Garden of Ancestral Flora

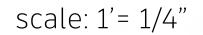
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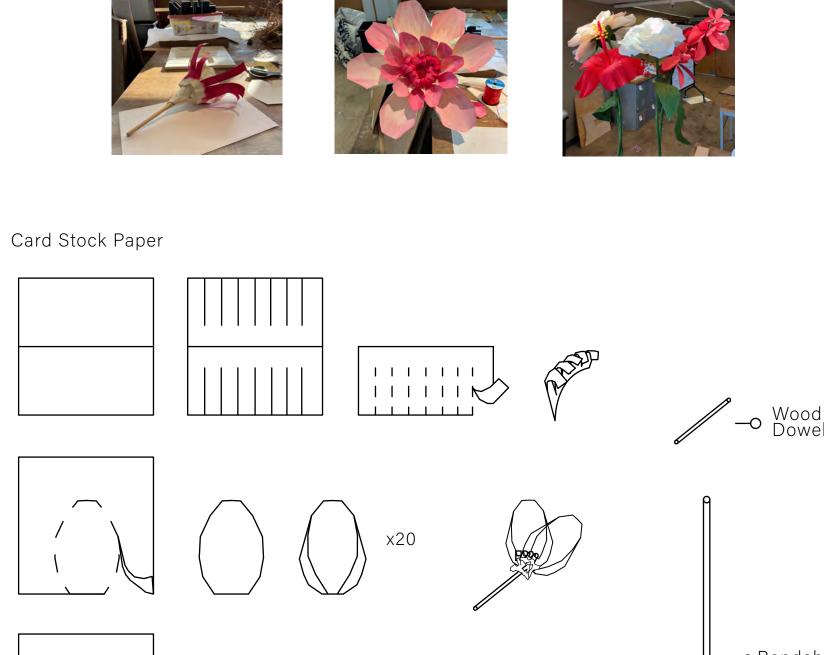


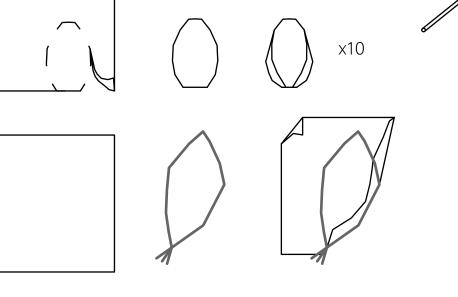
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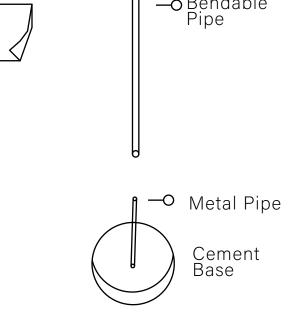
My design envisions an artificial cultural garden that celebrates the rich diversity of our site by high-lighting the national plants associated with Harlem's many cultural backgrounds. I imagine these large-scale plants transforming vacant lots, symbolizing both opportunity and the beauty of Harlem's diversity. These monumental plants can serve as social infrastructure, bringing life to underused spaces and honoring the community that calls Harlem home.











<u>Plants Legend</u>



Dominican Rebulic

Bayahibe Rose -

The Bayahibe Rose symbolizes resilience and is a source of national pride for the Dominican Republic, representing the uniqueness of the country's natural heritage.



Jamaica

Lignum Vitae Flower -

Historically, the Lignum Vitae tree has been valued for its medicinal properties, as its resin, wood, and leaves have been used to treat various ailments, including arthritis and respiratory issues.



Ecuador

Rose -

Roses are a major export for Ecuador, making it one of the world's leading rose exporters. Ecuadorian roses are shipped worldwide and are highly valued in international markets.



Trinidad

Chaconia -

The Chaconia was designated as the national flower of Trinidad and Tobago and symbolizes the nation's strength and unity. Its vibrant red color also represents the resilience and vitality of the Trinidadian people.



Haiti

Hibiscus -

Hibiscus flowers are edible and often used in herbal teas, salads, and jams. Hibiscus tea, made from the dried petals of Hibiscus sabdariffa, is rich in antioxidants and vitamin C, and is known to help lower blood pressure.



Mexico Dahlia -

Indigenous people in Mexico historically used dahlia tubers for medicinal purposes, and dahlia extracts are still sometimes used in herbal medicine.