Body — Fragility

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Design Visual Statement

When I chose the theme "fragility", the first thing that came to my mind was images of violence, and then I thought of bruises, scars, and swelling on the skin. Therefore, I want to extend the theme of "fragility" to "violence against women" and carry out my next creation. When interviewing my muse, she mentioned her past experience of being hurt by her ex-boyfriend and showed me the past bruises on her legs, which reinforced my determination to tell people to stop violence against women through this theme.

Historical Research

History of violence against women:

Throughout history, violence against women has been accepted and even condoned. More than 2,000 years ago, Roman law gave a man the power to kill his wife. In the 18th century, English common law allowed a man to discipline his wife and children with a stick or whip no wider than the width of his thumb. This "rule of thumb" prevailed in Britain and the United States until the end of the 19th century. Many feminists claim that violence against women is the result of an entrenched patriarchal culture that encourages and rewards male dominance. In patriarchal cultures, men are more likely to use violence to maintain their dominance, they say. Despite society's claims to abhor violence, we often view aggressive people as heroes. In male cultures, heroes are often based on some kind of violence.

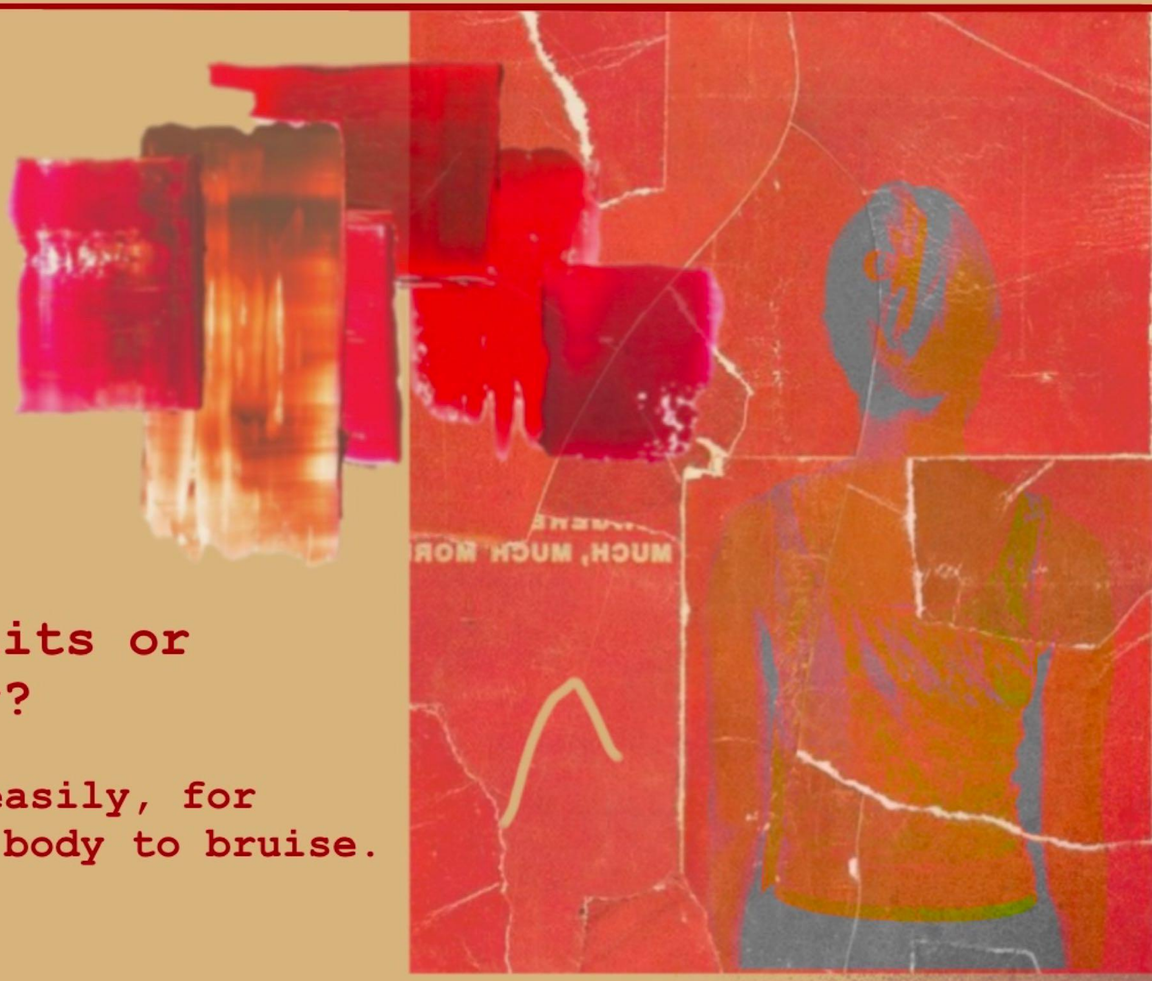
Muse Interview

1. Please point out the perfection and imperfection of your body.

I think my shoulders and neck are beautiful, so I like to wear clothes that show my shoulders. But I am not very satisfied with my belly, because my belly has a lot of fat.

2. Are there any special traits or characteristics of your body?

My body is scar-prone and bruises easily, for example a slight bump can cause my body to bruise.



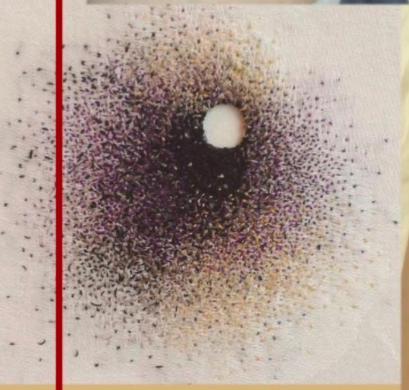
3. What is your understanding of the word fragility?

My understanding of fragility is: weakness also means that it cannot be discovered by others. It can be a tool to show weakness, but sometimes it can also be a joke.

Muse Interview

4. What do you know about your body? How do you like to decorate or beautify your body?

I am quite satisfied with my figure, although there are still some things that I think are not perfect, but that is only a small part. To me, a healthy body is a perfect body. Usually, I use makeup and workouts to beautify my body, or retouch after a photo shoot.



5. Have you experienced violence from a partner or parent?

My ex-boyfriend was violent towards me and this caused serious damage and psychological damage for me. He beat me and left me with many scars and bruises, which caused me to be afraid of the opposite sex for a long time afterward, and I was afraid to go out or wear dresses out of the house. I didn't tell my parents about it because I was afraid they would get angry or blame me. Besides, the violence had already happened and there was nothing anyone could do to change things. Luckily I've dumped him and in the meantime I'm having weekly counseling to help me get out of the shadows.

Mind map

Body flexibility
- tender
- soft
- easy to change shape

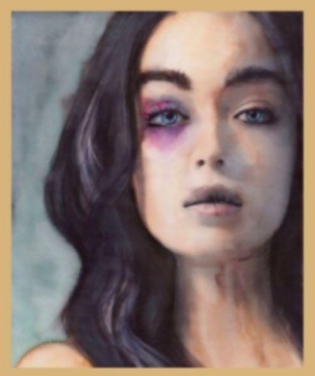
↓ indent

↓ violence

↓ Marks on the skin

↓ scar / Bruise / Swelling

↓ scar
- hypertrophic scar
- burn scar
- acne scar
- Cesarean scar



feets
- ankle → ligament injury
- toe → toilnail

legs
- Hip joint
- knee joint
- Thigh and calf muscles

Main Body
- organ
- backbone
- heart
- Breost
- Abdomen
- Stomach

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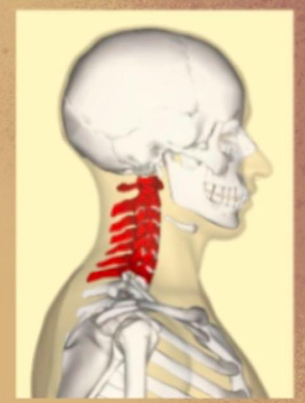
arms & fingers
- fingernail
- Shoulder joint
- bicipital muscle

Head and Face
- back of the head
- temple
- hair → depilation
- eyes → Fear of strong light
  → cornea
  ↳ short-sighted
  ↳ Presbyopia
  → tear (way to show Sadness and happiness)
- mouth → tooth → tooth decay
  → lip ring
  → wrinkles of the lips
- ears → Pieced ear
- neck → Cervical vertebra
- nervous systems
- nose → epistaxis
  → nose stud

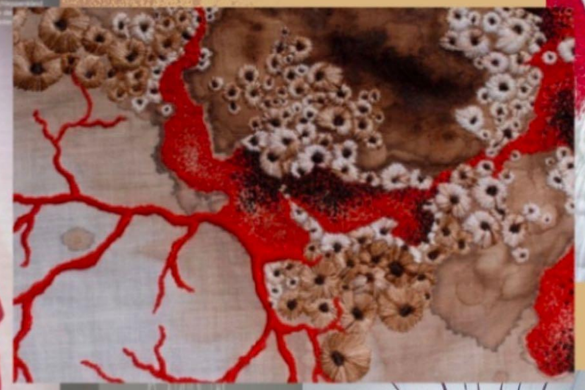


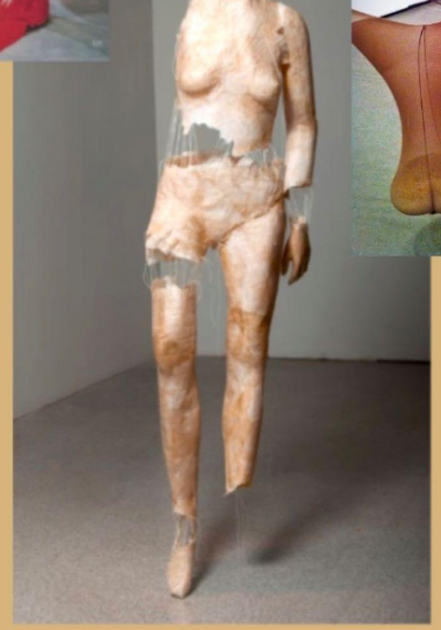
Mood board

Globally, about one third of women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. More than a quarter of women aged 15-49 who are in a relationship have experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime.

Violence Against Women

Colorstory board & Fabric selection





stretch viscose crepe

mesh

silk chiffon

Fabric Manipulation

piece 1

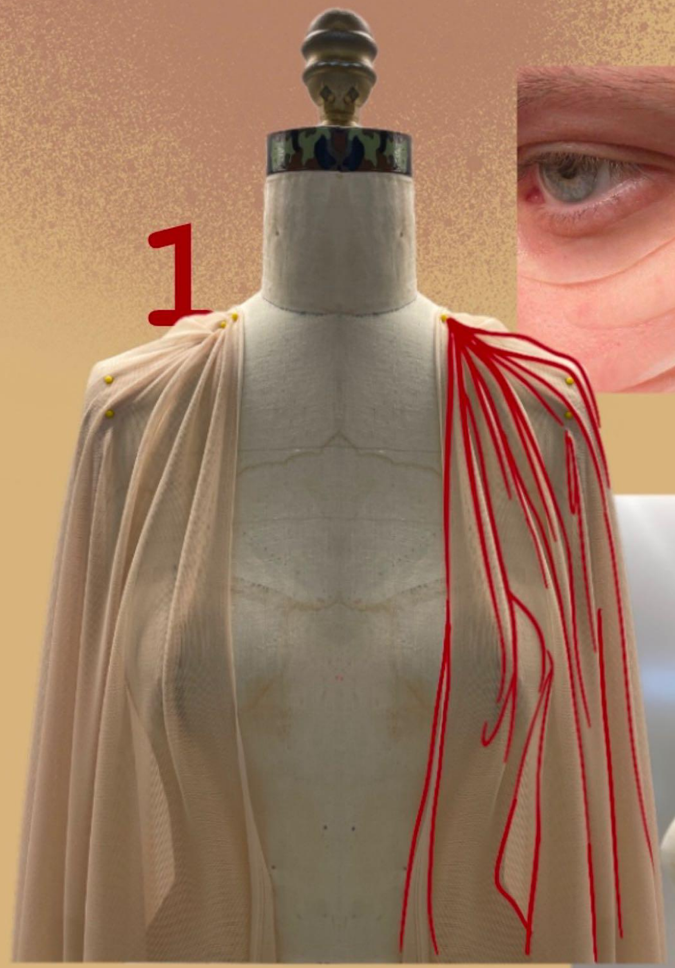
piece 2

piece 3

piece 4

Draping Design

1



COAT

2

Top

Draping Design

DRESS

TOP

Draping Design

SKIRT

TOP

SKIRT

Draping Design

8

DRESS

9

PANTS

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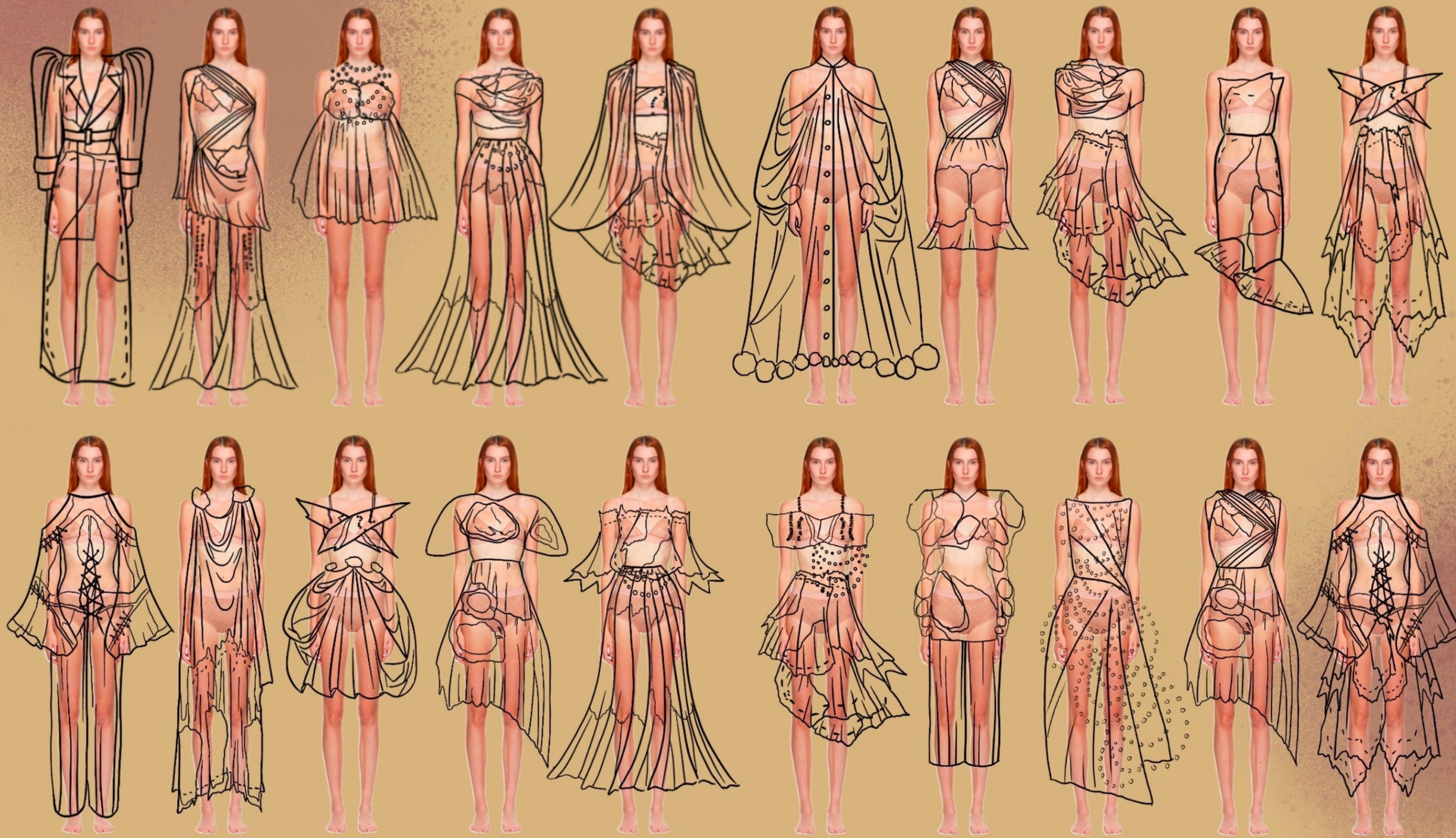
COAT

Preliminary Sketches



Preliminary Sketches

Final Sketch

Technical Flats

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