



WE'RE ALL ALIENS HERE

COMMUNITY CRAFT AND SHARING LIBRARY

A place to learn new skills and share old ones

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU WISH YOU WERE TAUGHT AT A YOUNG AGE?

- Playing the violin
- Dancing
- Mindfulness, creating a habit, consistency, public speaking
- Languages, creative skills
- Practical ones like woodwork, electronics
- Cooking
- Playing an instrument
- Languages, decorating, cooking, mechanics, plumbing

WHAT SKILL/S WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN, GIVEN THE CHANCE?

- Hairdressing
- Learning a new language, singing, creative writing, play an instrument
- Dance, play an instrument
- Wood turning
- Craft skills and hair styling
- Patience, self motivation
- Cooking
- Sewing, dressmaking

WHAT SKILL COULD YOU TEACH SOMEONE ELSE?

- Engineering
- How to take photos
- I don't know, I'm useless
- Embroidery
- Cooking
- Anything artistic such as painting and drawing
- Knitting, sewing

WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL WELCOME AND SAFE IN A SPACE?

- Lots of natural light and anything that doesn't set an expectation of me
- My friends
- Nice people, welcoming spaces and colours
- good communication and listening from people
- A friendly face, enough space to move, good lighting, a pleasant smell, decent acoustics
- Warm lighting, comfort (chairs, cushions etc). Not a lot of people
- Friendly welcoming people tht aren't too pushy
- Calm environment

WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOUR LOCAL AREA/COMMUNITY IS MISSING?

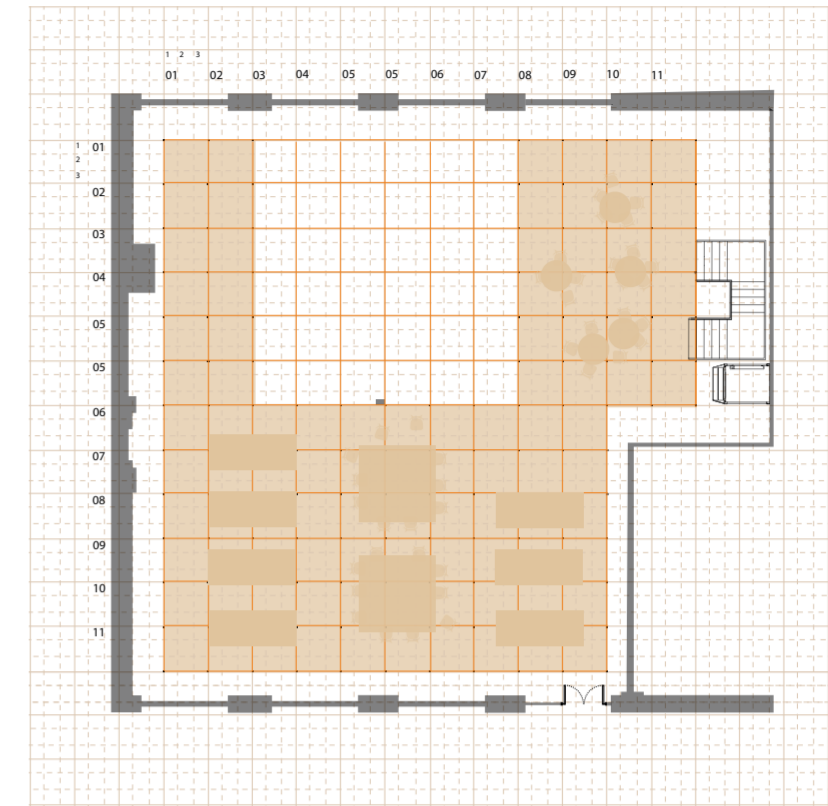
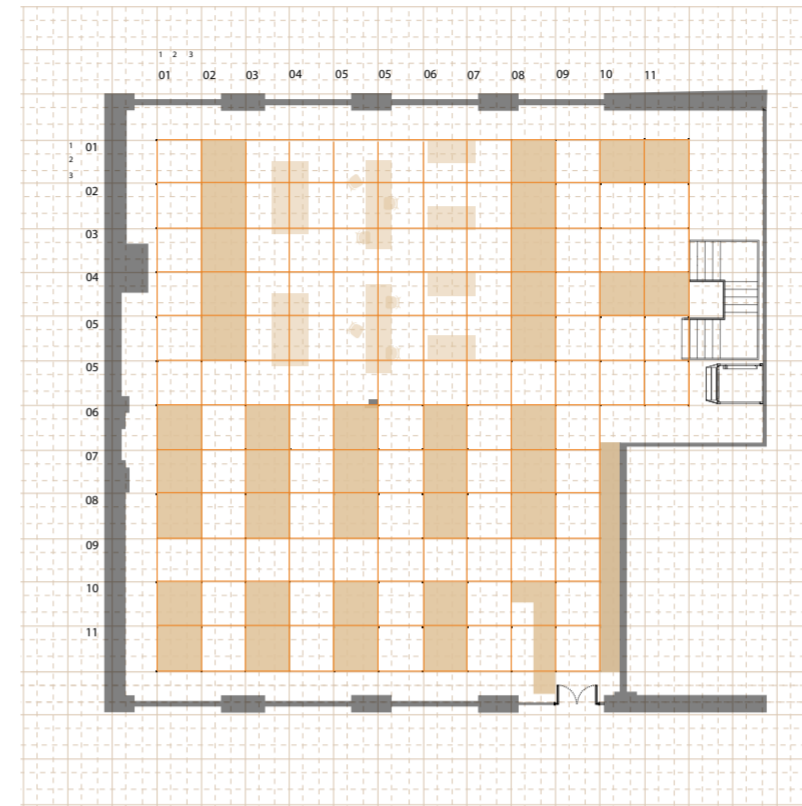
- Something like an activity centre where people of all ages can come and explore different skills and hobbies such as dancing, crafts, gaming, reading classes etc.
- Libraries, book shops, internet cafes
- Youth clubs and space for meeting up with people
- Creative spaces
- A fun space open in the evening that is not centred around booze, but is fun, chatty and not solely aimed at the elderly. It seems that social community spaces are aimed more at mums and babies, or the elderly or exercise classes.



What do the people want?
 I conducted a questionnaire to give me an insight into the kinds of skills that people of all ages and backgrounds would like to add into their repertoire. These answers gave me a really good indication of what I can do to create a space that fosters creativity and openness, and empower people to take skill sharing and teaching and learning into their own hands.

QUESTIONNAIRE

LIBRARY MAP

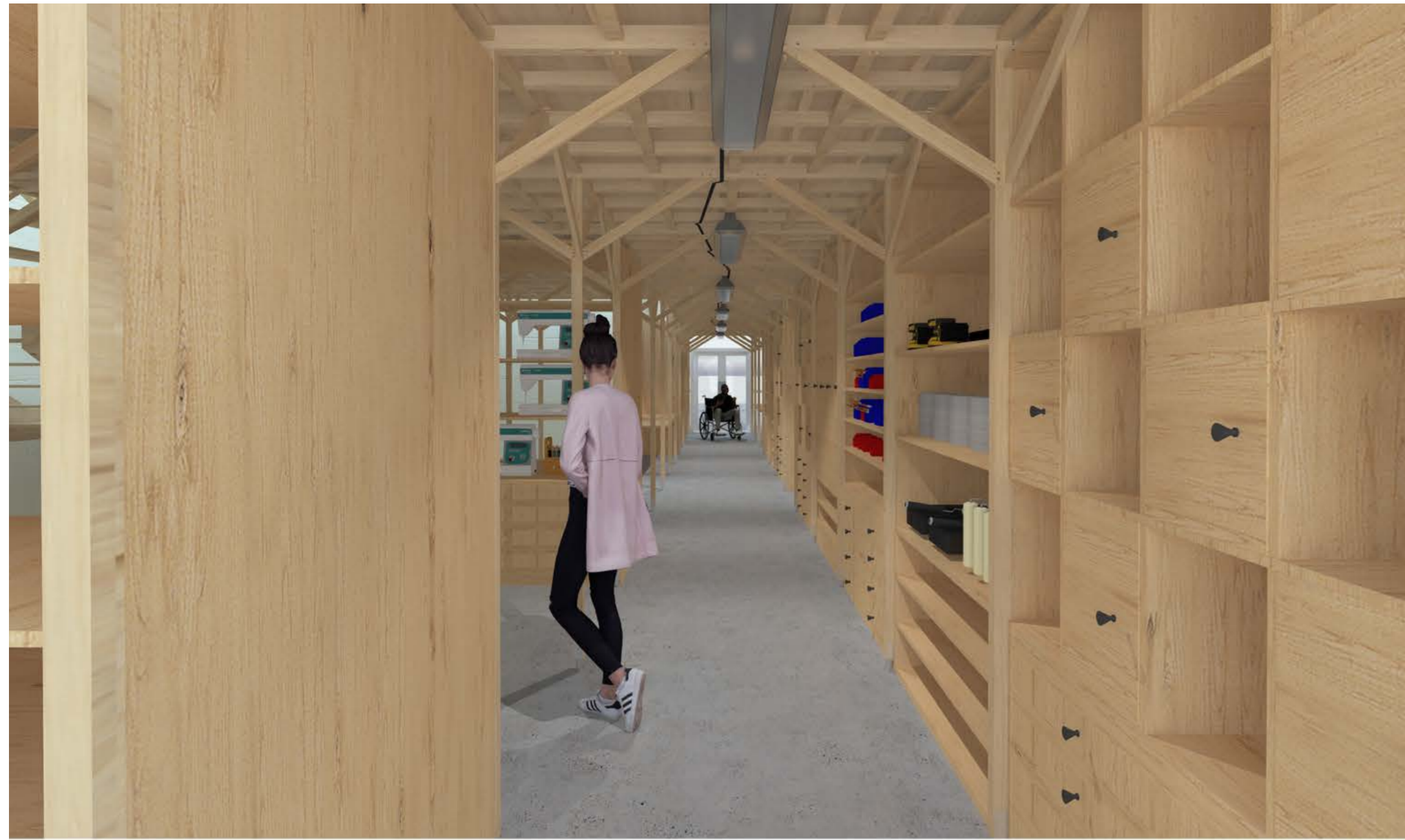


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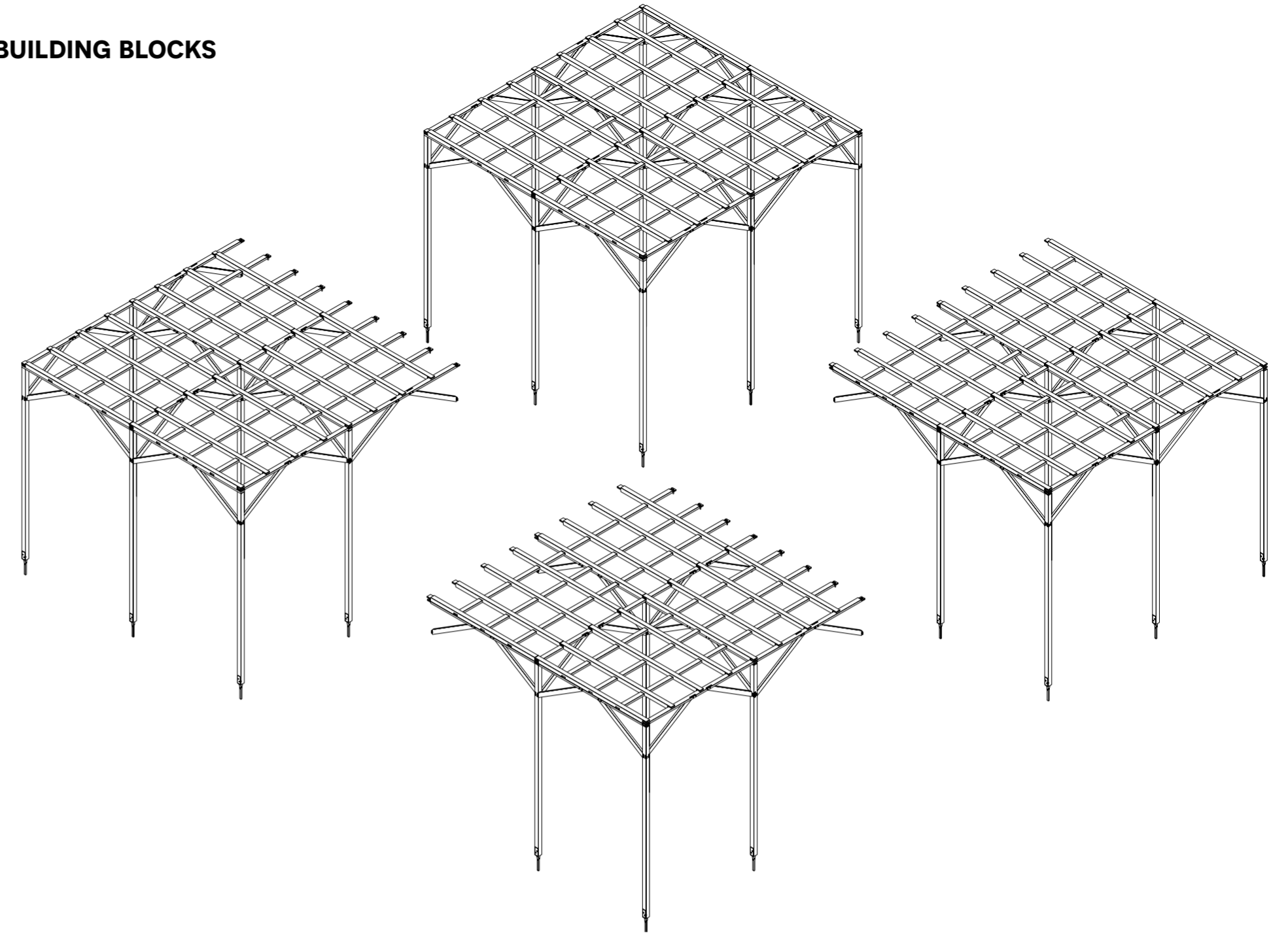


LEARNING NEW SKILLS CAN BE MESSY



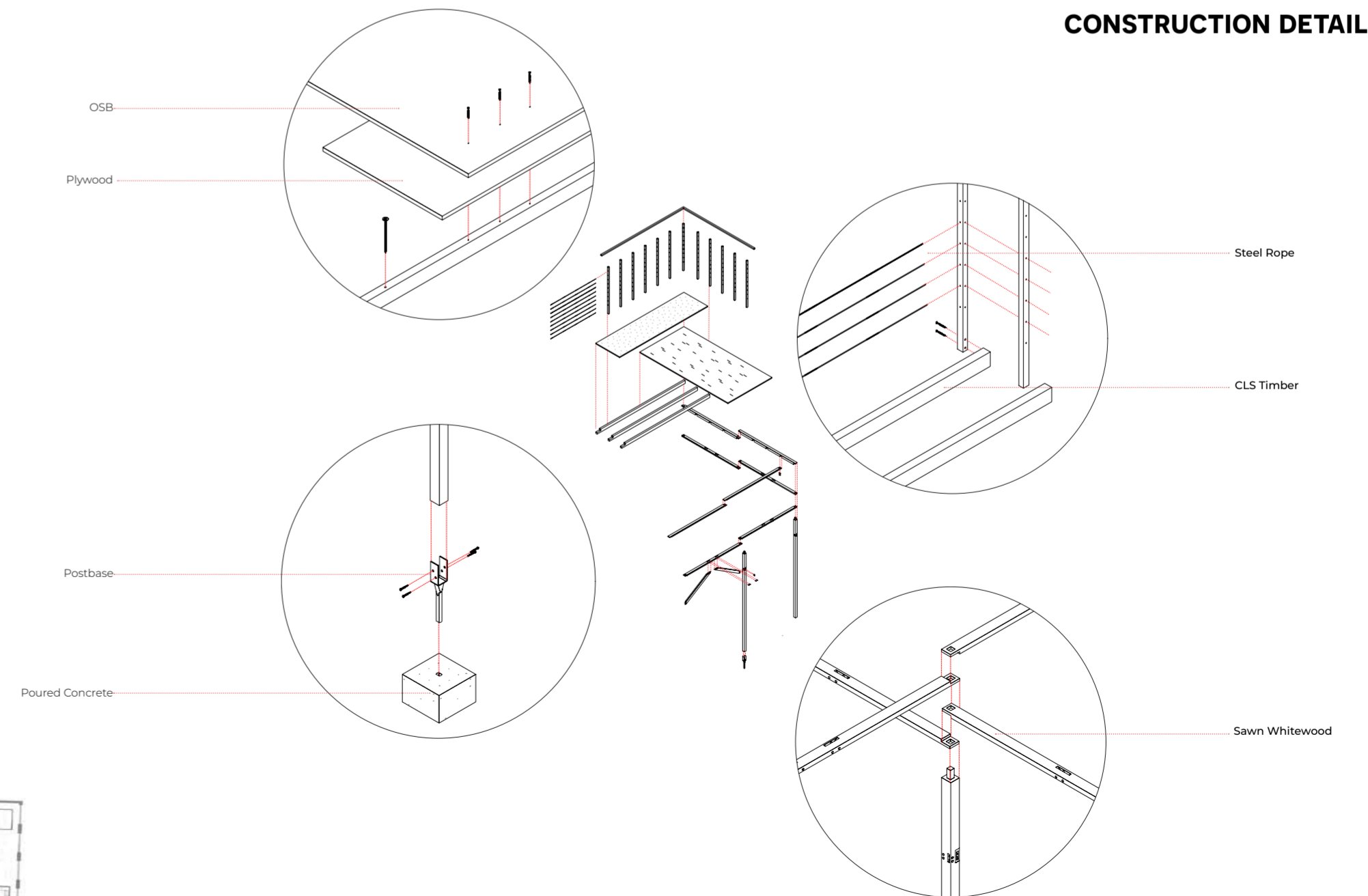
WANDERING THE STACKS

BUILDING BLOCKS



BREAK TIME

CONSTRUCTION DETAIL





HARD AT WORK