DOMESTICATE ME

TASK

The task was to build a shelter in a day. More precisely, the location was a bridge in Schiedam, which was painted and thus taken from its original location to a spot besides the water in Schiedam. In only a few days we were required to find building materials, come up with a concept, build it and sleep over in it.

WHAT I DID

My group had five members. Together we have harvested the materials from the companies around the site. We've worked with wooden palettes which we stacked with plastic we found in order to insulate them. Then we wrapped them in plastic foil and built a shelter with five beds.

WHAT I LEARNED

This workshops was very helpful and taught me how to think ad hoc. Also it tught me how to find aesthetic qualities in unexpected places, emphasize them and build an attractive structure in a short time. It was very helpful in a sense that it raised my confidence that everything can be done.

COMMENTS

It was great I wouldn't change a thing! Loved it!



ACOUSTICS

TASK

The task was to insulate the "meeting space" in our studio with some sound absorbing material.

WHAT I DID

We did an experiment with popping balloons in the hallway and measuring the echo while adding materials to it. Also we have hung the sound absorbing material on the walls.

WHAT I LEARNED

I've learned that adding material to a room reduces echo and sound proofs the room.

COMMENTS

It was a bit boring. The experiment was interesting and helpful, but the rest of the workshop was looking through the projects of the company. I think it should be more creative, through doing things like the experiment th whole day, instead of looking at formulas and pictures.



PRESENTATION

TASK

We've had several tasks: presenting ourselves to the group, our work to the group, presenting a story based on given imagery...

WHAT I DID

I've done a few presentations, of myself, of my work and of a topic which was a story I made up.

WHAT I LEARNED

I've learned a few helpful tricks which I honestly often think about when presenting something. Body language, important questions to answer when presenting your work...

COMMENTS

It was ok. I don't really know what I would add or take out from it. Maybe it was a bit repetitive but I think there is a point to it-to make us feel more comfortable doing it time after time. Good.



MODELLING

TASK

We've had two tasks: to make a model of the Dutch Windwheel and a model of our own work.

WHAT I DID

Used the soldering gun a lot, bended very thick wire by hand with my classmates. But I've got the opportunity to cast acrylic and "bake" it. To make my own material with a pattern I needed. I've polished it, cut it, drilled the holes.

WHAT I LEARNED

It was a nice opportunity to get t know some materials and machines. I've learned a lot about acrylic, also by seeing Vincent's current projects.

COMMENTS

It was too much work for such a short time. Vincent is a great person, eager to help and share his knowledge. But working on two models at the same time was too much. I would eliminate the general model and give the time for everyone to work on their own projects, and make a great model and gain a lot of knowledge. This way, I was one of the few who got to do anything but struggle with the wire.



FILM NARRATIVE

TASK

The task was to make a short film about our concept, our perception of (interior) architecture. What it is, and what it means to me.

WHAT I DID

I've made a video, a "voice over", in which I've tried to depict my concept through using different existing imagery and editing it. I've recorded myself talking about my concept and blended it into a video.

WHAT I LEARNED

I've learned how to make videos and use Adobe Premiere. I've learned a lot about this "genre" of voice over films, which are done in purpose of presenting one's idea.

COMMENTS

I loved the workshop! Wouldn't change a thing!



WHATISACONCEPT

TASK

We had no task. Mostly it was a presentation.

WHAT I DID

Listened and observed the embodiment of his concept in architecture- the apartment we visited.

WHAT I LEARNED

I've learned a few things about conceptualization, its worth, and how to translate it into the physical world.

COMMENTS

It was a bit short and more of a talk than a workshop. A nice talk, though.



DATA VISUALISATION

TASK

The task was to choose certain statistic information from the cbs.nl website and/ or from a programme in which there was a lot info about Almere and make graphs out of it.

WHAT I DID

I've researched a lot about some interesting statistics, also some valuable data in the QGIS programme, made the graphs and presented them in a nice graphical way.

WHAT I LEARNED

Learned a lot about QGIS- a completely new software! Got the opportunity to do research on Almere on a level which I didn't think was available to us. Also got reminded how to use Excel. Learned how to visually present the data in order to make it readable and attractive. Also learned about the cbs.nl website which was very helpful in the future!

COMMENTS

It was great! Gerjan is great and the workshop is great!



BRUSSELS

TASK

The task was to do sort of a "laporello" of observations made in Brussels and The Hague, one day for each city with our group which consisted from us and students from Brussels.

WHAT I DID

We've walked around Brussels, took notes, made sketches. Made a route for The Hague and then tried to compare the two cities. To do that we were supposed to come up with a topic through which we would identify the differences and similarities between the two cities.

WHAT I LEARNED

I've learned how to do one to one research and present it in a readable way. How to read the environment better and translate it into a visual language.

COMMENTS

It was too short, we were exhausted all the time. Not enough sleep. But except that it was great!

