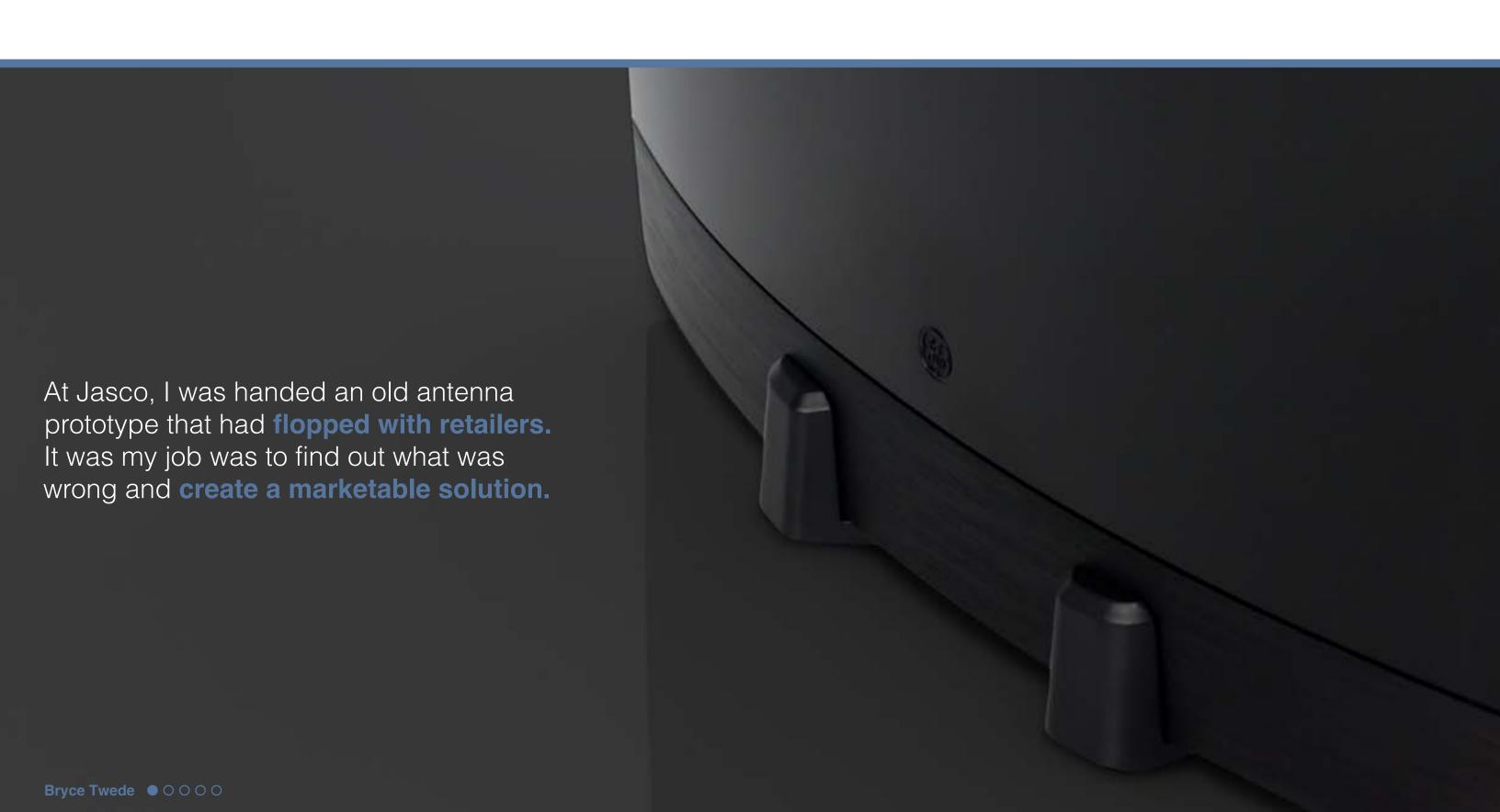


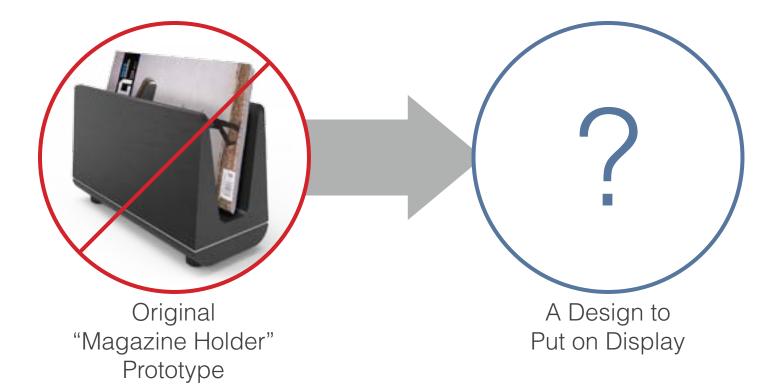
RETHINKING THE ANTENNA





The Problem

I quickly learned from the prototype that an antenna **shouldn't be designed to hide.** My goal became to leverage the technology itself to create a **design to put on display.**



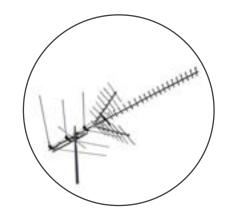


The Curve

Drawing upon **iconic antenna forms**, I designed with a curve aesthetic. Rather than obscuring the function, I sought to **highlight its strength.**

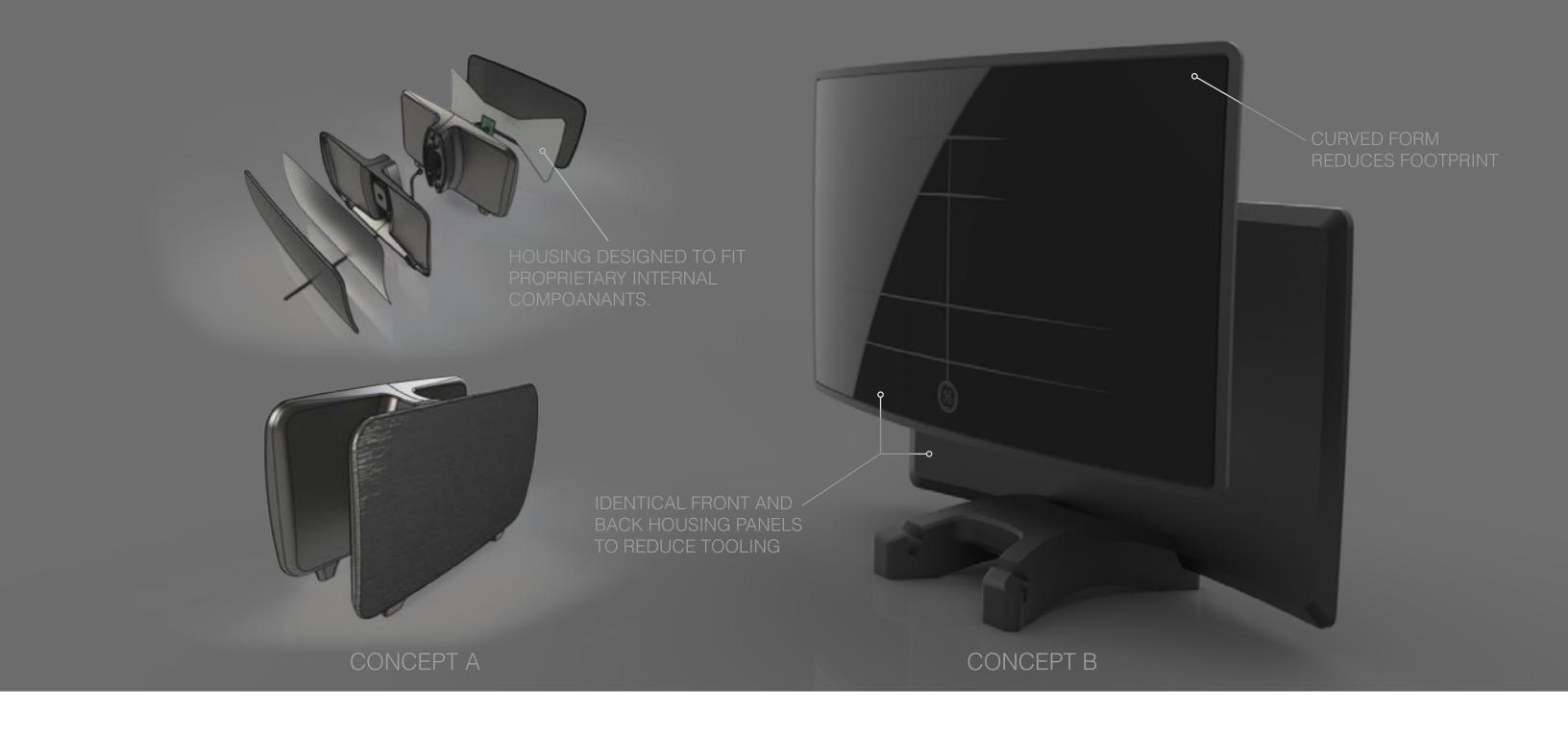






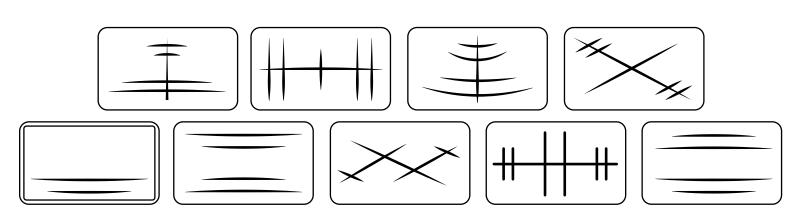
Adding a Curve





Detail Design

I worked closely with engineering to ensure that **the housing matched the internals** perfectly. I also explored graphics that **hinted at the device's true nature.**



Reception

To our delight, the **curve improved reception** and the detachable parts reduced the box size dramatically. The **retailers are happy** and the antenna is currently on the shelves at Target, Amazon, and elsewhere.

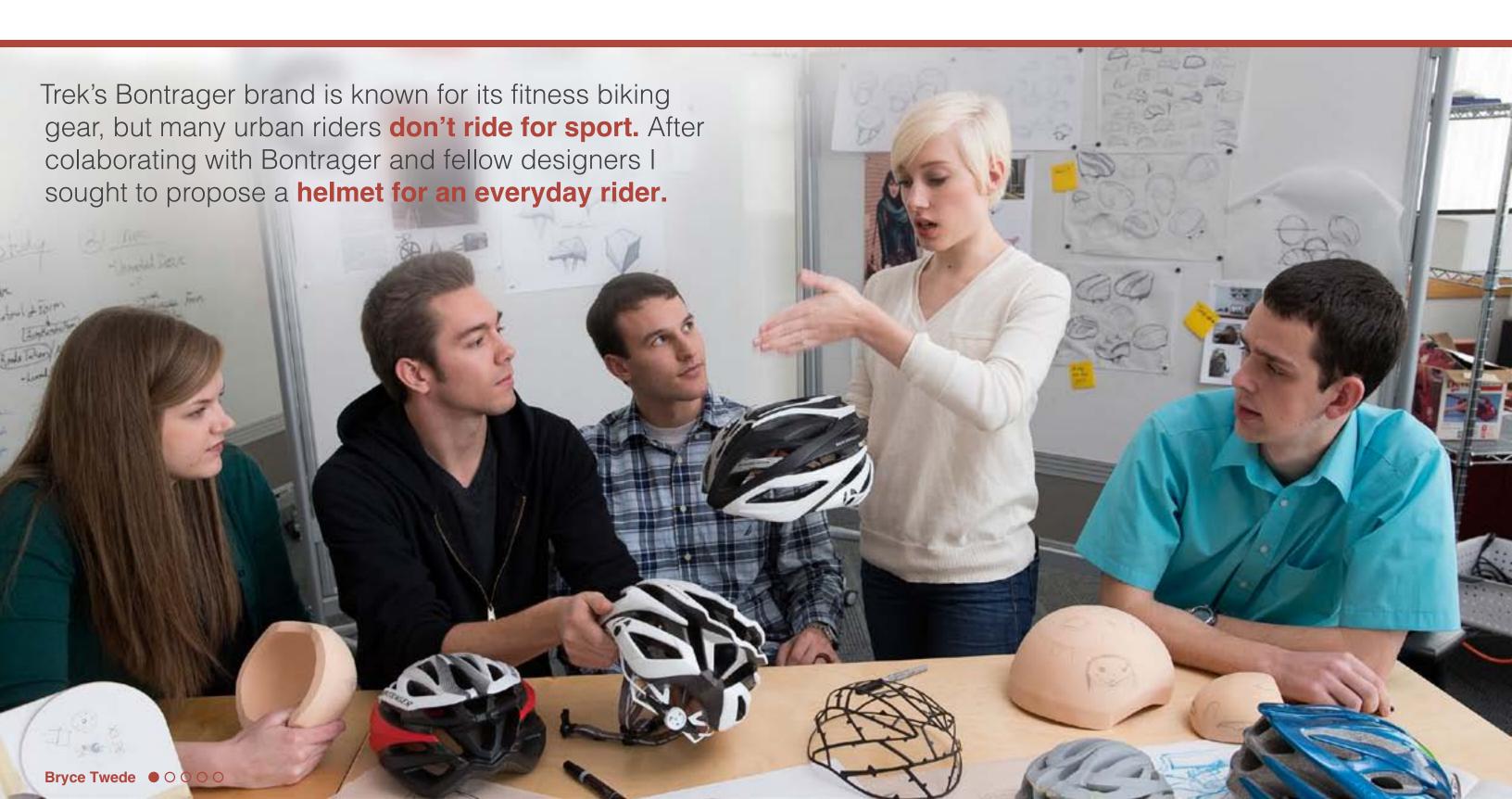






URBAN HEADGEAR





Meet Kira:

She Needs A Helmet

subtely blends with her life.

A photographer that bikes in the big city, Kira likes to observe without being disruptive. Kira's important possessions all fit together as a family and she wants a helmet that complements and





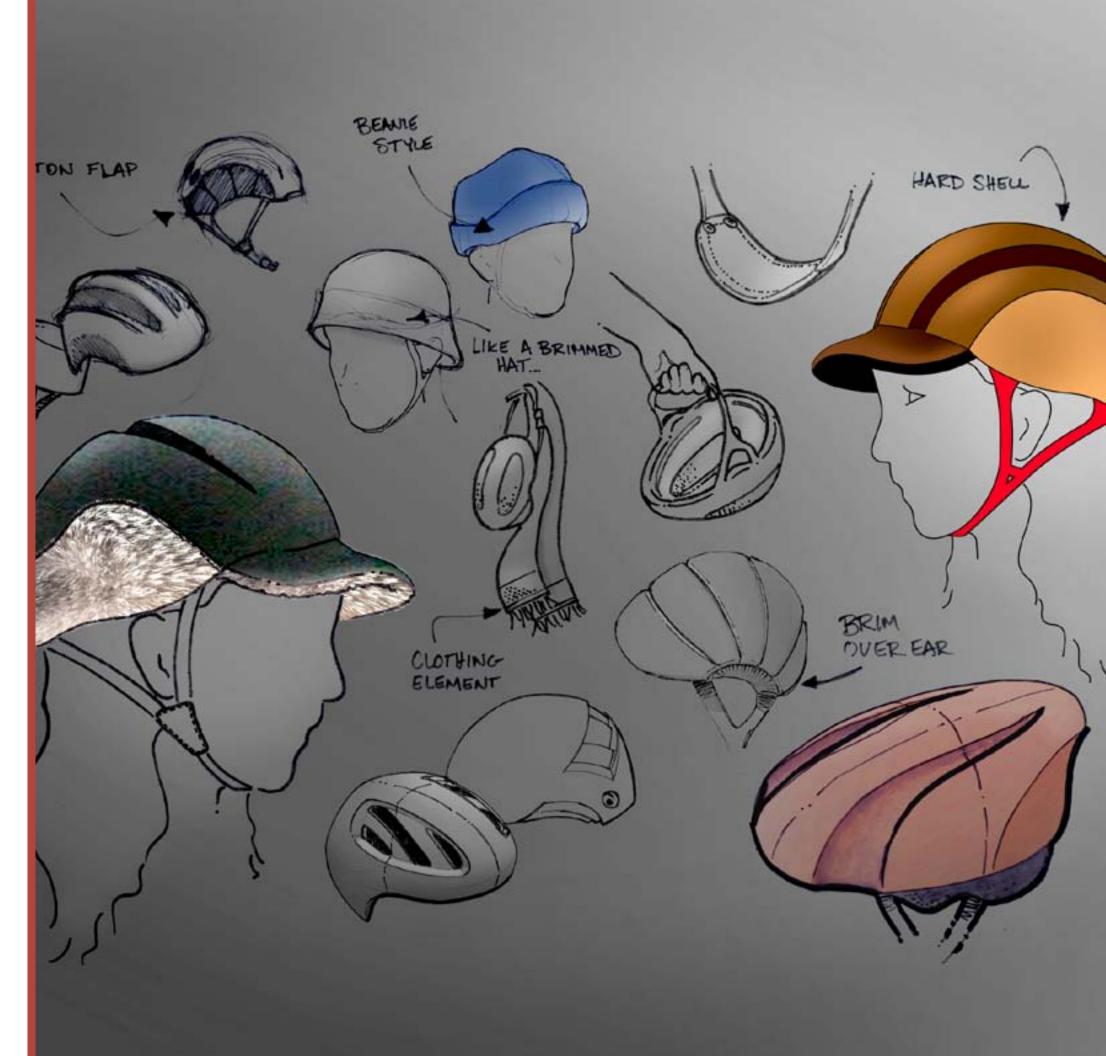
Empathetic Ideation

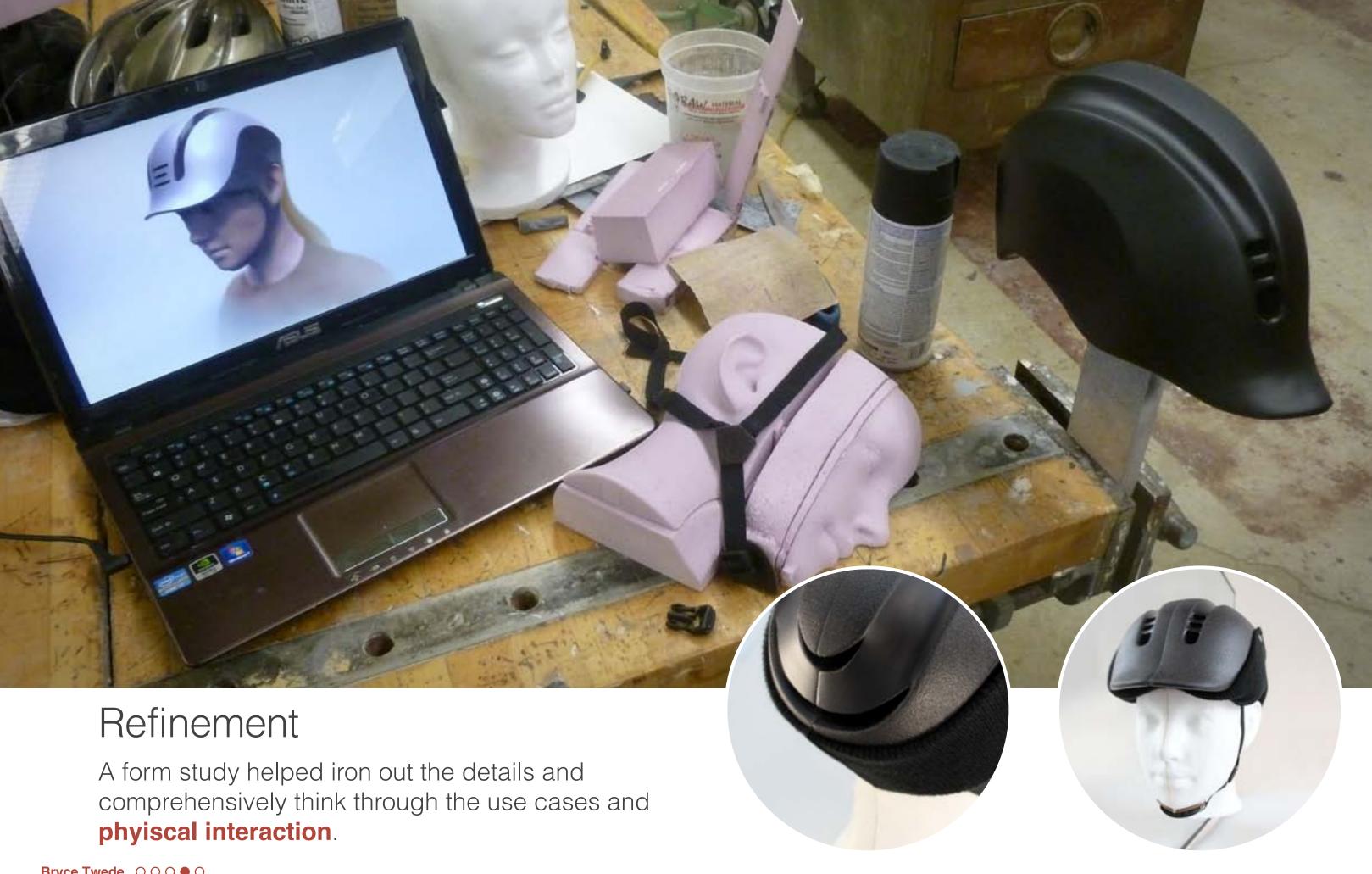
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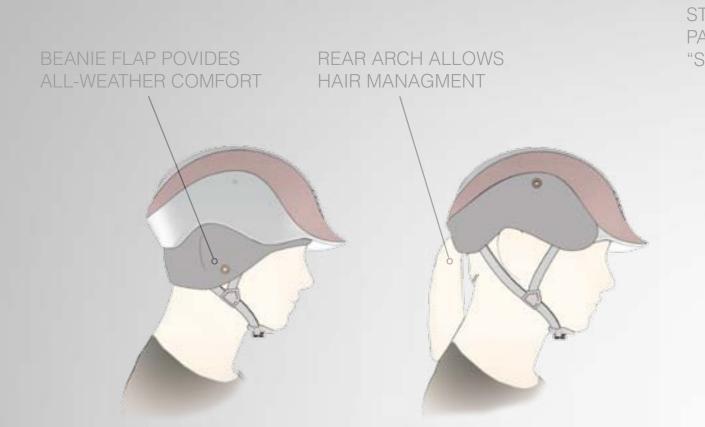
I was forced to look at the problem in new ways. In oder to empathize I carried a make-shift helmet around for two weeks and realized that even without wearing it I felt



Dollar store bowls with riveted webbing







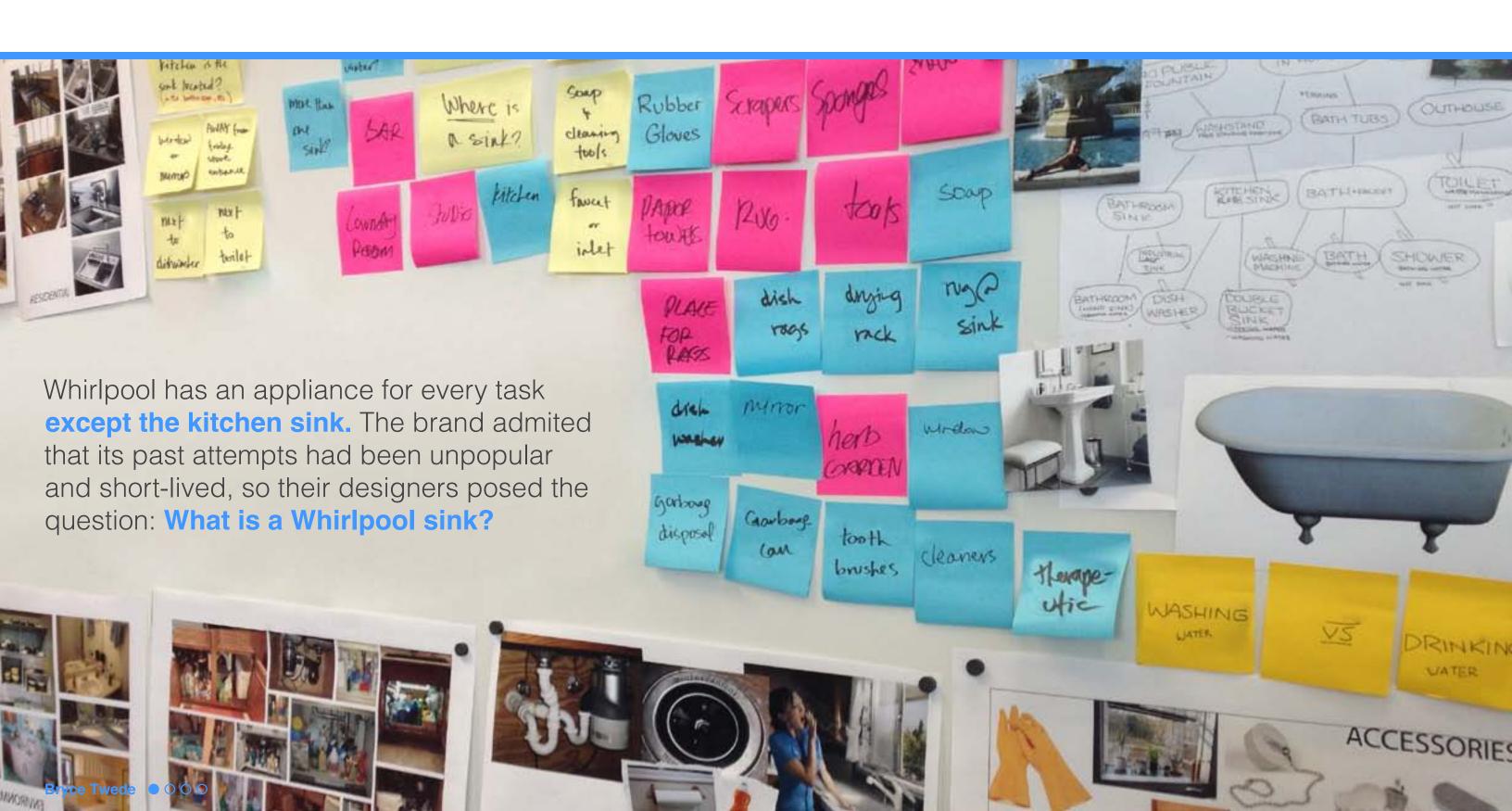
Meld

Finally, a helmet that **puts Kira at ease.** The helmet draws upon equestrian inspiration to offer a sophisticated alternative to flashy headgear. The designers at Bontrager were impressed and **selected my concept** as their favorite.



RECLAIMING THE SINK



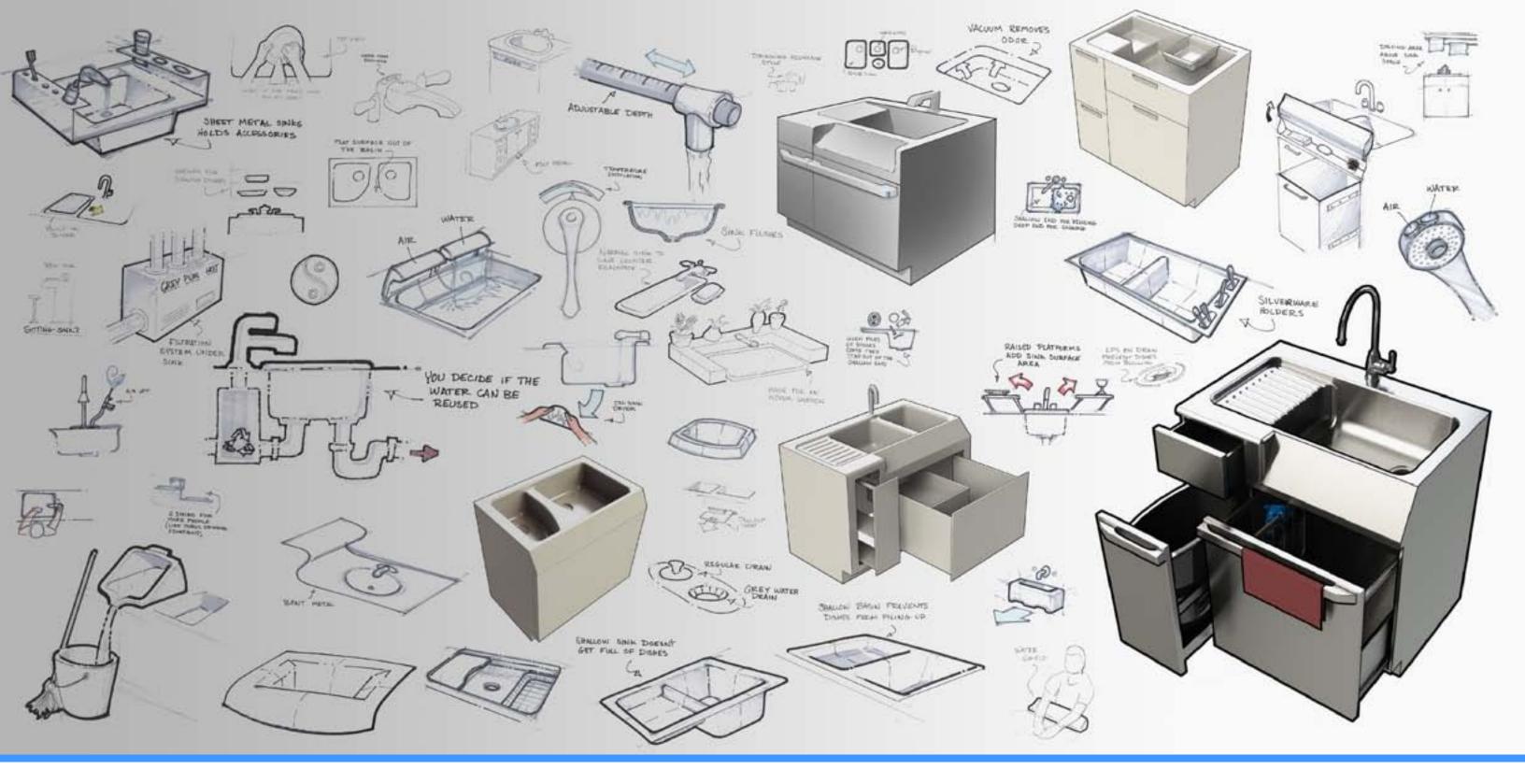


Sink Rituals

Whirlpool's past sinks have been out of character with their brand by **forcing people to adjust** their sink rituals rather than simplify. While investigating these important rituals I realized that in all the time we spend at the sink, we often **forget what's below the drain.**

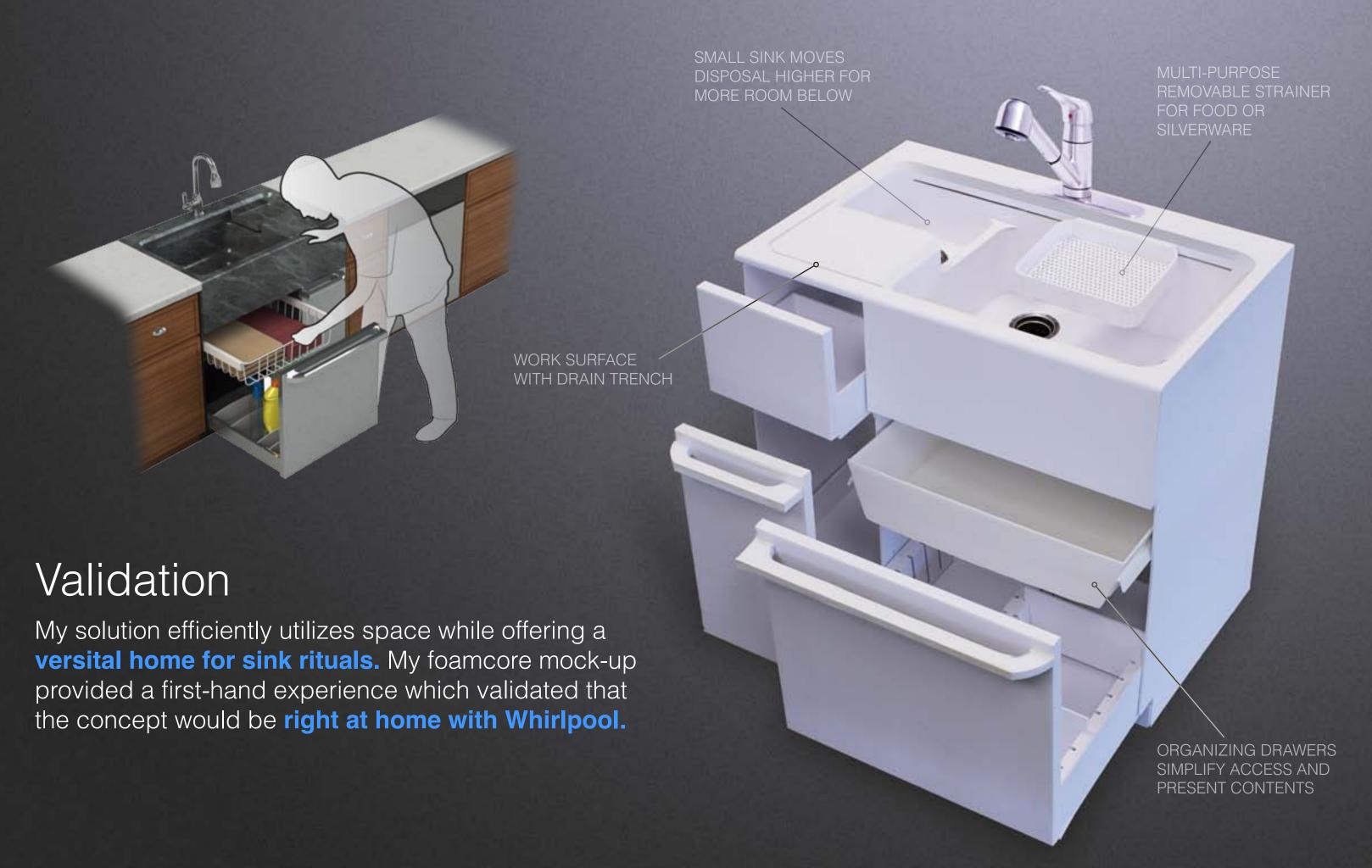






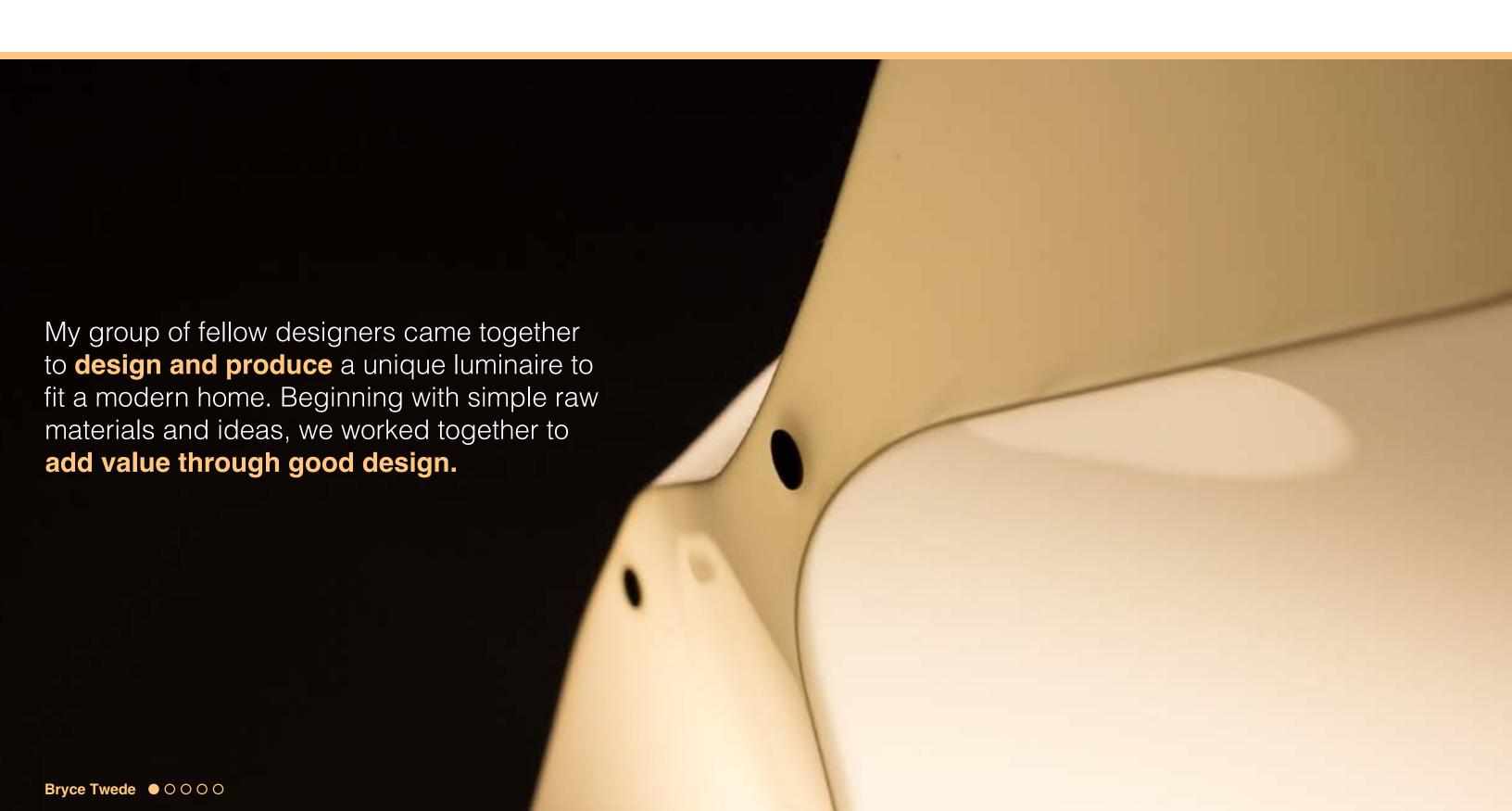
Below the Surface

I sought to **make the sink an appliance** by drawing upon Whirlpool's strengths of water management and metal forming. I was careful to not limit sink rituals by developing a solution that **enables customization**.



LUMINAIRE







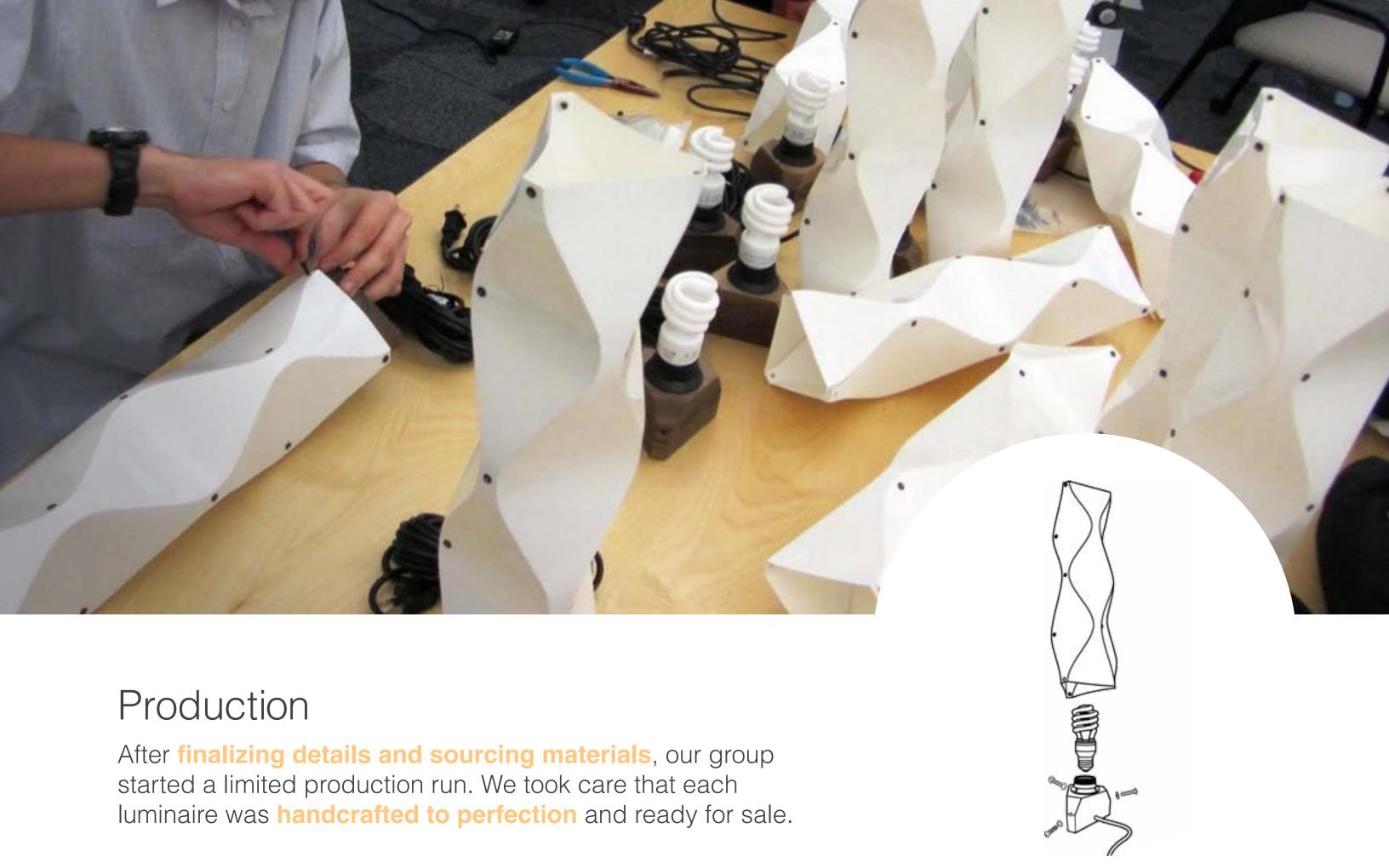
Folding

Exploring with folds, our lamp took form. The translucent nature of polycarbonate inspired our team's motto: let the lamp become what the light wants it to be.



















Bryce Twede ○○○○●

After quickly selling out our entire sock at the lamp show we **licensed our design concept** to a local company who raised nearly a quarter million dollars on Kickstarter.

PLAY UNSTRUCTURED







Creative Play

Open play is a key part of childhood as it promotes healthy cognitive, social, and physical development. I began my process by creating open-ended toys to see how they were used and what effect they had on children and adults.

Child's Play

Turning to the experts, I sought to understand the value and requirements of unstructured play. I realized that children have no shortage of toys and that I should focus on transforming environments into playscapes.



"The more a toy can do, the less a child does." William Dietz













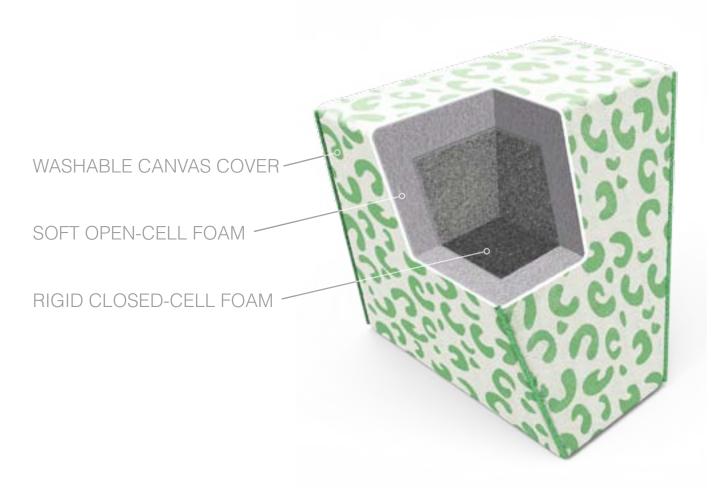
The Pillow Fort

Blocks teach children truths about the physical world and encourage them to actively use their imagination. After countless iterations I descovered a unique block idea inspired by pillow forts.



Fabrication

Prototyping the form inspired new modifications and as I played with the materials I discovered new ideas for their construction. I wanted the blocks to be safe for play but also use materials that complemented home decor.



Kilter

At multiple design shows, children played in ways I hadn't anticipated. The sturdy and soft blocks promote spontaneous unstructured play. Used as furniture, the blocks combine with other forms of modern play and, unlike most toys, never have to be put away.



