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Unit 2 Evaluation

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In this unit, I continue to extend the creation of my previous unit. I find that I like the light and shadow reflected by the light on my lamp outcome. So, I begin to focus more on the reflection of the light rather than building up the outline of the grill. In addition, this is the main point I find which makes me lost a while in my concept. However, the typology domain presentation with Oscar brings me back to check out my mind map again and it was very helpful that I can discuss my ideas with the whole class together and it is a good chance to rethink what else needs to improve.

I learned and enjoyed presenting the symmetrical form in the student-led seminar. For example, transferred the 2D drawing to a 3D shape by doing paper cutting, the technique allows me to create more patterns, which are even neater than my hand drawing. Afterwards, by showing the finished work to my peers, I extend and exchange more knowledge about my related areas, such as placing the paper cut on the window rather than an opaque surface can depict the different scale of the model through the sunshine.

Moreover, in my observation of the window grill, I find that most of the designs are symmetrical. So, I wrote down some key words again for my research, repeated, connected, regular, symmetrical and tidy.

Besides using paper cutting methods to express how patterns changed, I also tried to use a 3D printer to create the patterns I designed. By doing the design drawing tool with Fusion 360 I find that I understand the structure of my design deeper, because the method is different to normal sketch, by stacking up with

round and rectangle shapes then hollow them out is a subtraction way to create.

If I have a chance to use a 3D printer again, firstly, I would like to learn the technique more in depth because the 3D sketch let the audience know my design at a glance compare to my hand sketch, and I believe this a more professional way to present my work.

I also think the fantasy curator presentation is a very interesting experience because I have never thought about how I would arrange my exhibition myself. In these 15 minutes, I found that I was too focused on the content and background of my work, rather than arranging the artist and designer who inspired me. Through this presentation, I have learnt that the curation could be a 2D image to show the audience how the exhibition is planned. And If I can do it again, I would not use Sketch-up to draw out my plan until I am familiar with this skill, because it took a while for me to grasp, and I understand that my computer skill is not that well, so I am not satisfied with my last presentation. Therefore, to do a better outcome for my next curator presentation, I would try to use Miro to lay out my thought in one place which is a better way for a beginner to use.

At the begging of unit 2, I set up three tasks to follow up daily, which were draw sketches, do research and make an object, I think this plan is very helpful for me because it gives me a clear target to aim. Through this task, I find out more artists who are doing arts with grills. For example, Lauren Spencer taking photograph to record the different type of grills and produce a collection. For me, collect window grills photos is an important job, and Lauren Spencer's work allows me to learn how to organize my collected data,

From the last few weeks, I go back to use wire as my modelling material because I feel wire would be stronger to make a grill compared to my previous experiments. Also, I was figuring out the joining part of the wire from unit 1 outcome, this time I find that bending and lock the wire without a tool is a safer way for me to create, so I take the method and aim to produce a 1:1 size of the window.

Overall, in this unit, I feel the student-led seminar and presentations are excellent, which I think there are chances to know myself deeper. Not only communicate with tutors, but sometimes peers' feedback would also be helpful as well, such as sharing good website, workshop, making methods and material stores. So, they were all great experience which makes my future thought clearer.