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As a budding designer I wanted to use my final year to create an identity of myself and my individual design aesthetic. I have always been compelled to the more unconventional and unattractive side of fashion, as I believe we resonate with the more shocking than the pleasant.

Thus, my project is called 'Ugly Duckling' and explores the inharmonious undertones of fashion, art, and sculpture whilst also a journey of tackling what we deem as beauty and how this transgresses.

I want the viewer of my project to be shocked – I want everything to be almost too much and overbearing to begin with, but upon closer inspection I want the beauty to evolve similarly to the story of the Ugly Duckling.

Within my research I am planning on looking into unconventional art, sculpture and even the human form. Taking inspiration from your Nan's floral fabric sofa, kitsch art, and unattractive areas of the body; I am interested in warping, bulging, and exaggerating it all to create an unsettling atmosphere. I wish to explore the use of clashing colours and prints, I want the viewer to feel that they are in a brash market where everything is in a state of chaos. Beauty is very subjective, and within this project I want to take the viewer on an exploration of how I see beauty in the boldest way possible.

I will seek a large amount of my inspiration from within sculpture; being able to design outwardly from the body into unique shapes really interests me and bridges the link between art and fashion. In aid of my design, I will explore the Triadisches Ballett for the rounded shapes, as they illustrated an aura of uneasiness within their structure, whilst also being heavily inspired by the likes of Grayson Perry, Rei Kawakubu and Leigh Bowery. I believe we can learn a lot by other professions and art disciplines, so this is something I want to include within my project and within creating shapes that will stand out for all the wrong (but right!) reasons.

My target audience for this project will be the 22-30 age bracket and individuals that aren't afraid of being different and not following a specific trend. I see my work as more of an art piece, I want to shock and attract people rather than to be worn to pop to the shops for a pint of milk, and thus my target audience are those willing to push the boundaries of fashion and art.

To meet my deadlines adequately, I wish to have all the base pieces of research completed by the middle of October so I can effectively move into the design stages. Whilst designing I will be continually sampling and seeing what techniques work best to support my research and design journey so far and transgress into toiling stages and final manufacture from mid-November. I'd ideally like the making finished by the end of March so I could spend April focusing on other necessities such as portfolio and building my diffusion range.





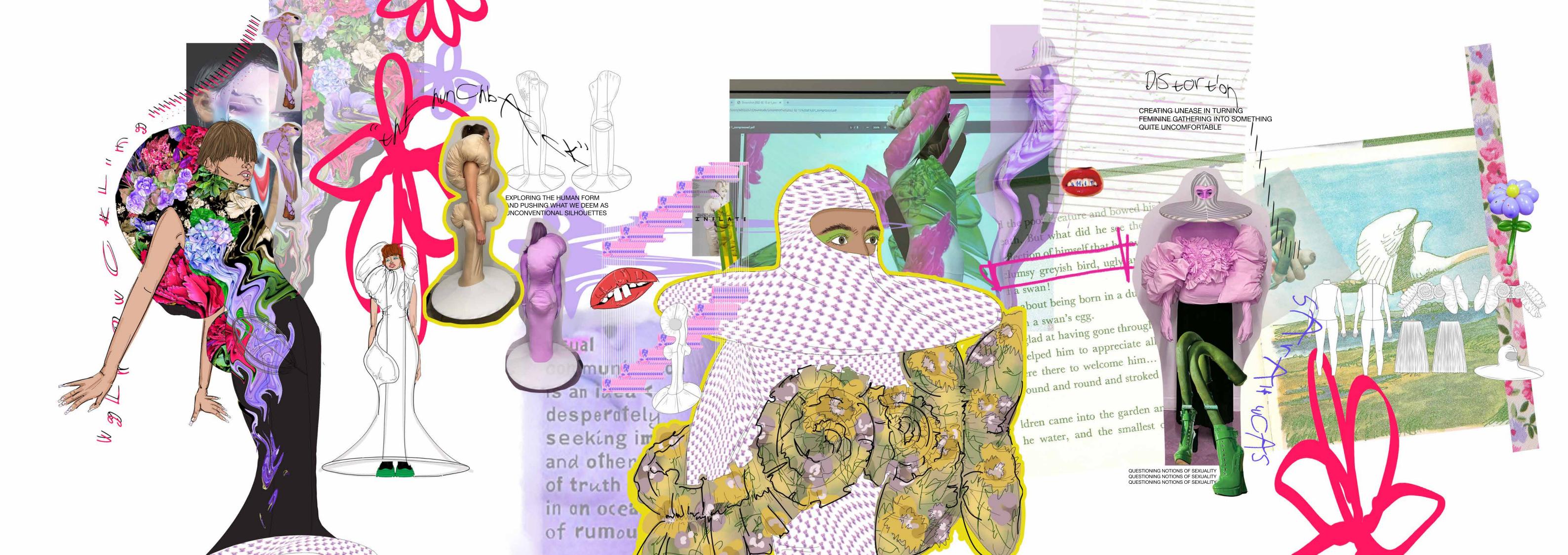
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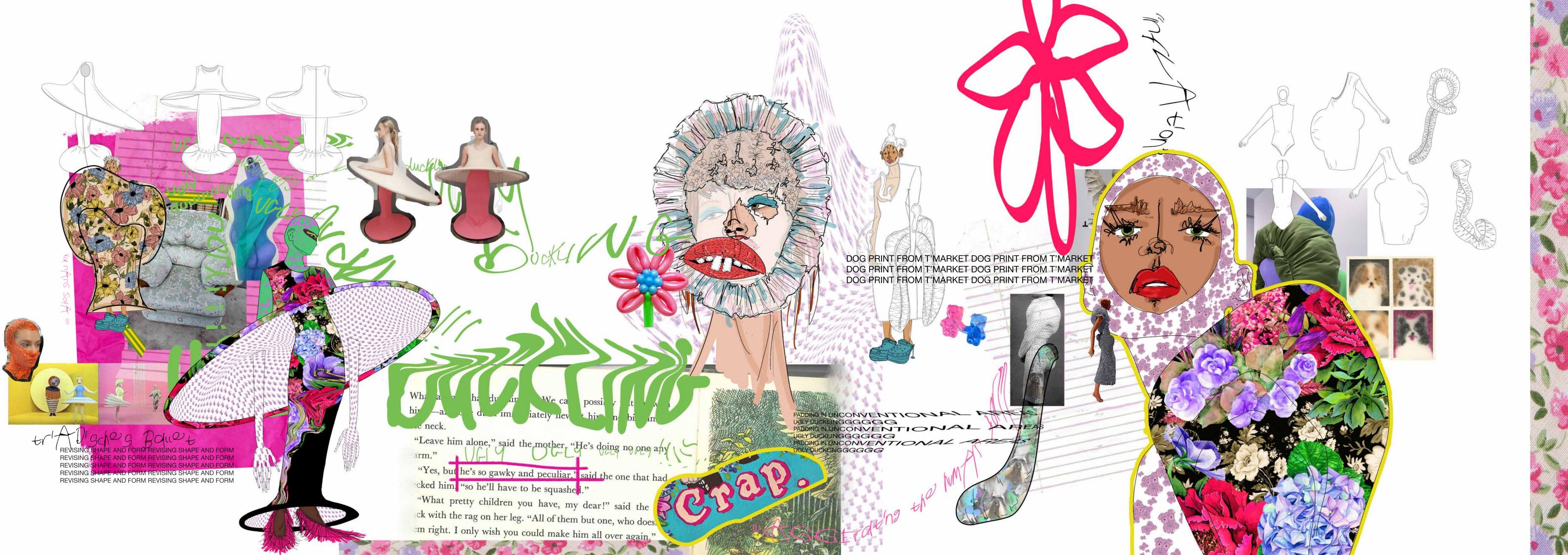
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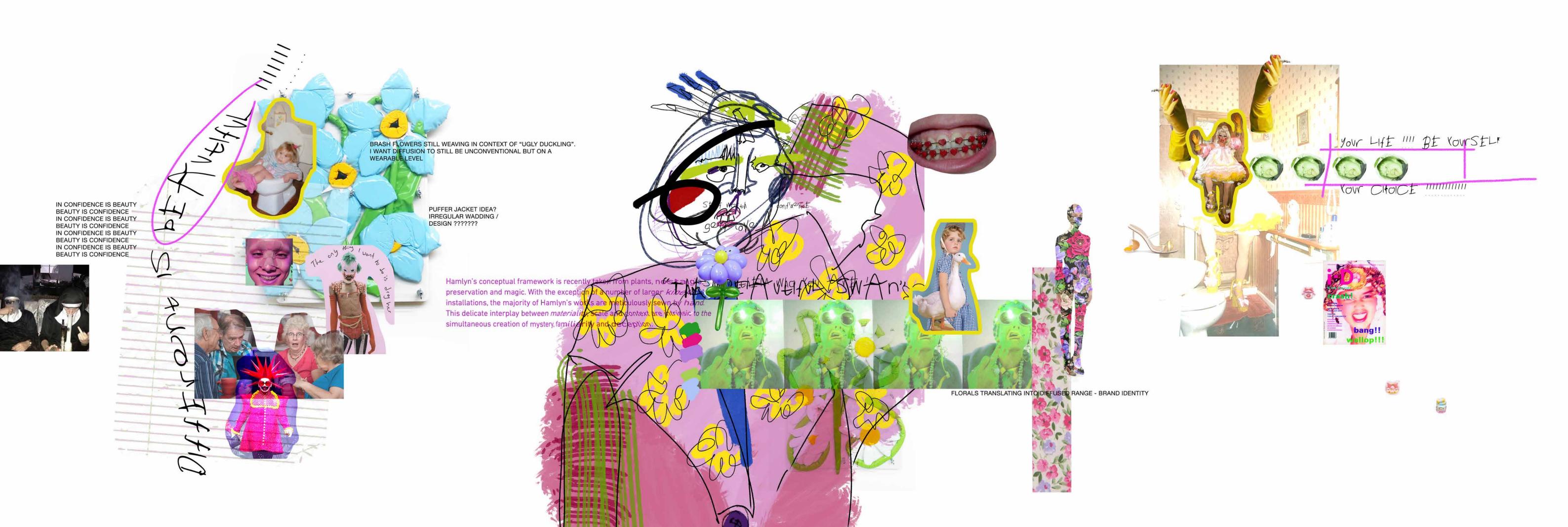






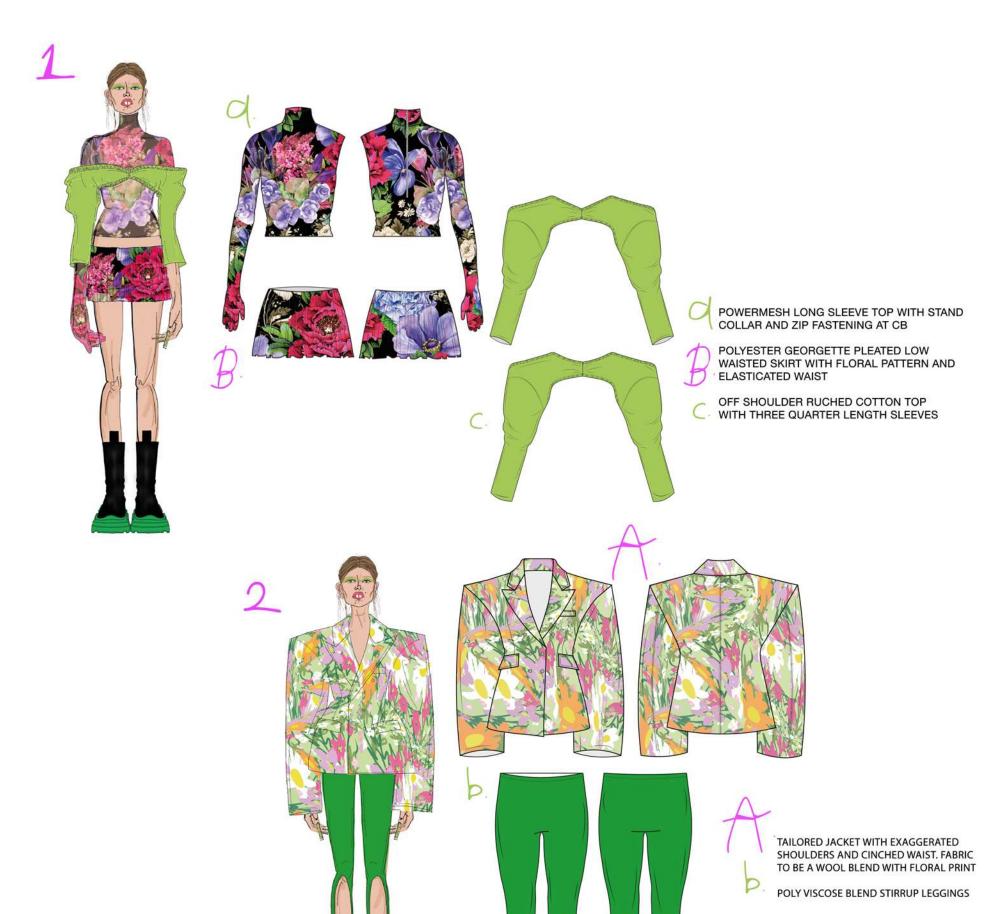




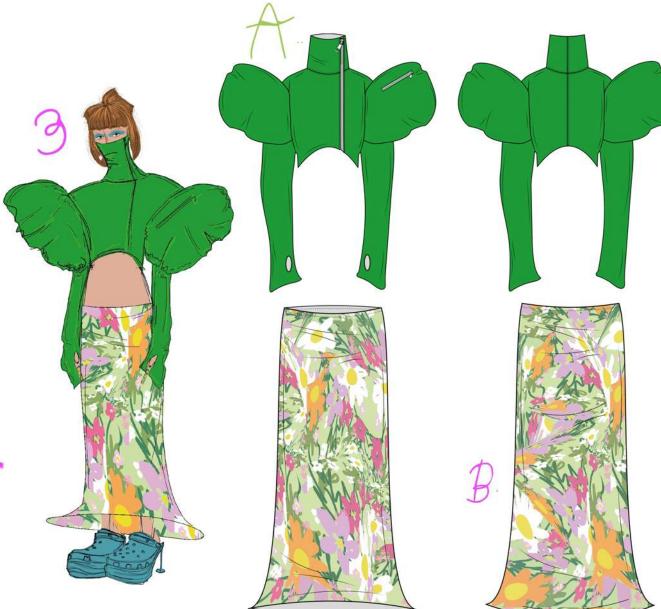


BOXY CONTOURED BLAZER W/ EXAGGERATED SHOULDER VOLUME SLEEVE BOMBER JACKET
WITH POCKET DETAIL ON SLEEVE PRINTED MESH CATSUIT 3D EMBOSSED SKIRT "UGLY DUCKLING" TIGHT DRESS WITH PLEATED SKIRT DETAIL EMBOSSED DOG DENIM JEANS AND WAISTCOAT WITH PADDED AREAS TO QUESTION AREAS OF BODY CROPPED RUCHED SHIRT PUFF BALL RUCHED SKIRT EMBOSSED DOG PRINT DENIM MINI SKIRT W/ BELT DETAIL PLEATED EMBROIDERED TROUSERS









VISCOSE POLYESTER BLEND PLUNGE
BODYSUIT WITH FLORAL PRINT

DENIM DOG PRINT EMBOSSED JEANS
ON A PURPLE DENIM BASE. FLORAL CUT
OUTS WITH BINDING AROUND SHAPE



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NYLON BOMBER JACKET WITH VOLUMINOUS SLEEVES AND ZIP POCKET ONE SINGULAR SLEEVE

LYCRA PRINTED WITH BONING AROUND HEM TO CREATE FLUTED CIRCULAR SHAPE





TAILORED CONTROURED OVERCOAT WITH CINCHED WAIST AND BOXY SHOULDERS. COAT WILL BE OF WOOL BLEND WITH WARPED PLACEMENT PRINT. COAT ALSO TO HAVE PADDING PATCHES AT ELBOW IN SAME FABRIC. DOUBLE BREASTED FASTENING IN SELF FABRIC BUTTONS

POLYESTER GEORGETTE SUPER MINI SKIRT IN SOLID COLOUR AND ELASTICATED WAIST