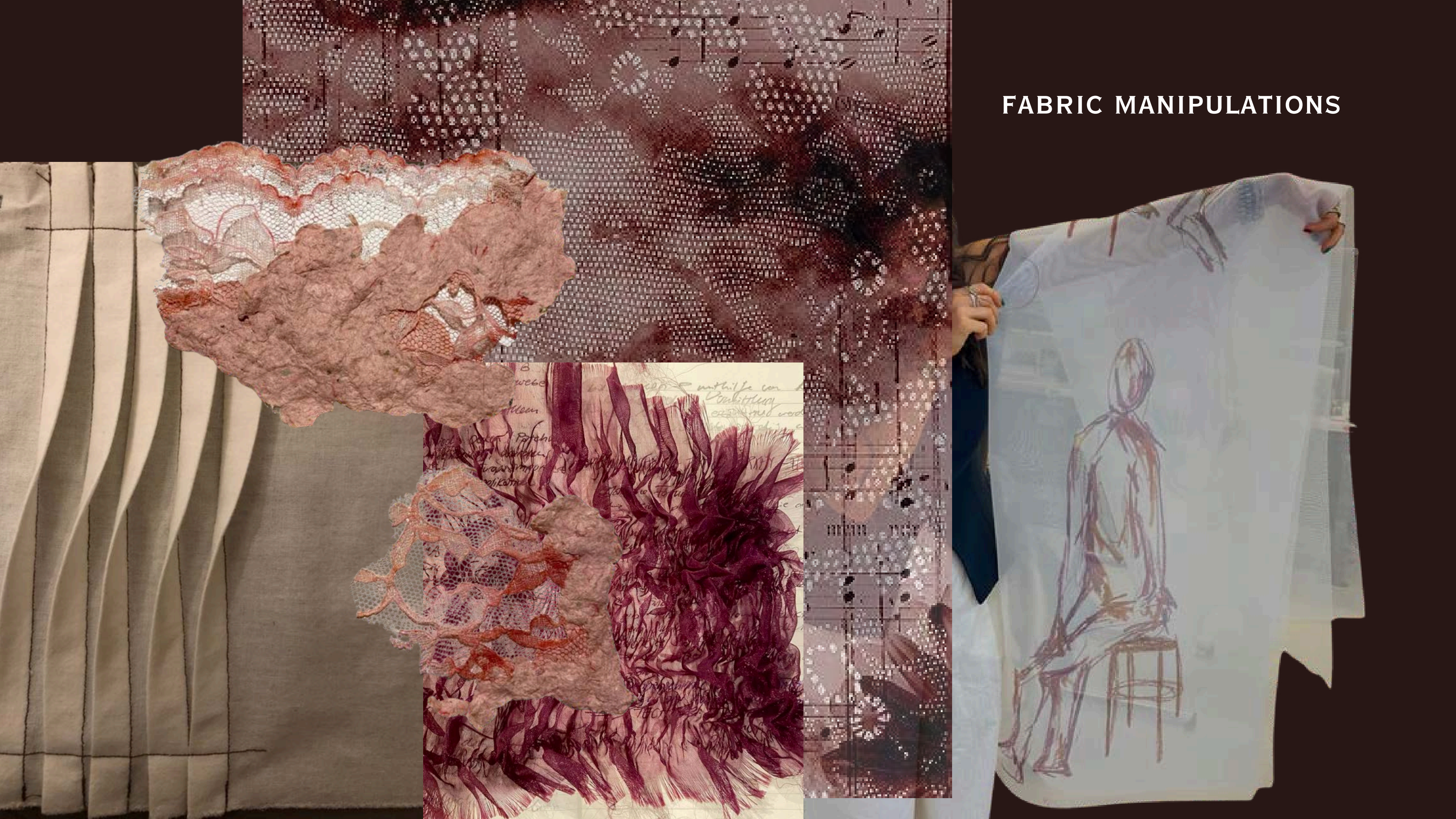




TEXTILES & TEXTURES

- ORGANIC STAINS
- ORGANZA
- WHITE LACE
- GRAINY SHAPES
- EMBELISHED ORGANZA

FABRIC MANIPULATIONS



fabric inspiration





color palette



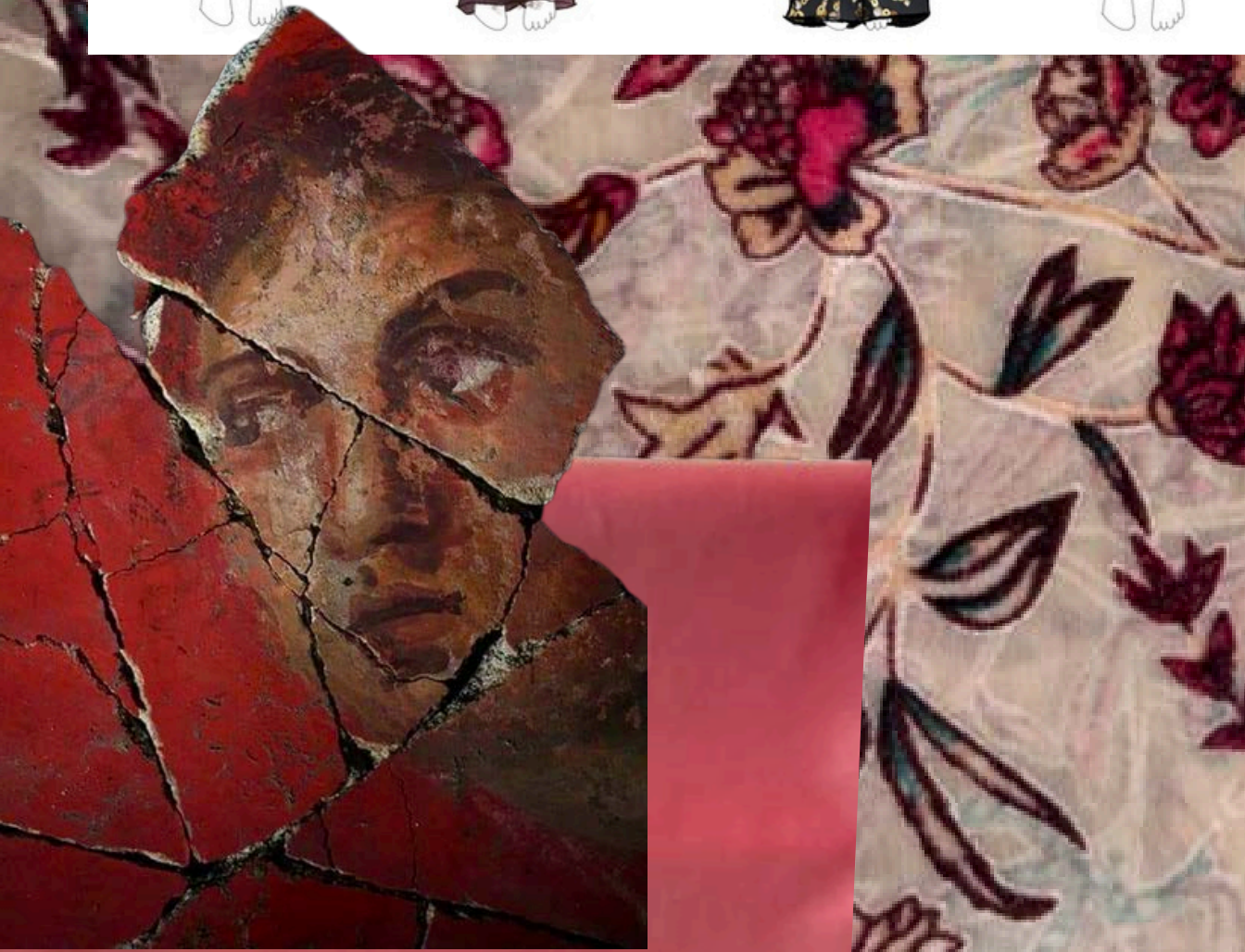
draping



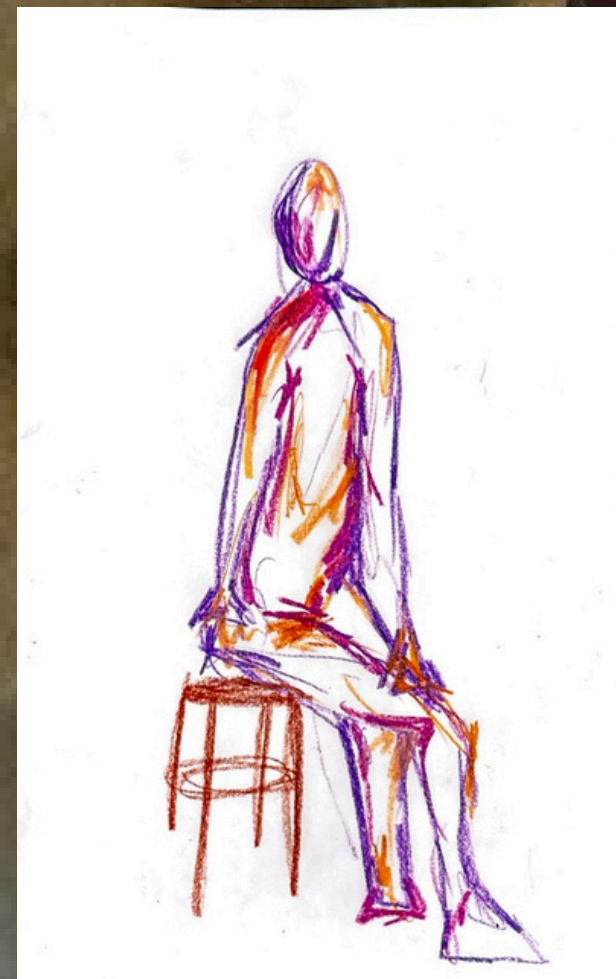
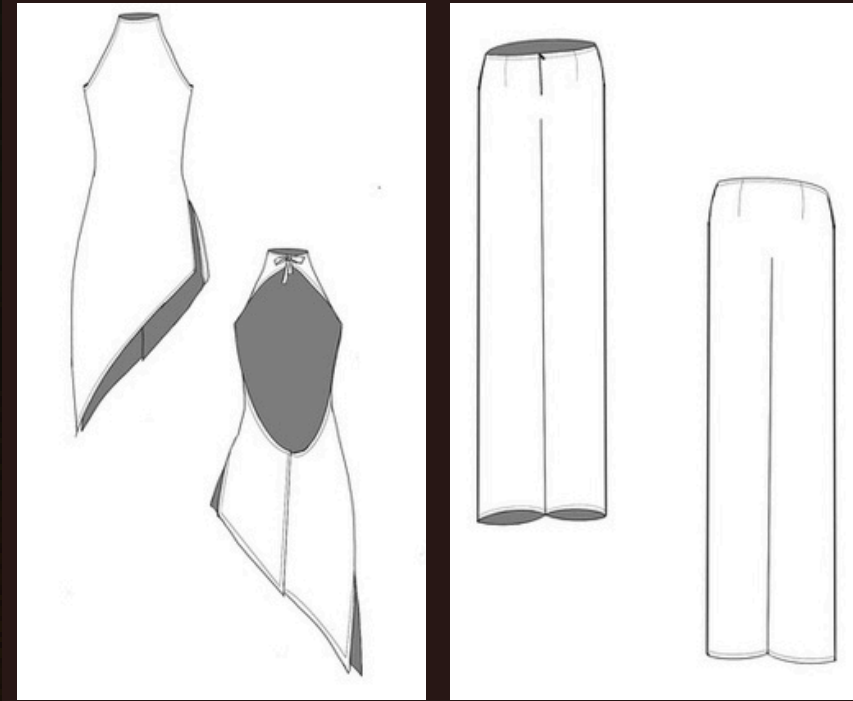
iteration and ideation process: mixing & matching



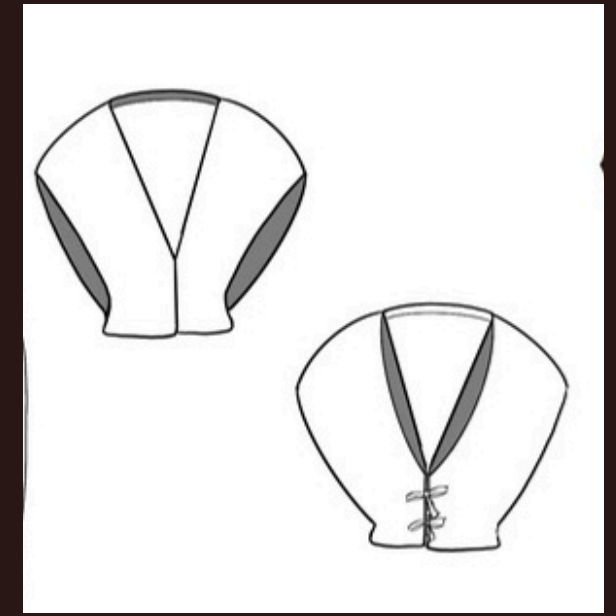
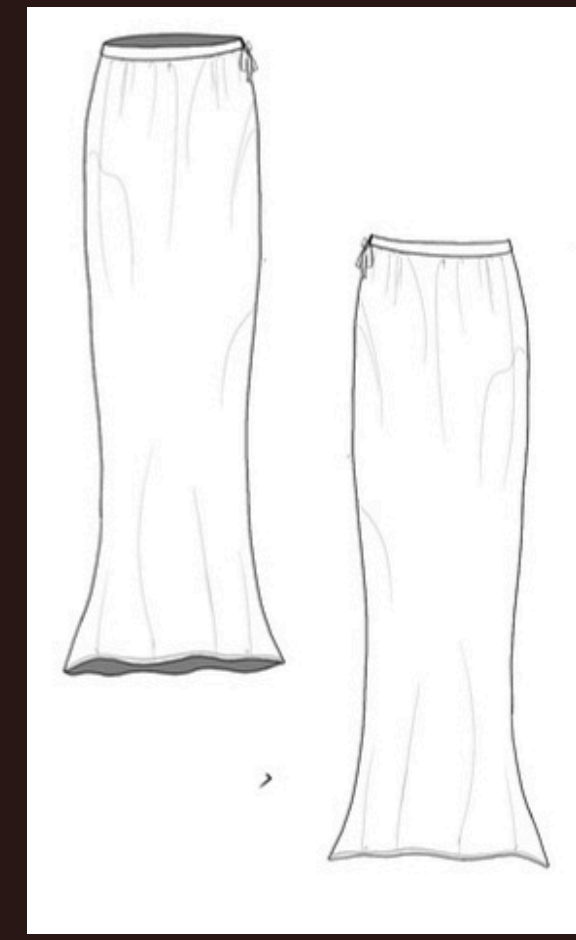
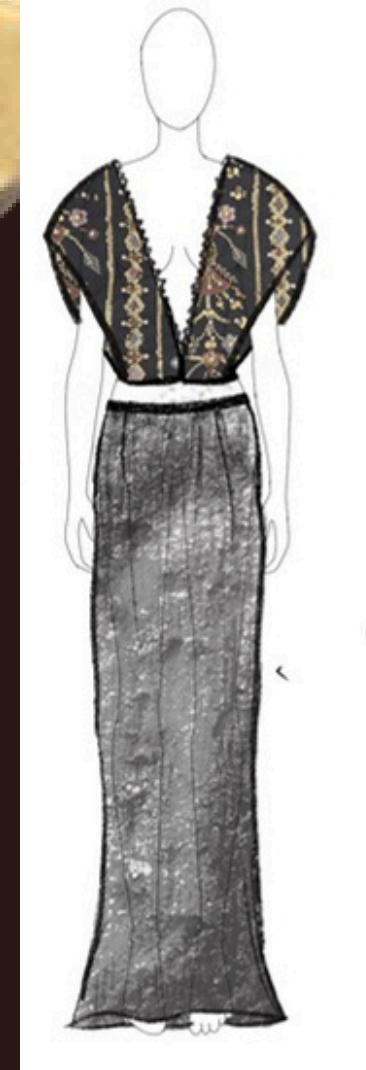
final lineup



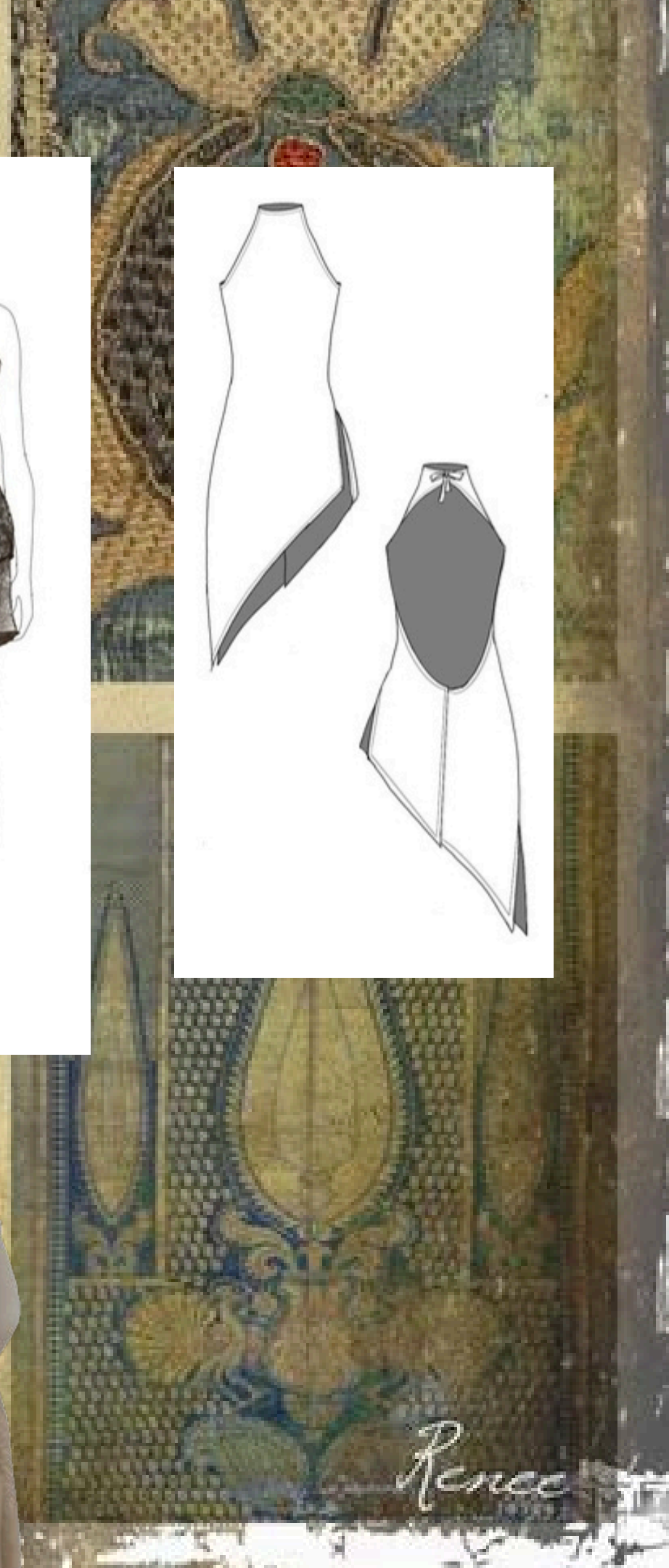
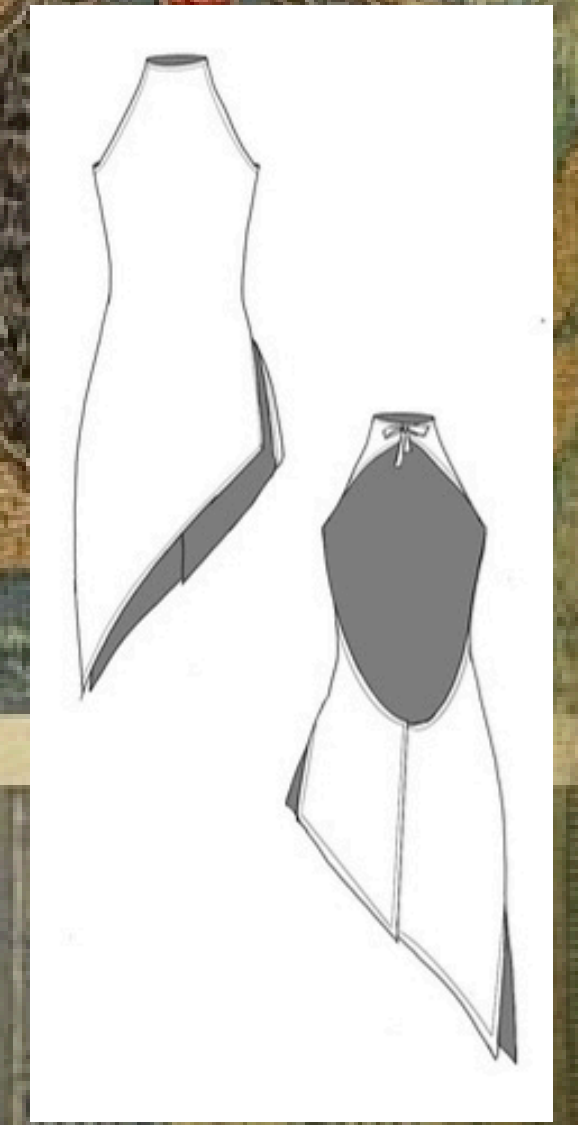
look 1: mockup



look 2: mockup



look 3: mockup





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**FINAL
SHOOT**

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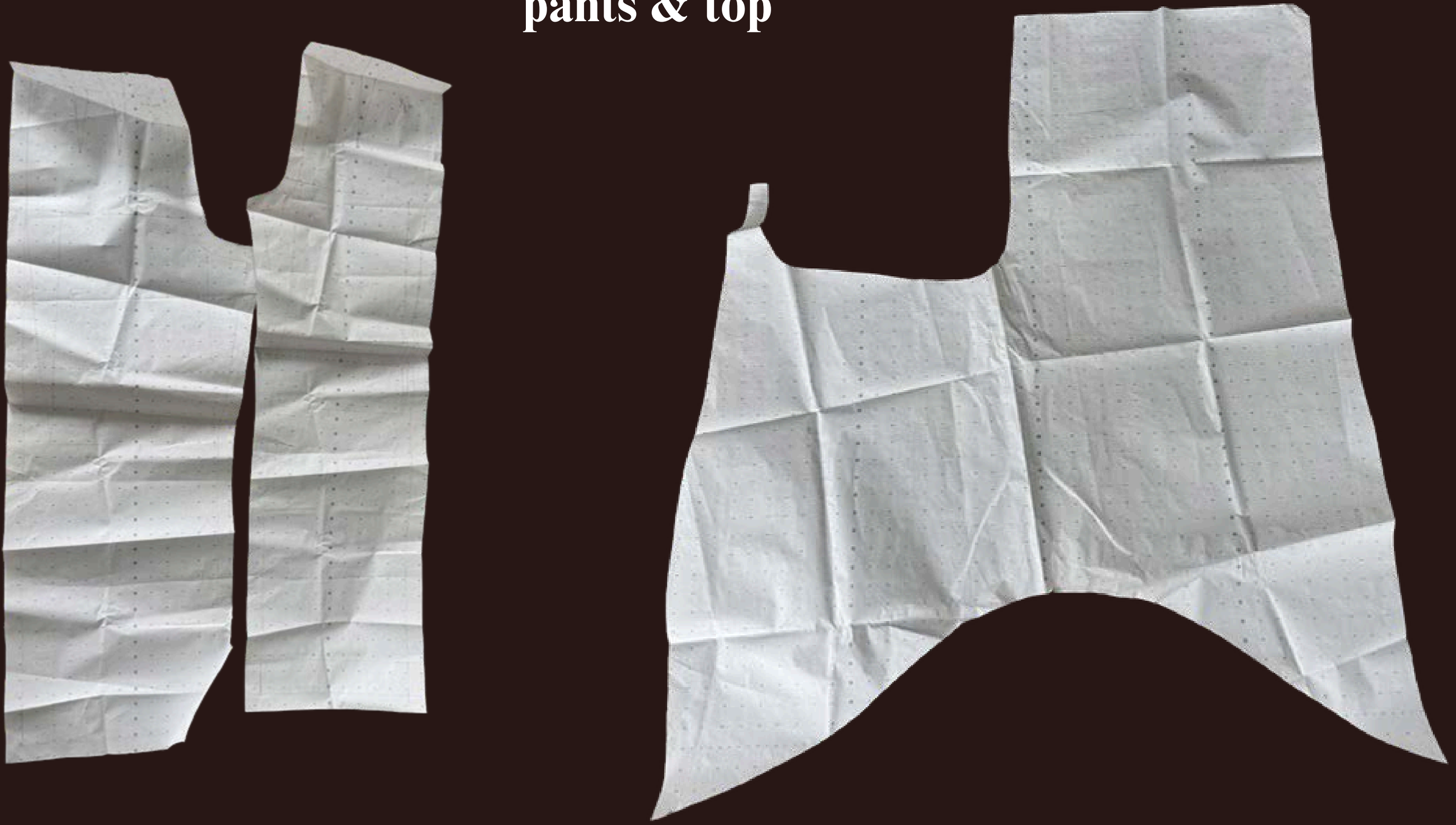


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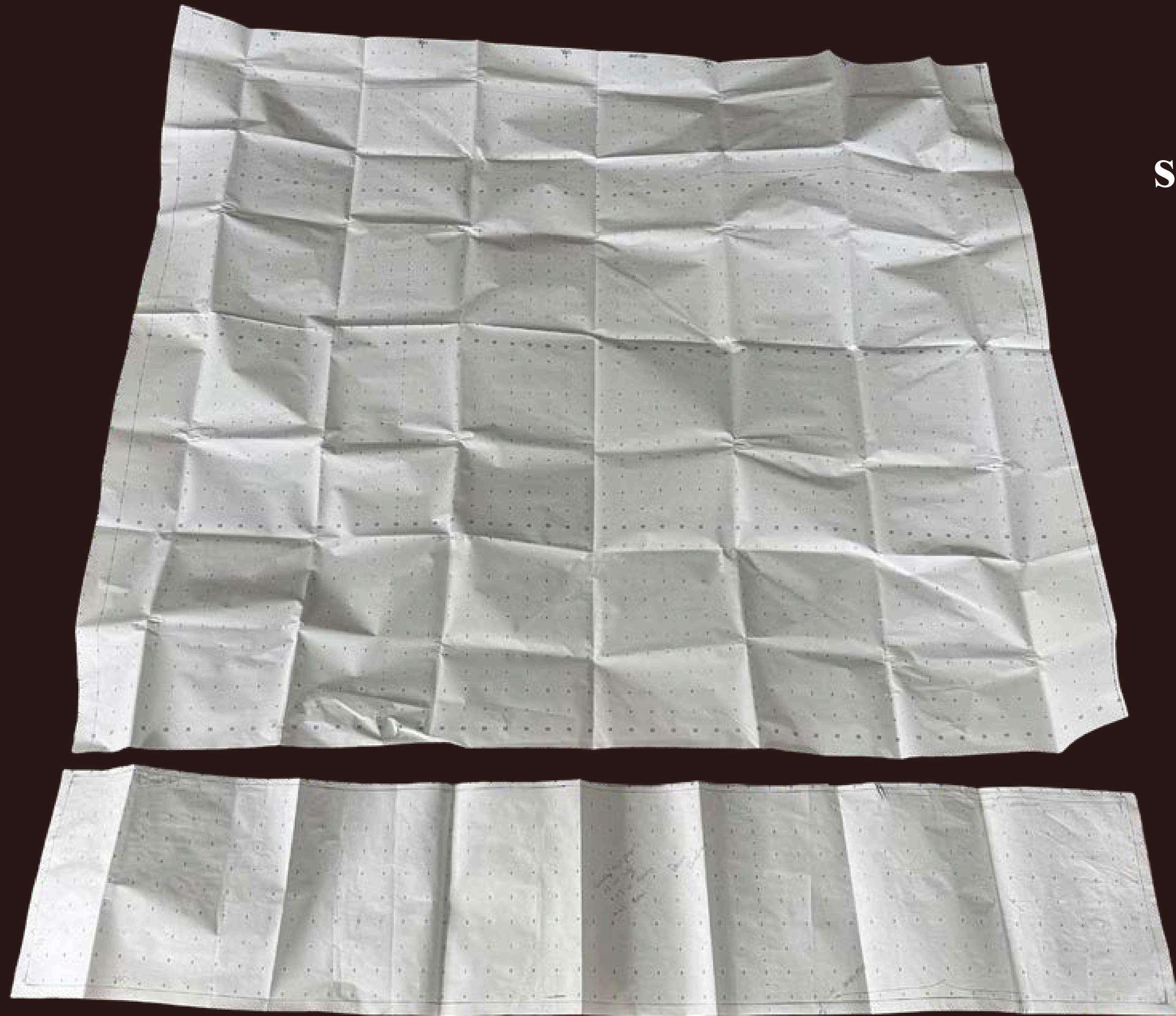


patterns

look 1 patterns
pants & top



**look 2 patterns
skirt & beaded top**



**look 3 pattern
dress**

