

# TrashWall



Prototype Design Presentation

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# Background

- People with lower income typically live in the least energy efficient homes
- For some, heating and cooling their homes is a major burden
- As college students, we can relate to the struggling to pay bills
- We wanted to address this problem and began looking towards a solution that could help people living in energy inefficient homes.

# Previous Work

- Over the past year and a half, groups of architecture and mechanical engineering students have worked on this project.
- Our idea has been to build an extra insulation layer to be placed in a home that will help keep the house warm or cool
- Areas of focus:
  - Low cost (goal of less than \$0.10/square foot)
  - Good insulation ability
  - Easy to manufacture/install
  - Aesthetically appealing
  - Safe to use in a home



# Current Work

- In the process of merging architectural and engineering designs together.
- Engineering designs focus mainly on structure, thermal resistivity, manufacturability, and fire safety.
- Architecture designs focus more on aesthetics and exploring different available recyclables uses.
- Architecture students have come up with a “skin” which is placed on the interior of the Trash Wall. This “skin” is the only visible part of the Trash Wall when installed in a home.

# Our Vision

- To inspire people to build these walls in a way that suits their needs/wants
- To give people a good starting point on how to build a Trash Wall and different options for them to pursue.
- Change/transform people's thoughts about recyclables and trash
- Inform people of the possibilities of recycled materials to improve their lives and also reduce air pollution/greenhouse gases
- We hope that through this project, we not only provide practical solutions to a very real problem, but also that we inspire people to look at trash differently, and to feel empowered to engineer solutions.

# Project Overview

- The wall will be composed of two parts: Structure + Skin
- We've compiled several prototypes
- The goal is to give people ideas about how trash could be used, a recipe, etc.

# Structure 1: Cardboard Tubes

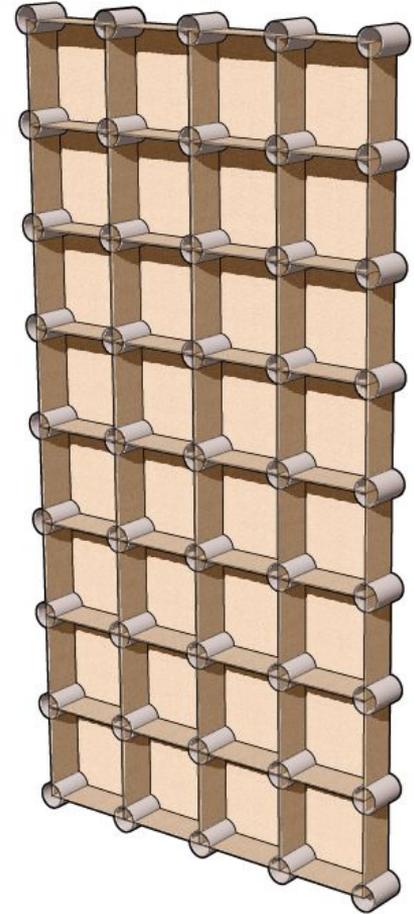
Size: 4'x8'

Time to Construct:

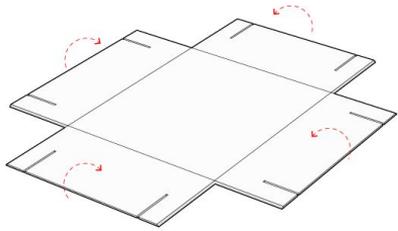
- Boxes: 5 mins each (32 total)
- Tubes: 3 mins each (45 total)

Pros: no glue required,  
modular, ease of construction and assembly,  
no toxic fume when ignited

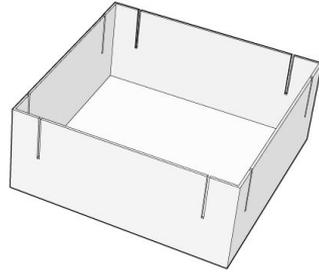
Cons: Prone to offset error, limited accessibility of  
some material, flammable



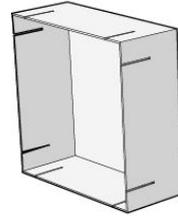
# Structure Construction



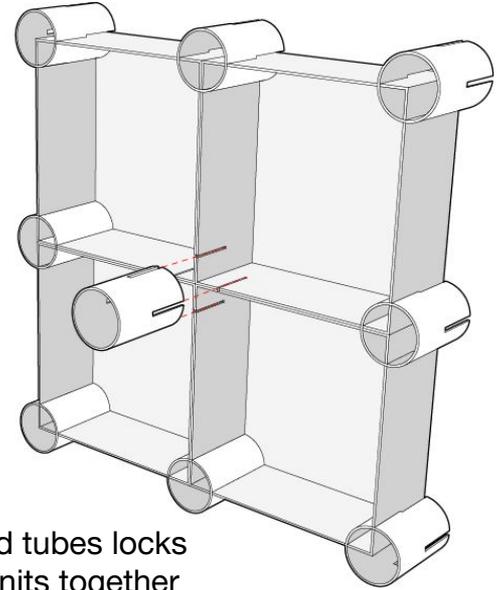
Crease + Fold box



Cut slits at the corners  
for tube supports



Cardboard tubes locks  
multiple units together



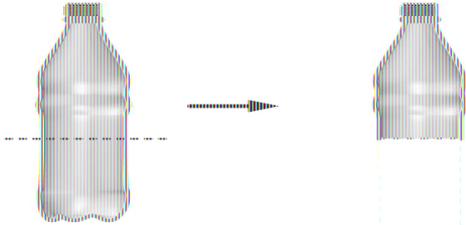
# Structure 2: Plastic Bottles

- Construction time
  - 3 hours and 56 minutes for 36 boxes
- Pros
  - Recycled materials
  - Sturdy
- Cons
  - Toxic fumes from burning plastic
  - Bottles should be lined up correctly to avoid bending

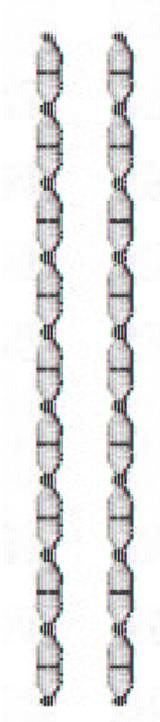
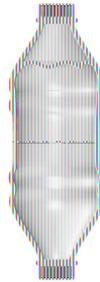
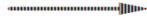
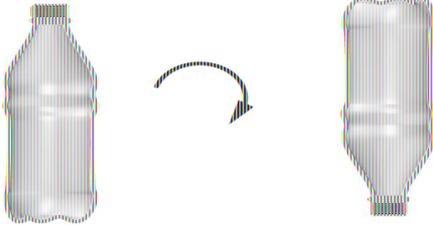


# Bottle Connection

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ROTATION

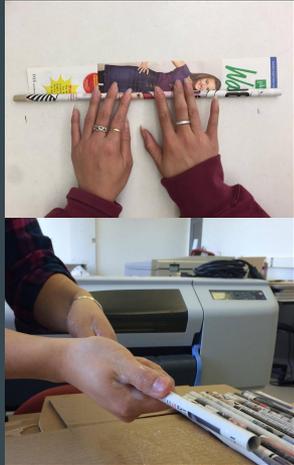




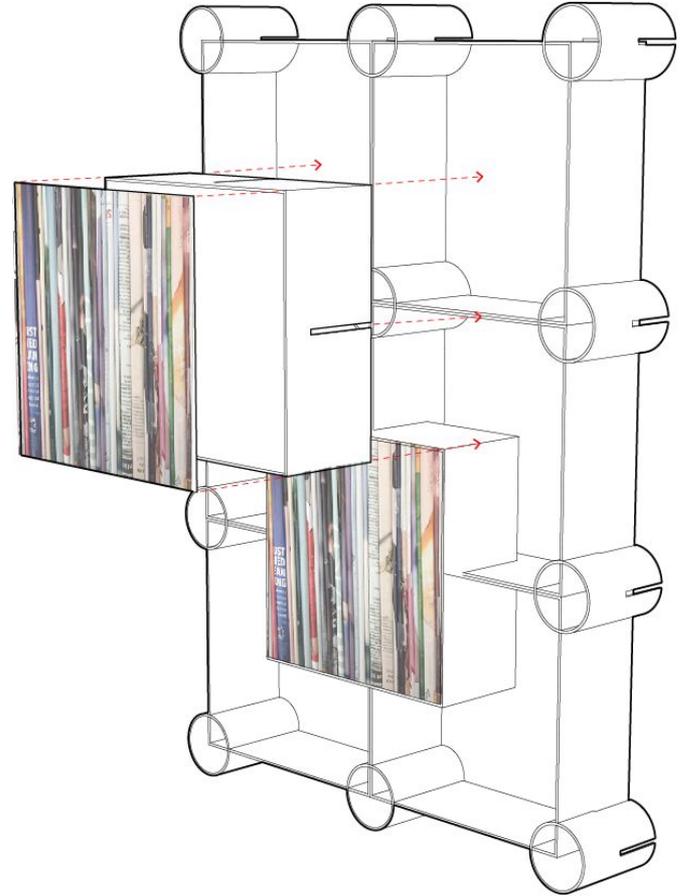
# Materiality

Components: Magazine Pages, Cardboard, Flour  
Glue.

Application Method: Roll magazine pages  
(landscape direction), coat with glue, stick on  
cardboard



# Skin Application



# Prototypes

Panel Size 1'x1'

*Aluminum Cans*



*Vertical magazine pattern*



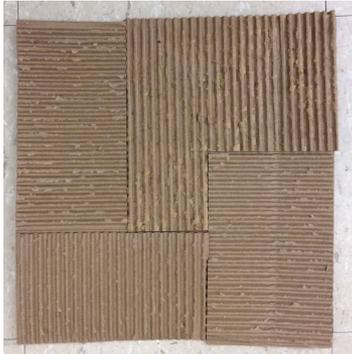
*Soda Labels*



*Bottle Caps*



*Cardboard pattern 1*



*Cardboard pattern 2*



*Checked magazine pattern*



*Rolled magazine pattern*



*Egg Carton*



# Group 1: Prototype Data

<i>Material</i>	<i>Manufacture Time (min. per panel)</i>	<i>Burn Time</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Pros</i>	<i>Cons</i>
Magazine	10-12		\$0.00	easily accessible material; lightweight, colorful material flexible patterns	Flammable
Corrugated Cardboard	15-20		\$0.00	easily accessible abundant material; lightweight	Moderate warping flammable
Aluminum Cans	20		\$0.00	fire resistant colorful material	Difficult to cut sharp edges
Plastic Bottle Labels	15		\$0.00	easily accessible material; lightweight provides various patterns/colors	Toxic fumes
Plastic Bottle Caps	7		\$0.00	easily accessible material; lightweight colorful material	Toxic fumes
Egg Carton	5		\$0.00	easily accessible	Flammable one color

## PIXLR WALL:

Affordable

Personal

Meaningful

Deconstructable



# Skin Group 2

Papercrete

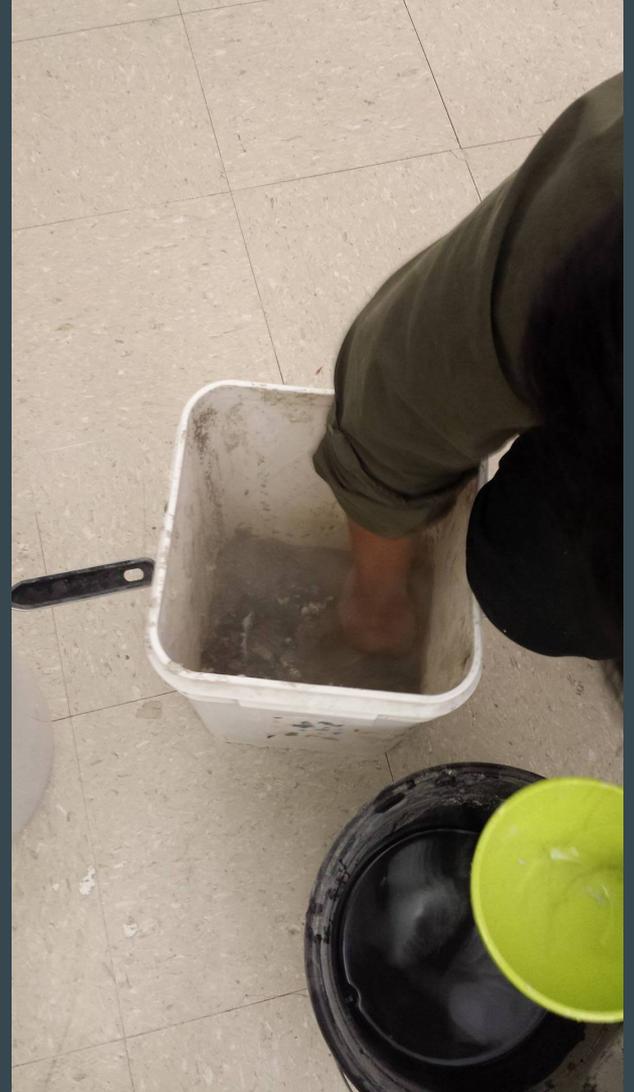


# Materiality

**Components:** Papercrete mixture, Cardboard to apply paste to.

**Ingredients:** 60% paper pulp, 20% cement, 20% water (by weight)

**Method of mixture and application:** Mixing all ingredients into a container. Applies onto cardboard corrugation directly by spreading paste like mixture. thickness of mixture is thinner than 1/8"



# Data

Mixture preparation time: 5 - 8 mins

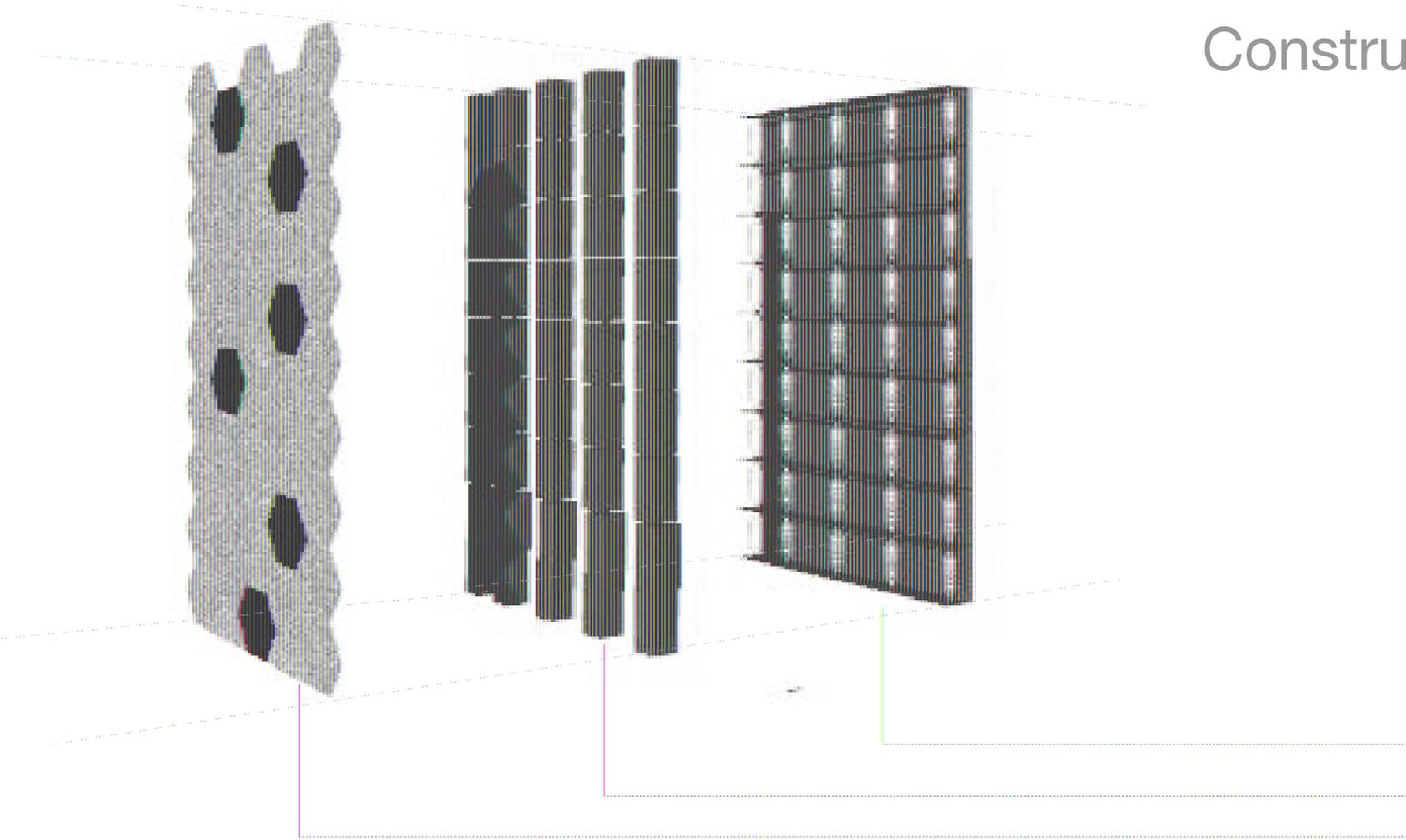
application of the mixture to surface: 8 - 10 mins

Drying time: 5 - 6 hours

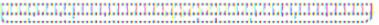
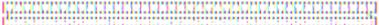
Flame resistance time : 15 - 20 mins

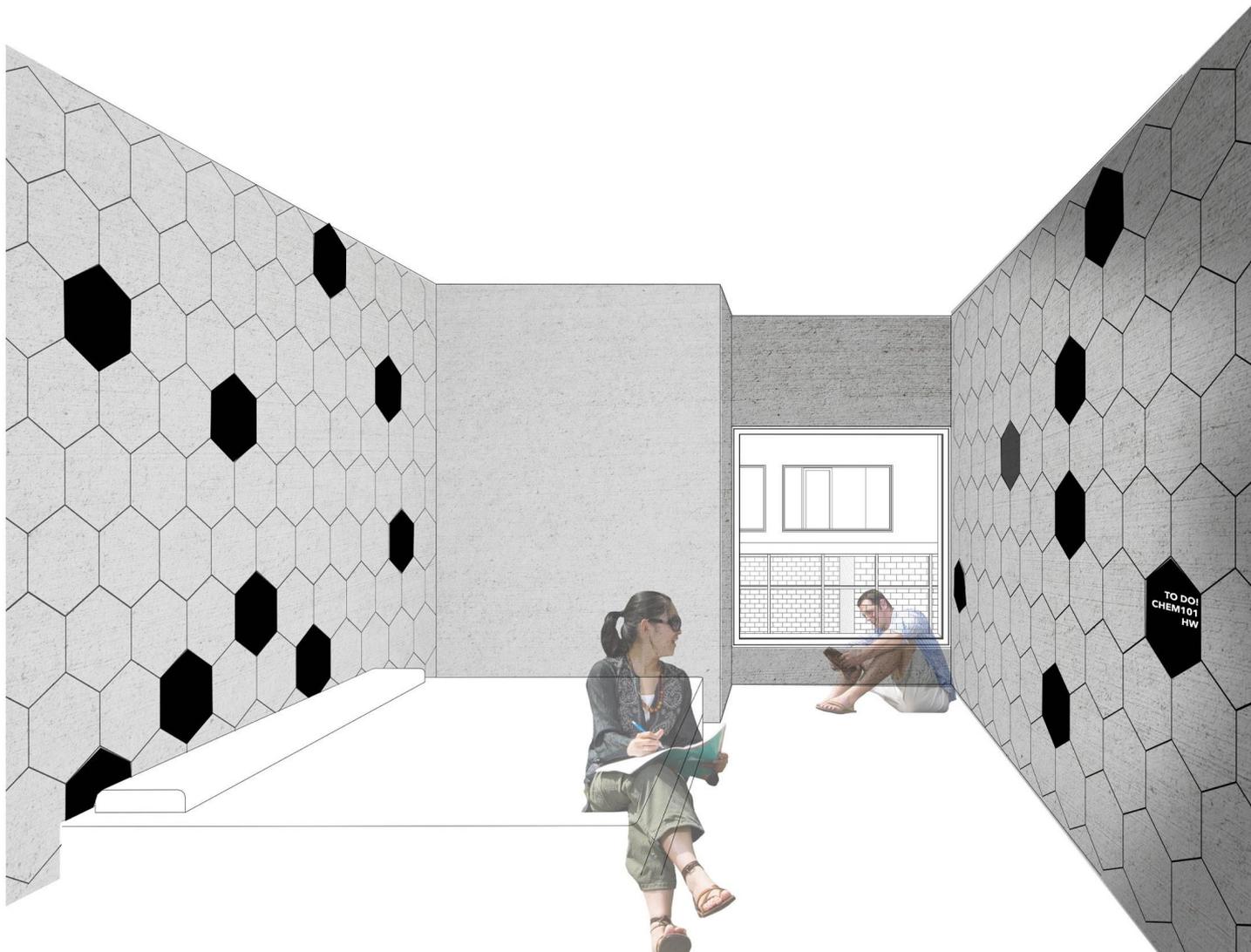
Cost ( Skin ) : \$ 0 . 625 / sf

# Construct Diagram



# Prototype Variation

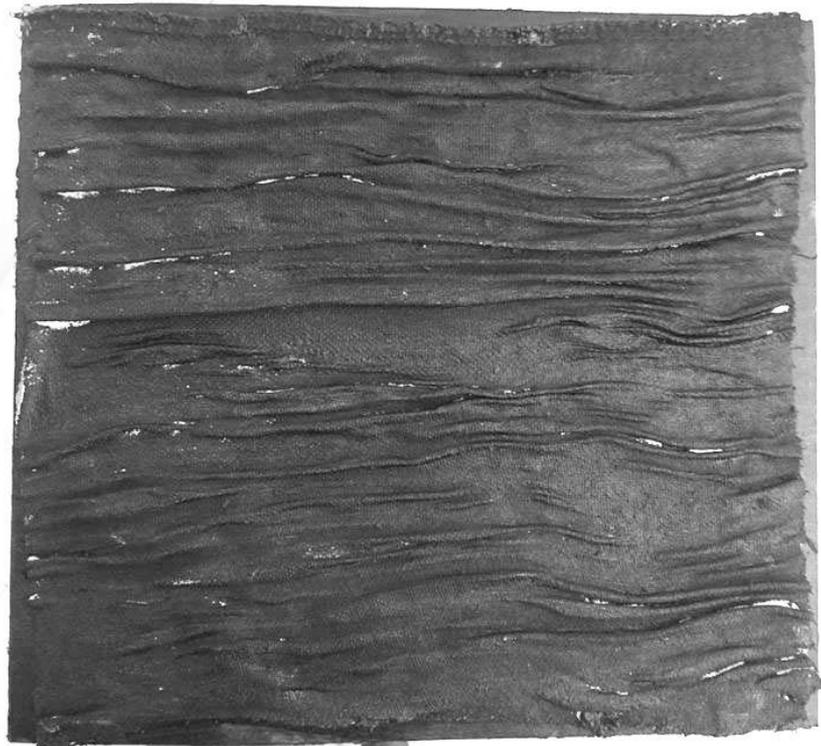
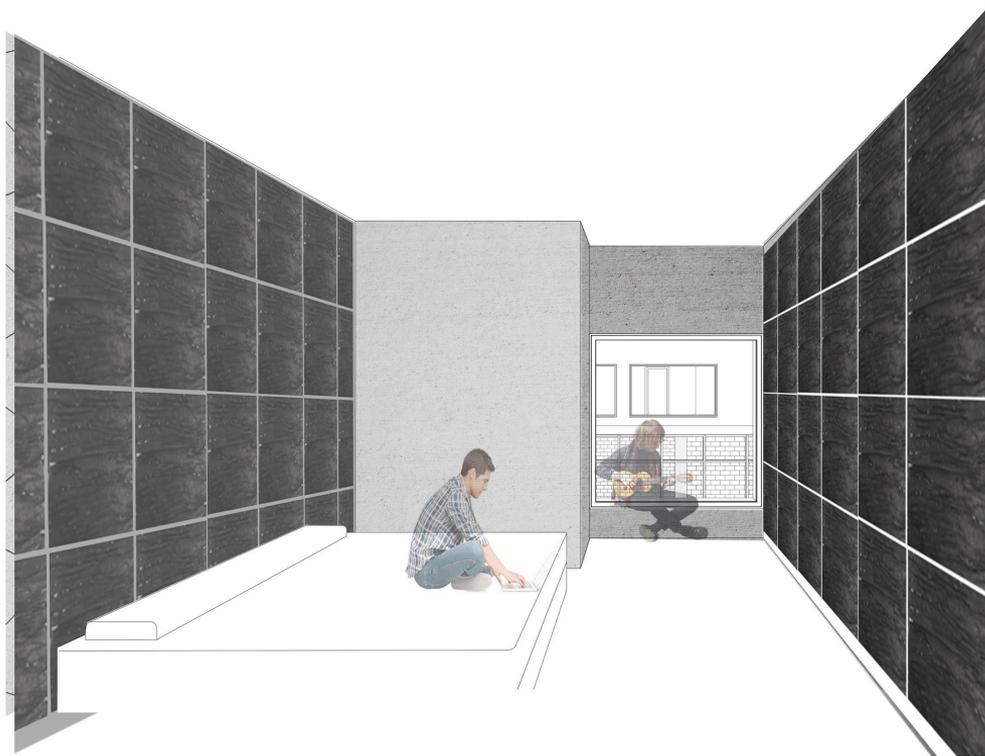
	Manufacture time	Plan View	Set
Papercrete Panel	15 - 17 hours		Brittle after to attach to
Cardboard with Papercrete mixture applied	7 - 8 hours		Warping iss papercrete
Papercrete panels + cardboard + flour glue	18 - 21 hours		Questionab glue betwee and panel



TO DO!  
CHEM101  
HW

# Prototypes





Components: Papercrete  
mixture, Cardboard + recycled  
fabric



# Papercrete

Durable

Easy to Install

Fire safe

Customizable



# Future Work

- Keep researching and exploring fire safety
- Look for ways to reduce manufacturing time
- Test thermal resistivity of these walls
- Place a few walls into people's home and document their effectiveness