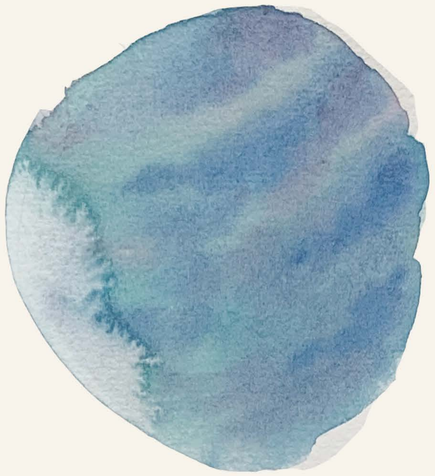
"love in the stars"

Cheryl Xue



Eau de Lune

Almost every morning, she wakes up to the gradually increasing ringing of the alarm clock, if not by the ear-piercing siren of the passing-by firetruck. Brought sharply into focus from the middle of one of those weirdest dreams she keeps having, she goes on her morning scroll on social media, navigating through the endless feed on Instagram, leaving a like or comment here and there.

As a design major in her sophomore year in college, she shares a small but cozy two-bedroom apartment in midtown, New York City, with her best friend. When she comes home after an exhausting day at school, and suffered from the triggering smell of the subway, she makes some pasta with the organic vegan pesto from Whole Foods, even though she's not vegan at all — she can never give up eggs and pork soup dumplings.

She watches *The Notebook* for the seventeenth time, and still sobs at the end when Allie remembers Noah. Her friends always make fun of her for being overly sensitive and a hopeless romantic. She blames her sentimentality on being on the cusp of Aquarius and Pisces.

She's a little superstitious, but skeptical at the same time. She goes through phases of believing wholeheartedly in horoscopes, and checks them religiously everyday, to completely disregarding them for their incredibility and lack of scientific proof. She sometimes gets stuck in a philosophical question of deciding whether or not the world is a simulation like *The Matrix*. Nevertheless, she still keeps a rose quartz crystal on her bedside table, and manifests for an imminent romantic chapter in her life.

Going to museums is one of her favorite pastime hobbies in the city, as well as other activities deemed "cultural," since it's a time for her to release her inner artist. Whenever she goes to The MET, she always makes sure to visit Gallery 818 and 819, because the works of

Claude Monet never gets old. The paintings of Monet's have intrigued her since she first learned about the impressionist movement in elementary school back in Beijing, her childhood home, and the fascination grew when she first visited France a couple years later. The collections of dozens of impressionist artworks in such proximity to her excite her so much, since it reminds her of the distant memories of the summers spent in Europe.

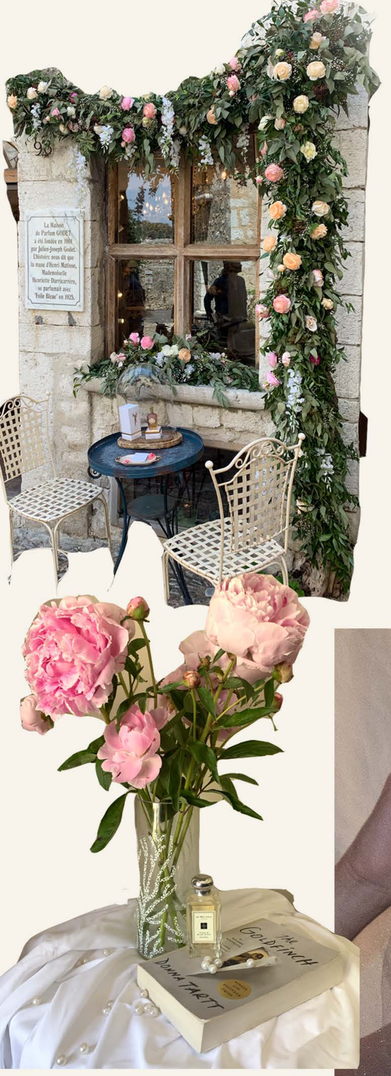
Before she goes to sleep, she grabs a little booklet of French poems that she purchased from the Bookmarc —a novel bookstore Marc Jacobs opened on Bleecker Street— and lands on the poem "*Eau de lune*," imagining the *mer violette*, and falls asleep.

dream

zodiac

romance

horoscope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de Parfum GUERLAIN,
a été fondée en 1828
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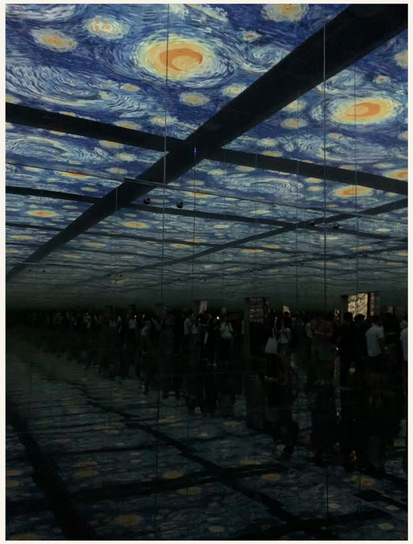
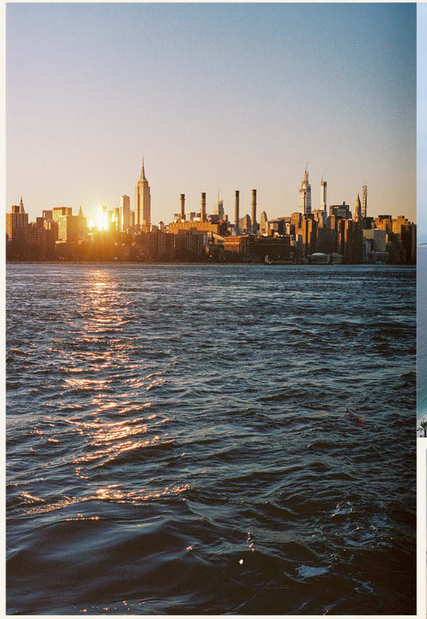
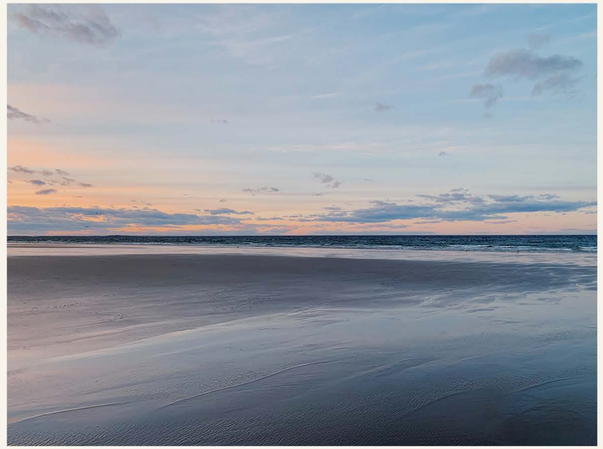
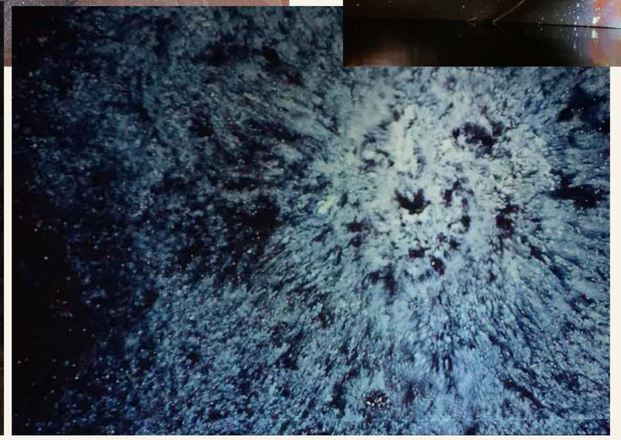
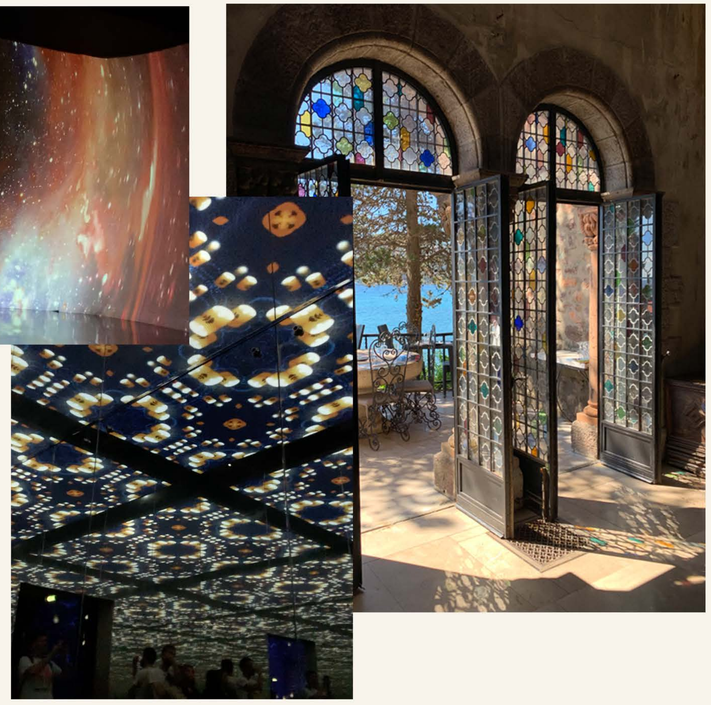


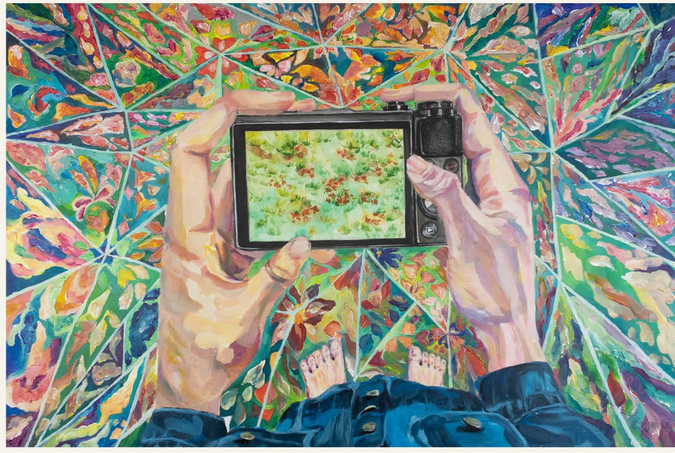


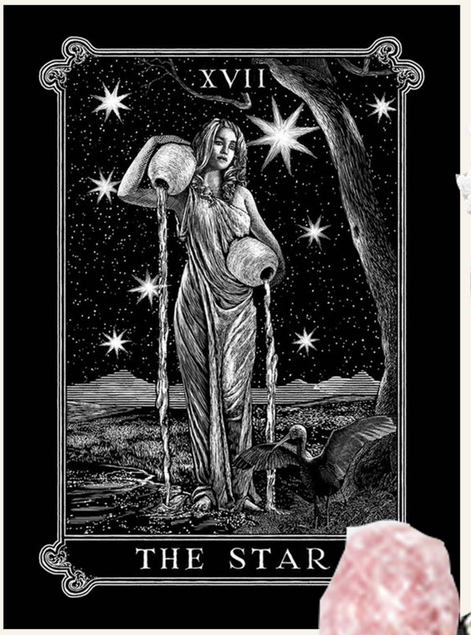
The Goldfinch
Donna TARTT





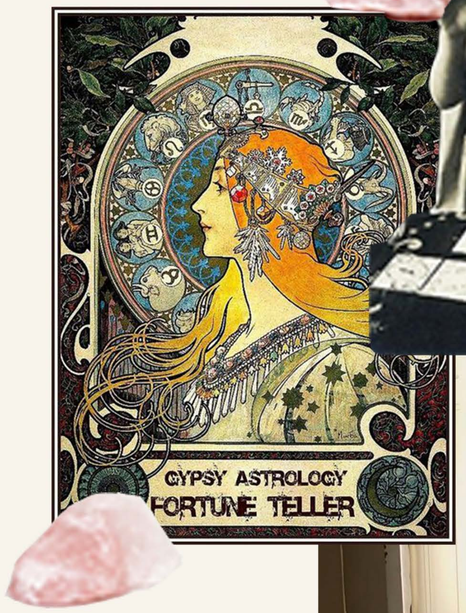





XVII
THE STAR

The Matrix has you...

Ce n'est pas la vraie vie.
Midnight in Paris
Written and Directed
by Woody Allen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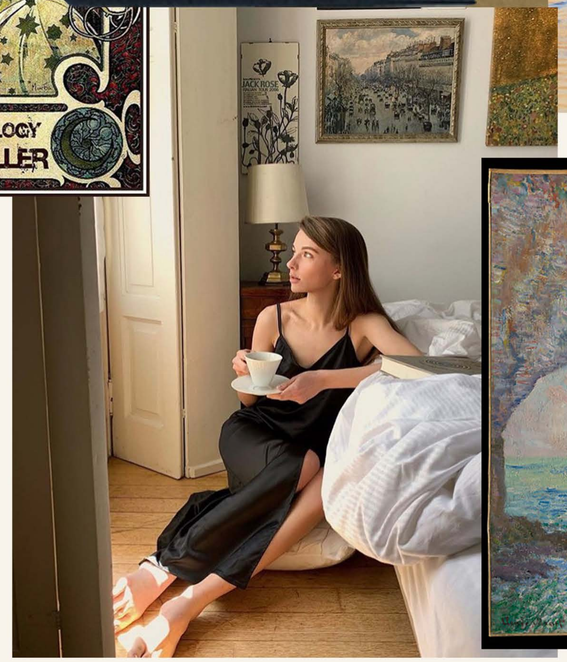

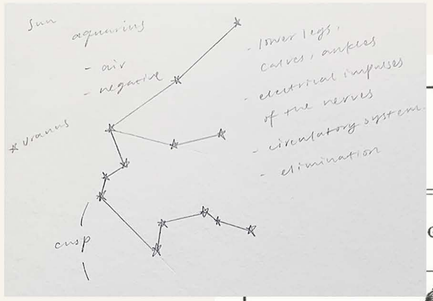

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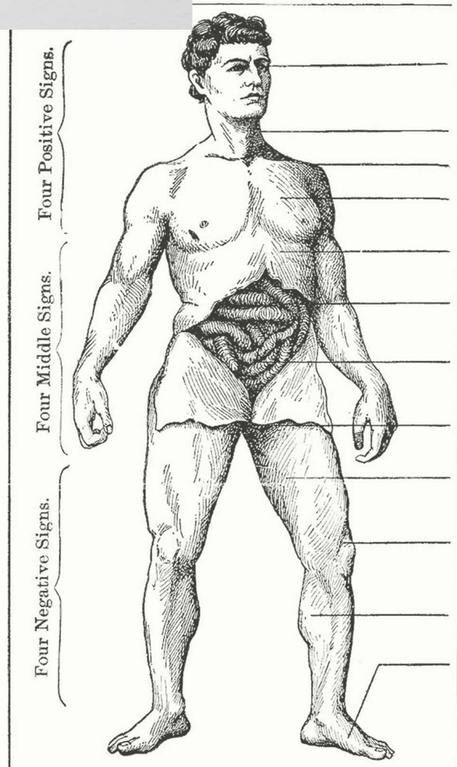

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The Four Triplicities.

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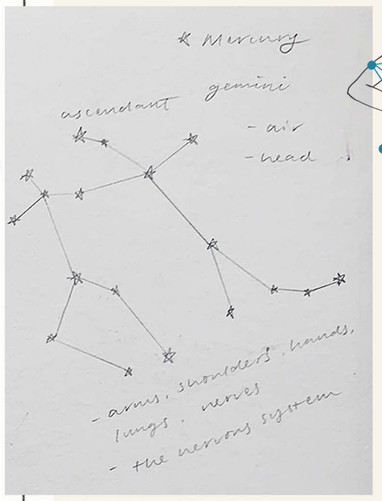
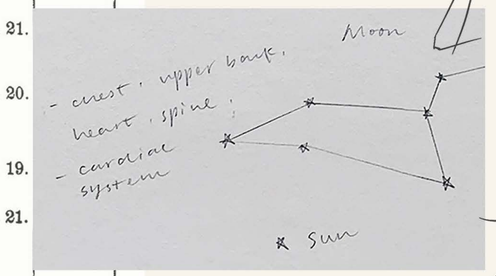
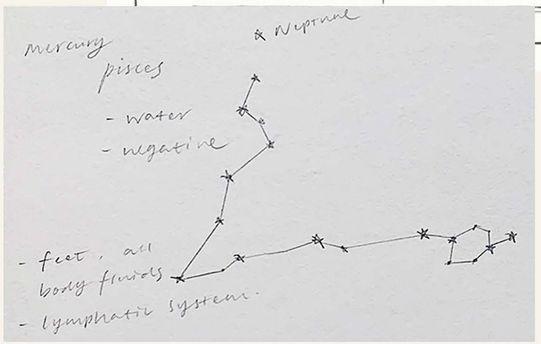
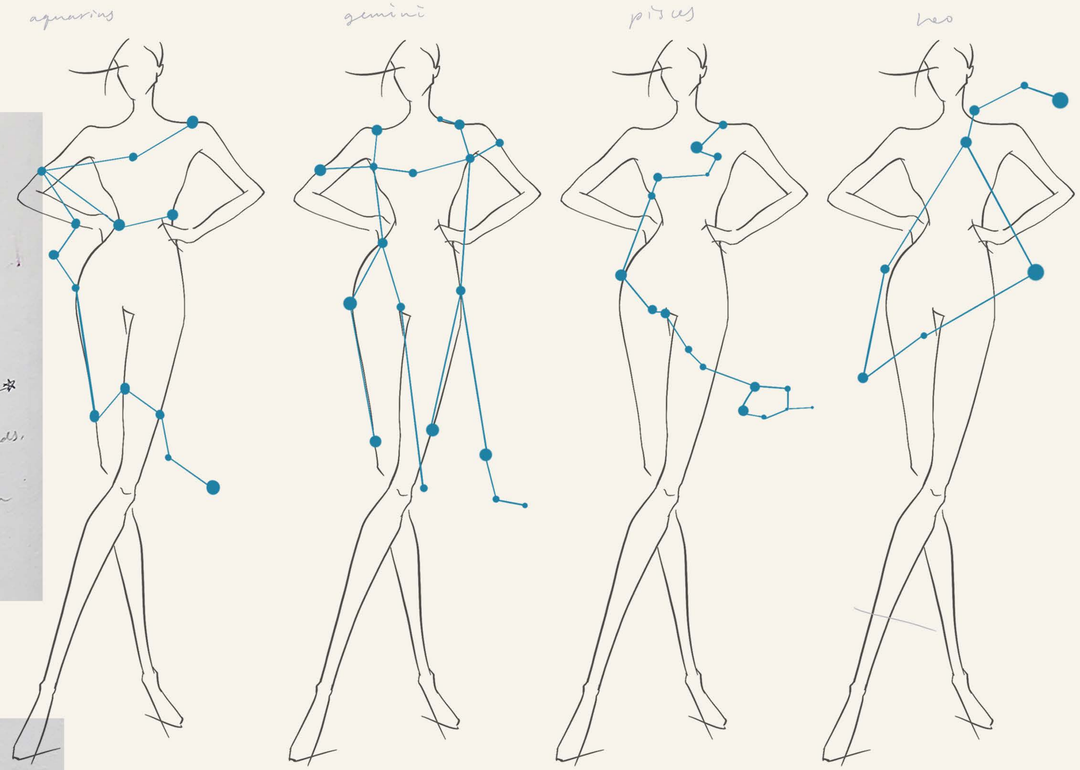
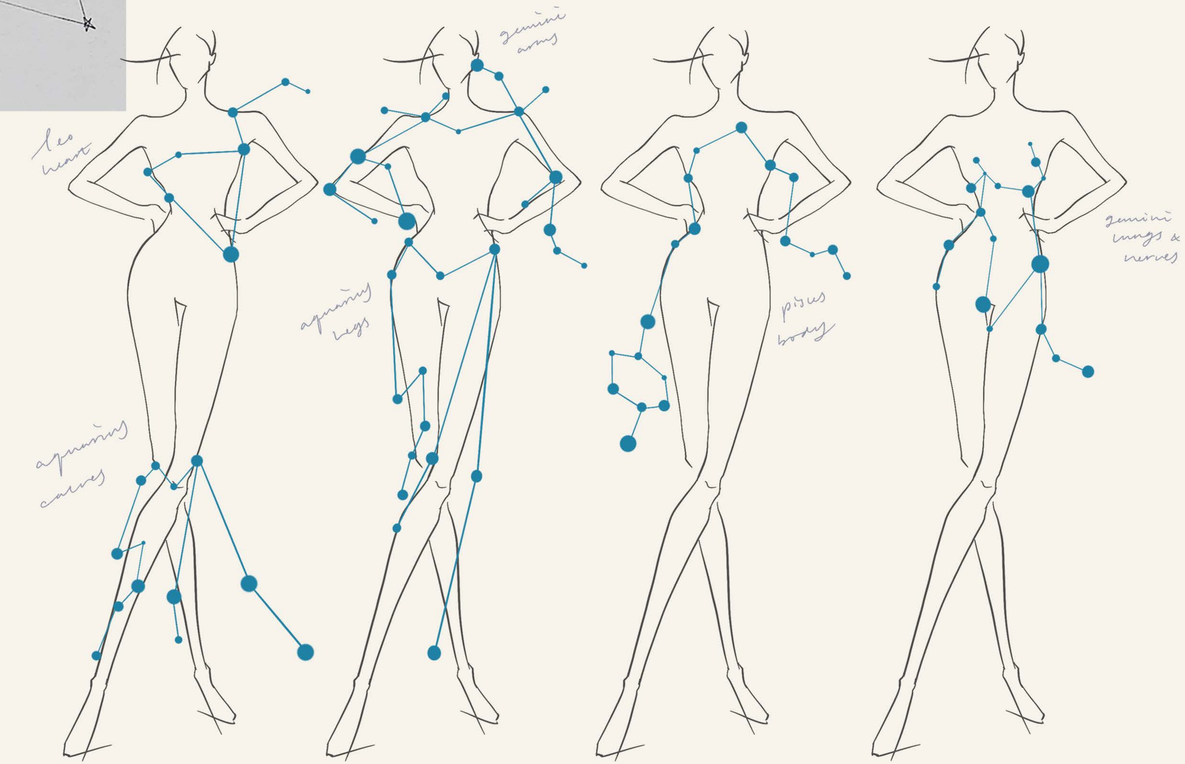


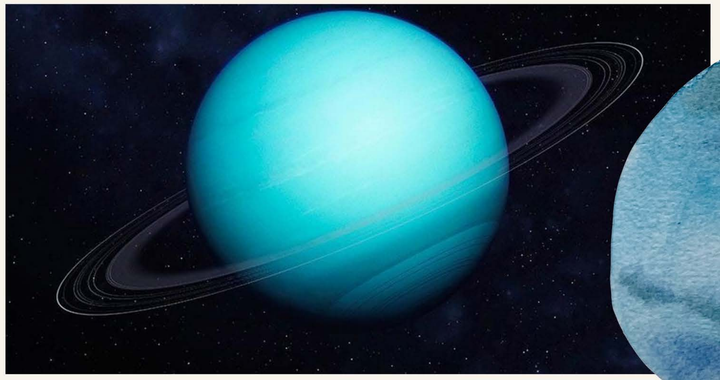


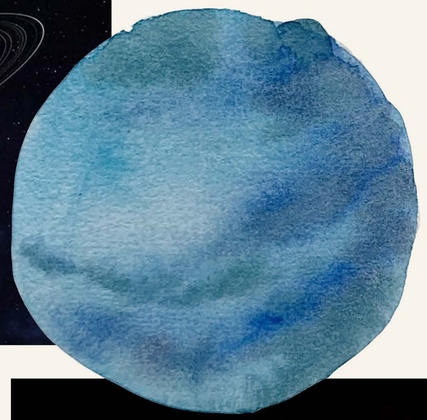






hand-embroidered stars





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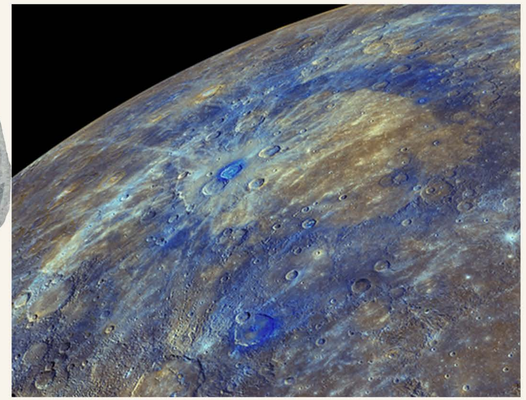

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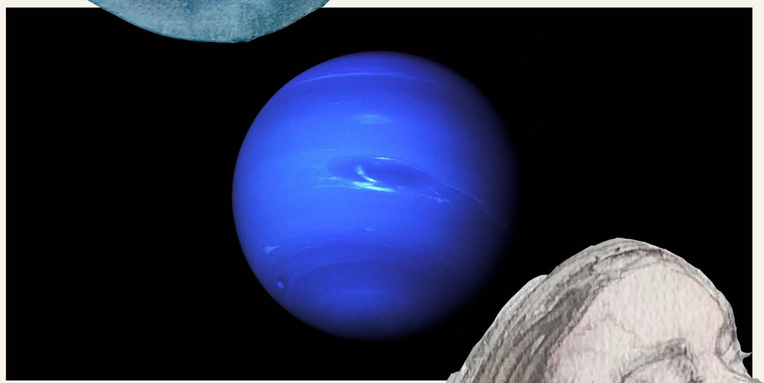

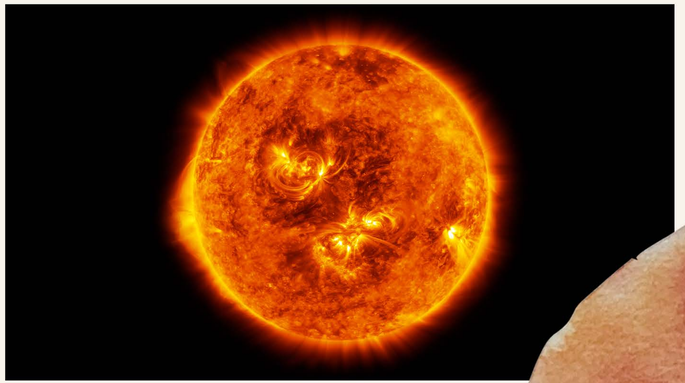

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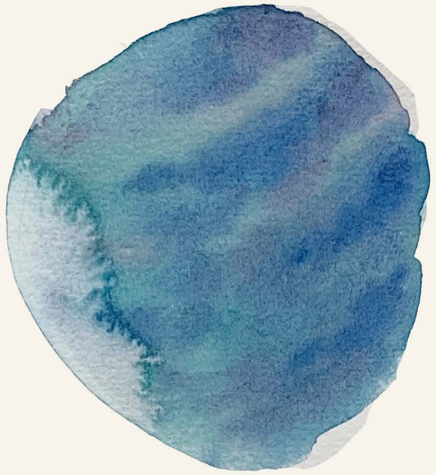
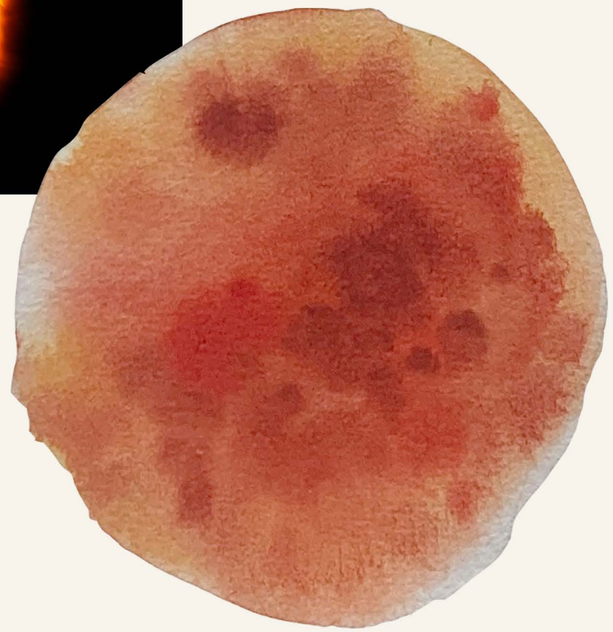
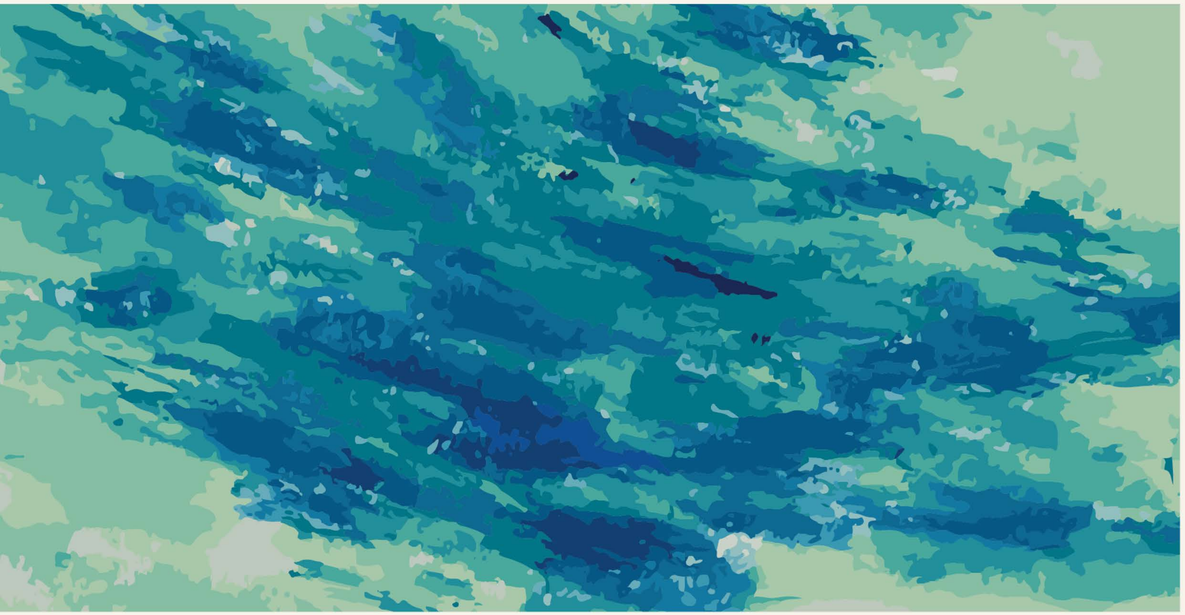




it's all written
in the stars...



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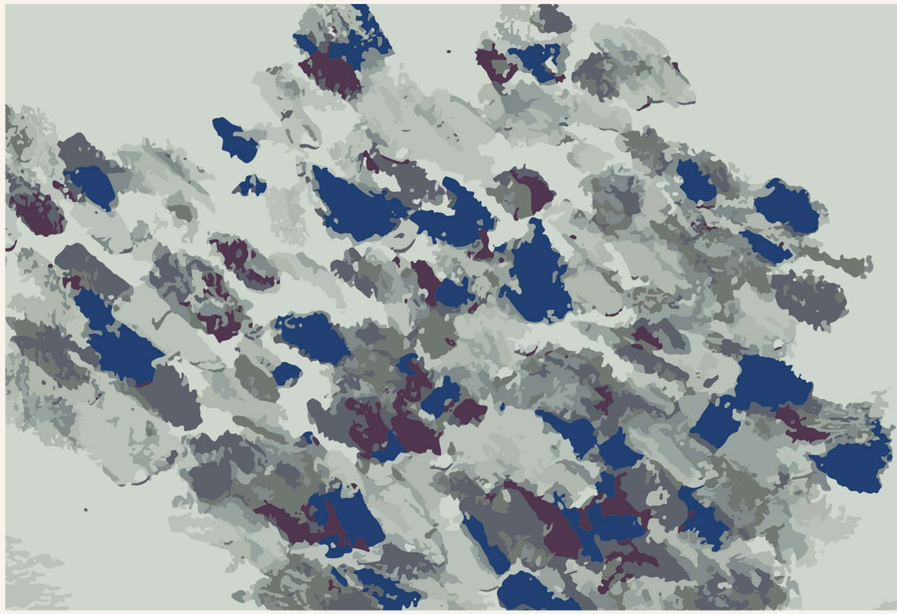

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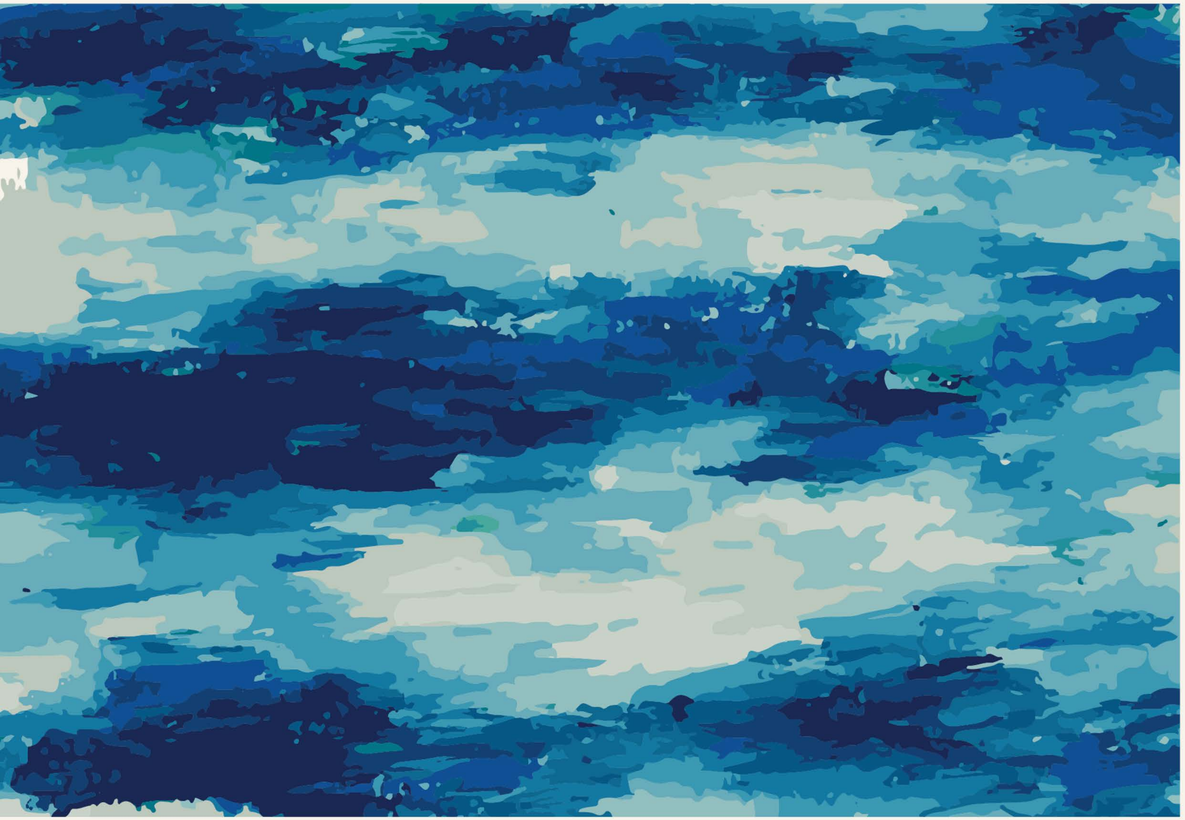

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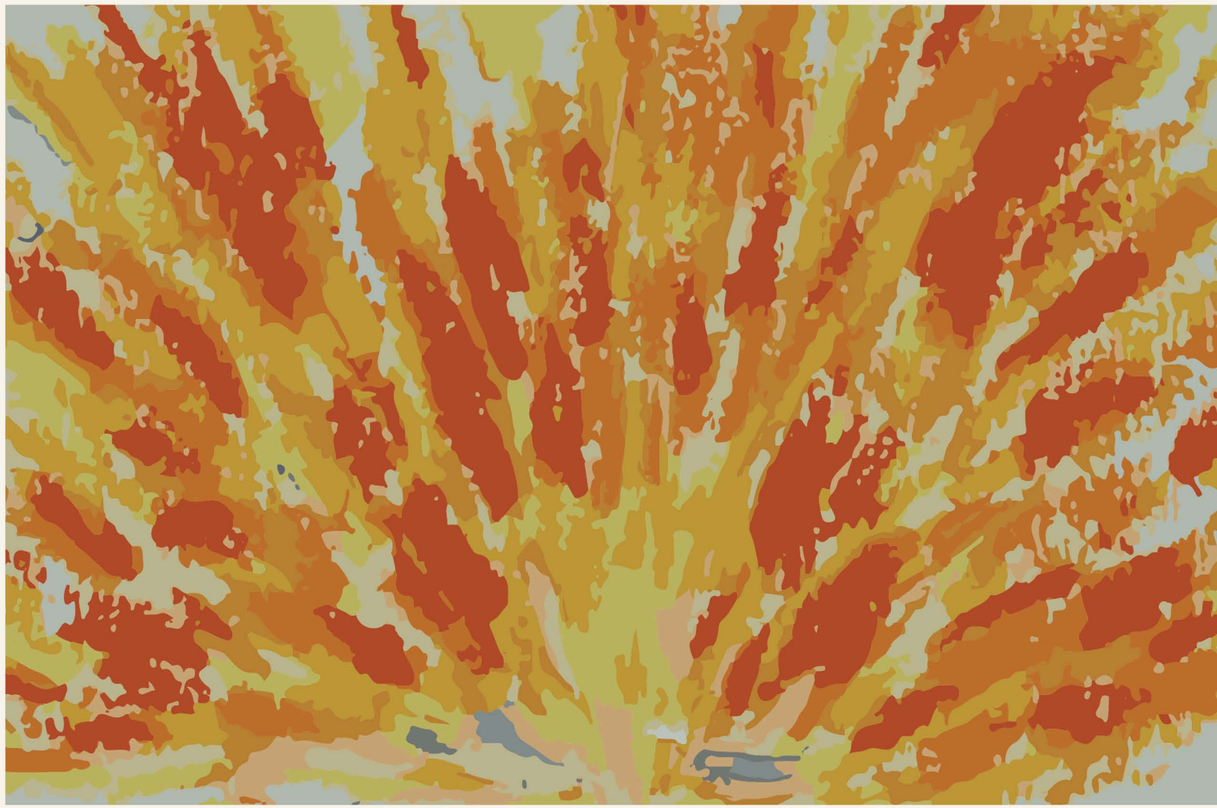
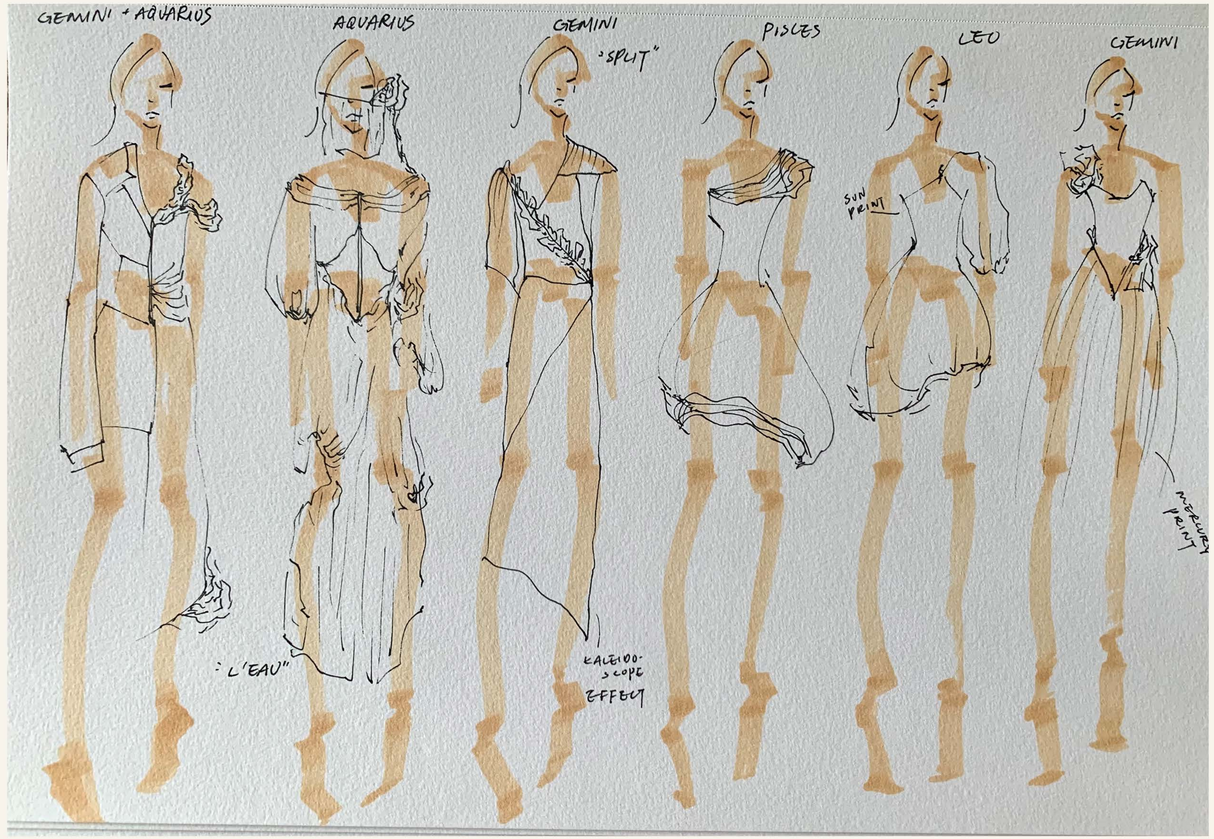
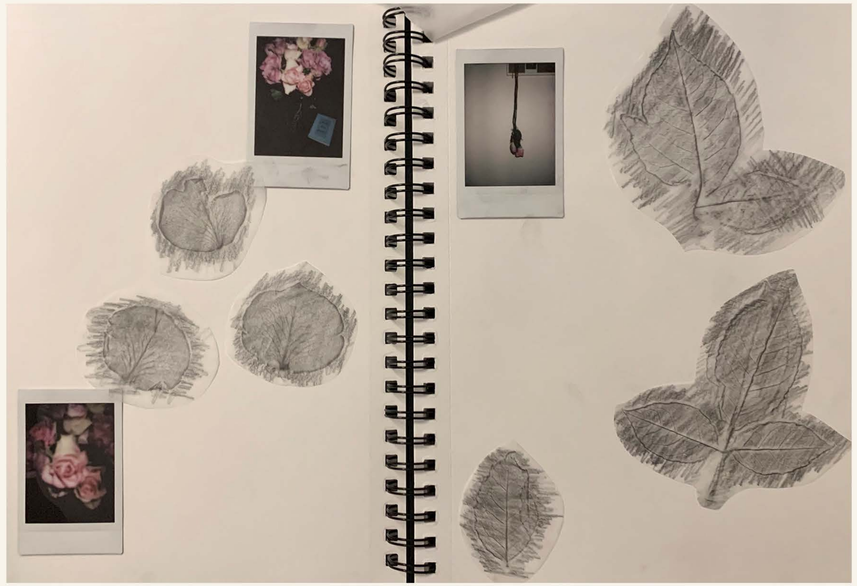


leo

zodiacs as personalities





roses are red...

dried roses as a brush,
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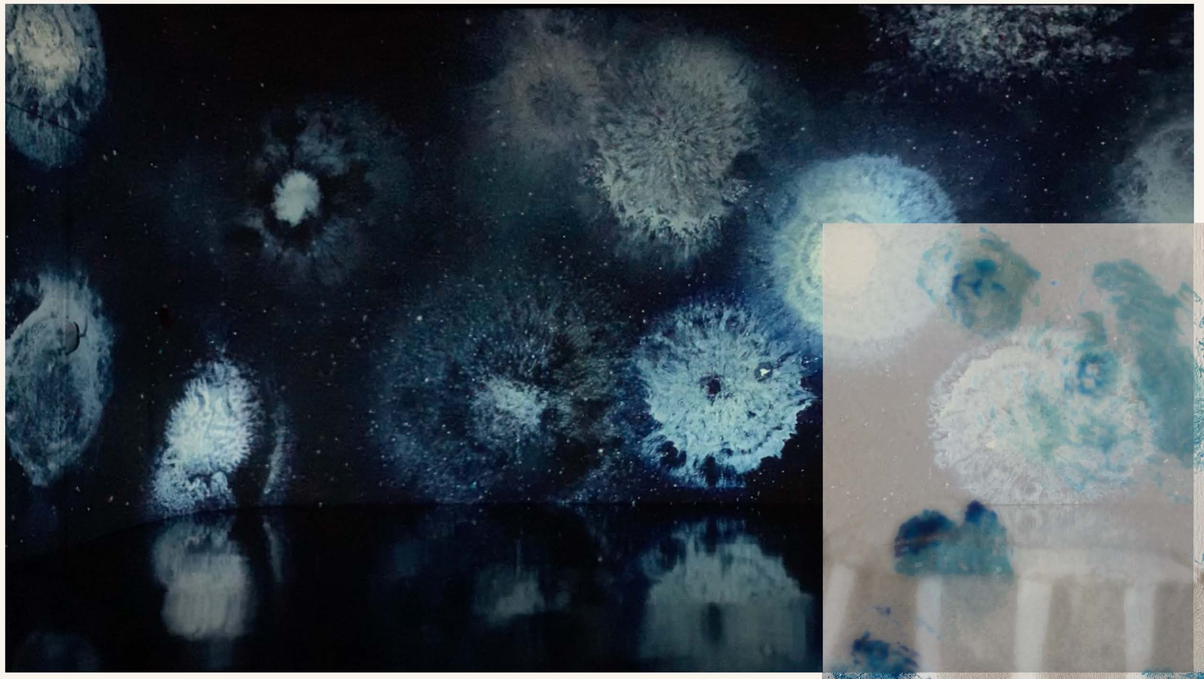

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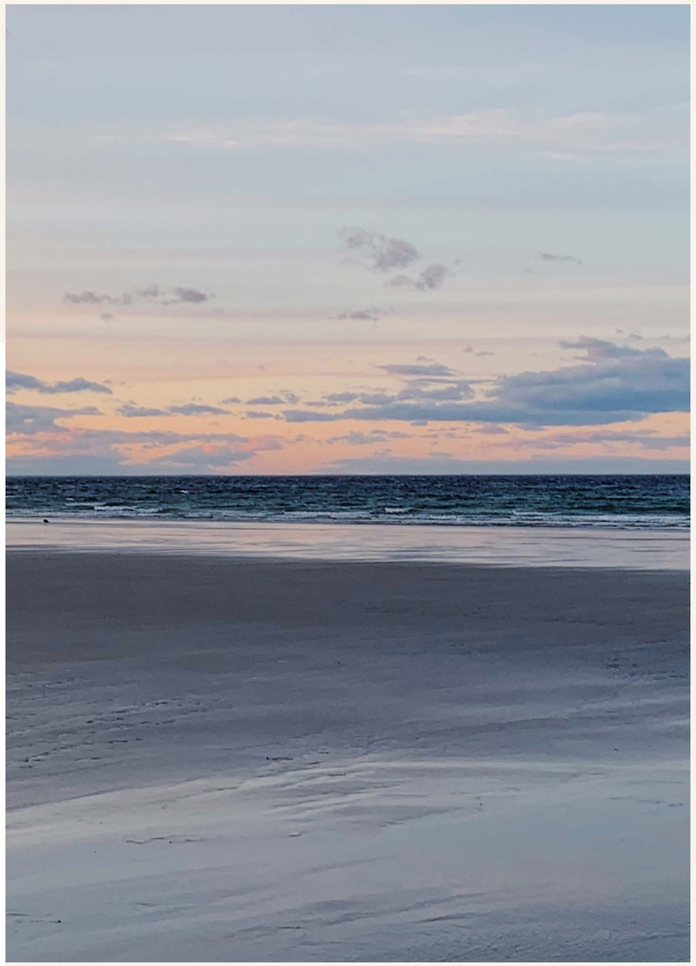

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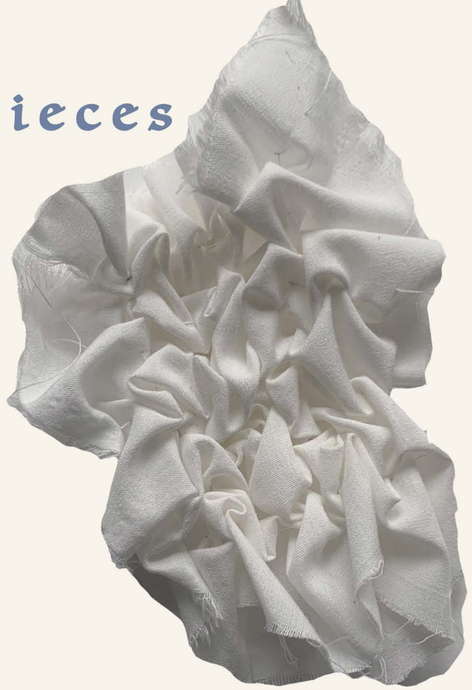

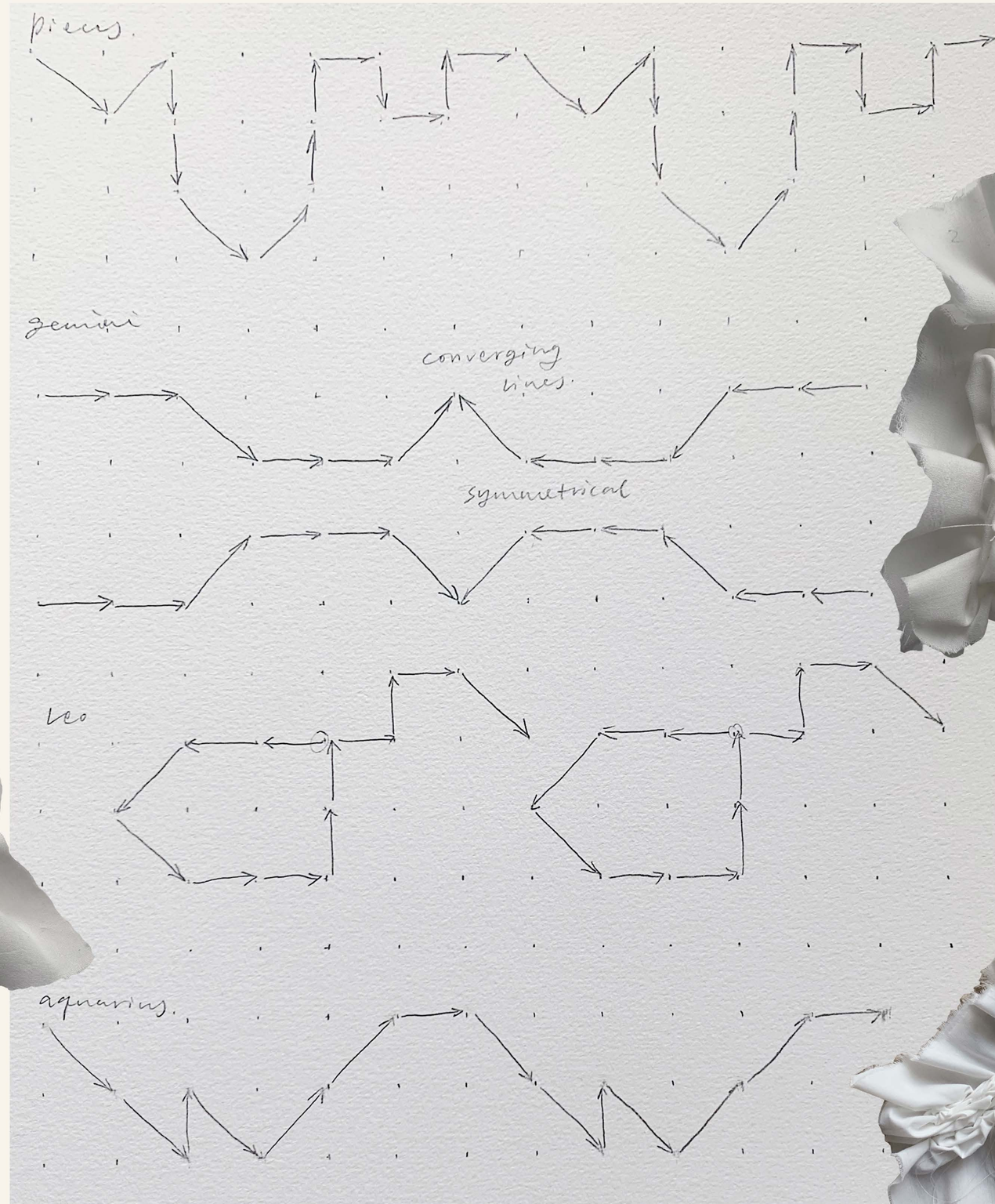

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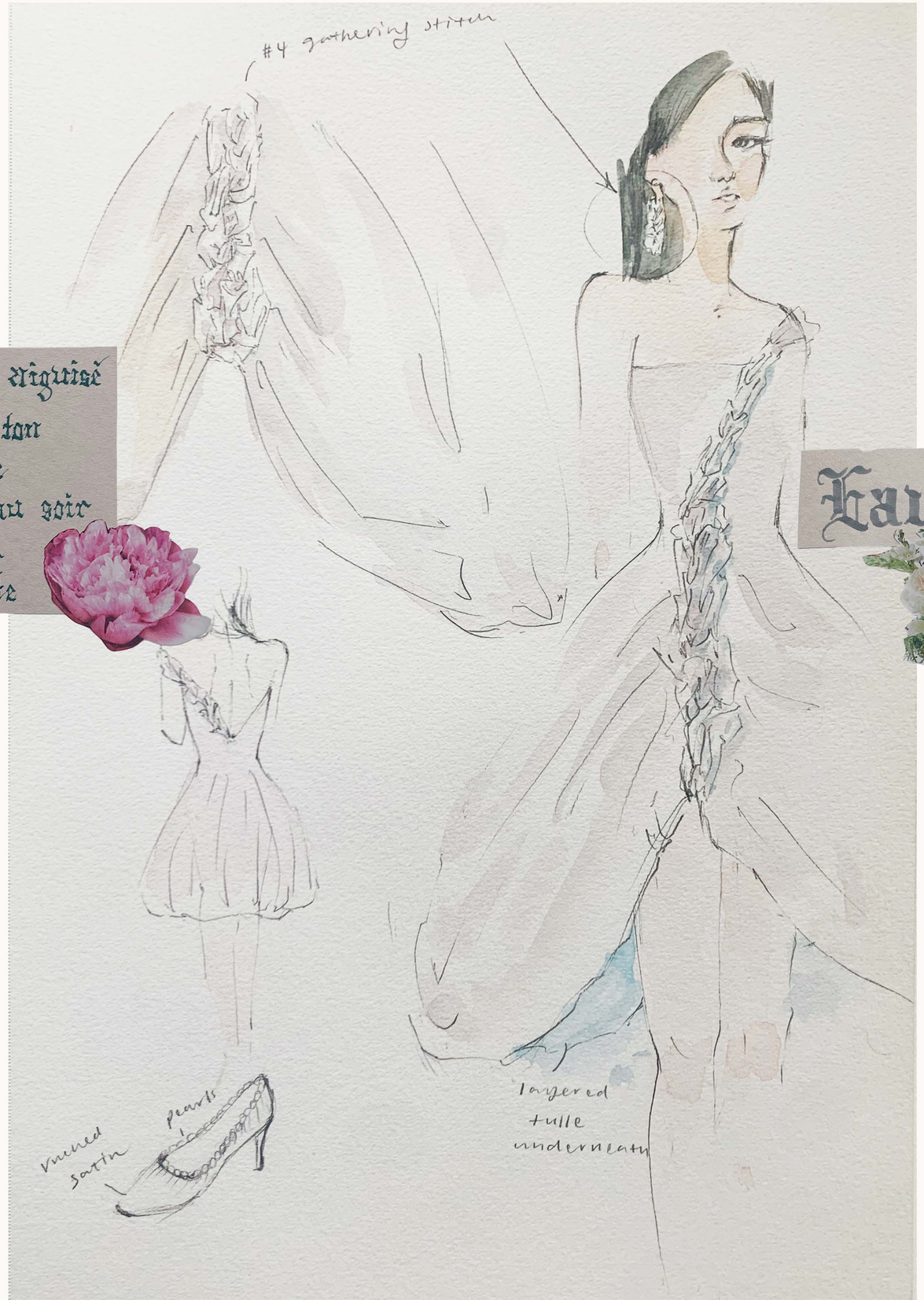
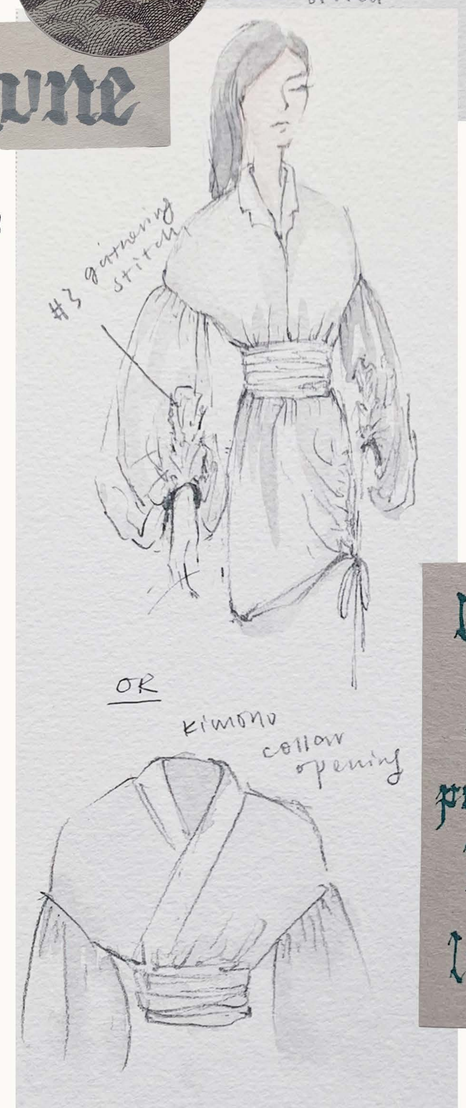
leo

aquarius

Eau de Lune

L'oeil aiguisé
par ton
visage
j'ai vu au soir
la mer
violette





l'appel de
feux
puis l'eau
de
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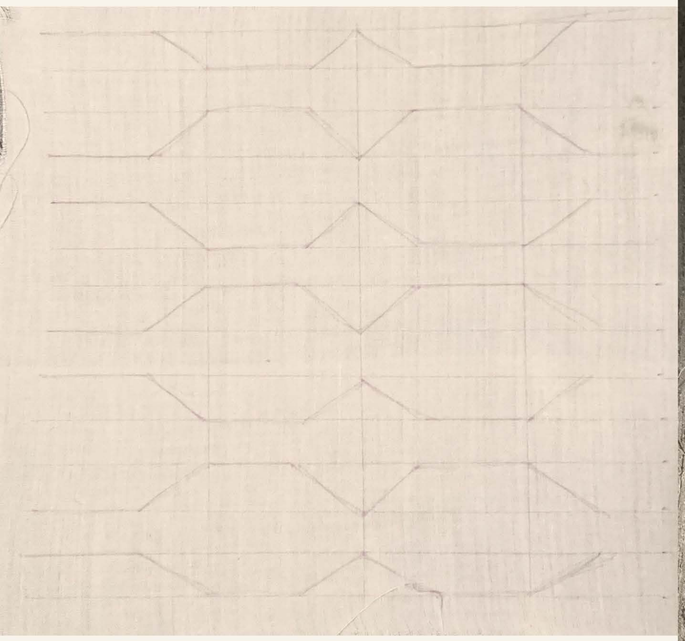
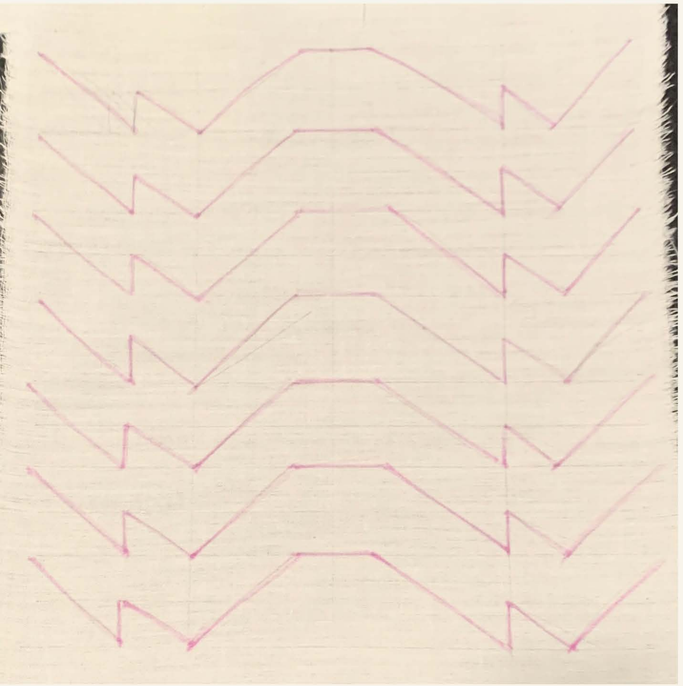
#4 gathering stitch

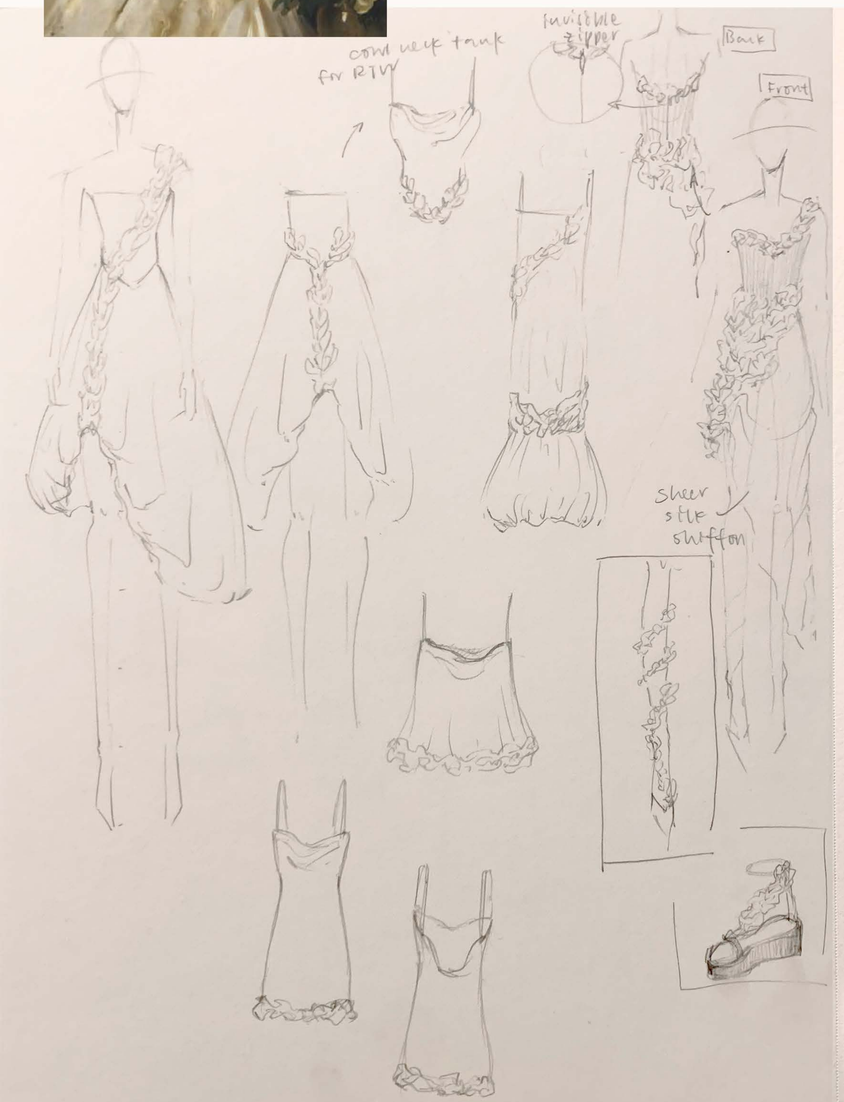
satin + tulle

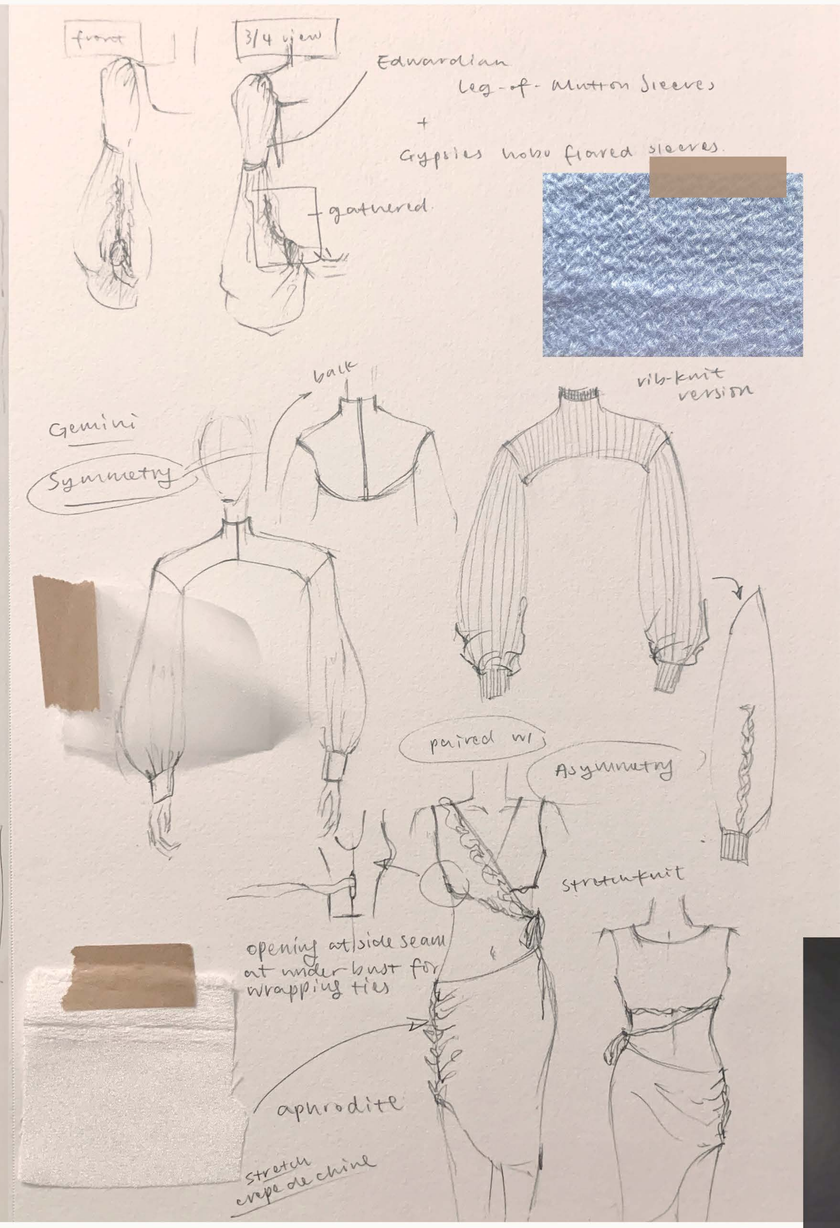
cut-out organza on
stretch crepe de chine



gathring stitches with elastic thread on sewing machine




cowl neck tank
for RTW
invisible zipper
Back
Front
sheer silk chiffon


front
3/4 view
Edwardian
leg-of-mutton sleeves
+
Gypsies hobo flared sleeves.
gathered.
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rib-knit version
Gemini
Symmetry
paired w/
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stretch knit
opening at side seam at under bust for wrapping ties
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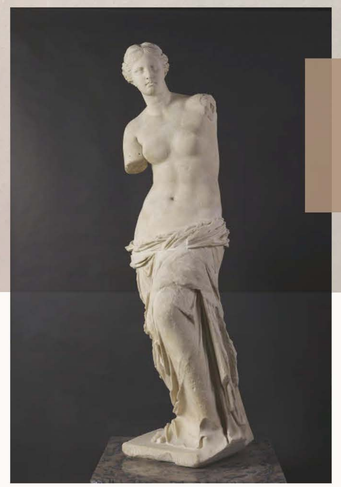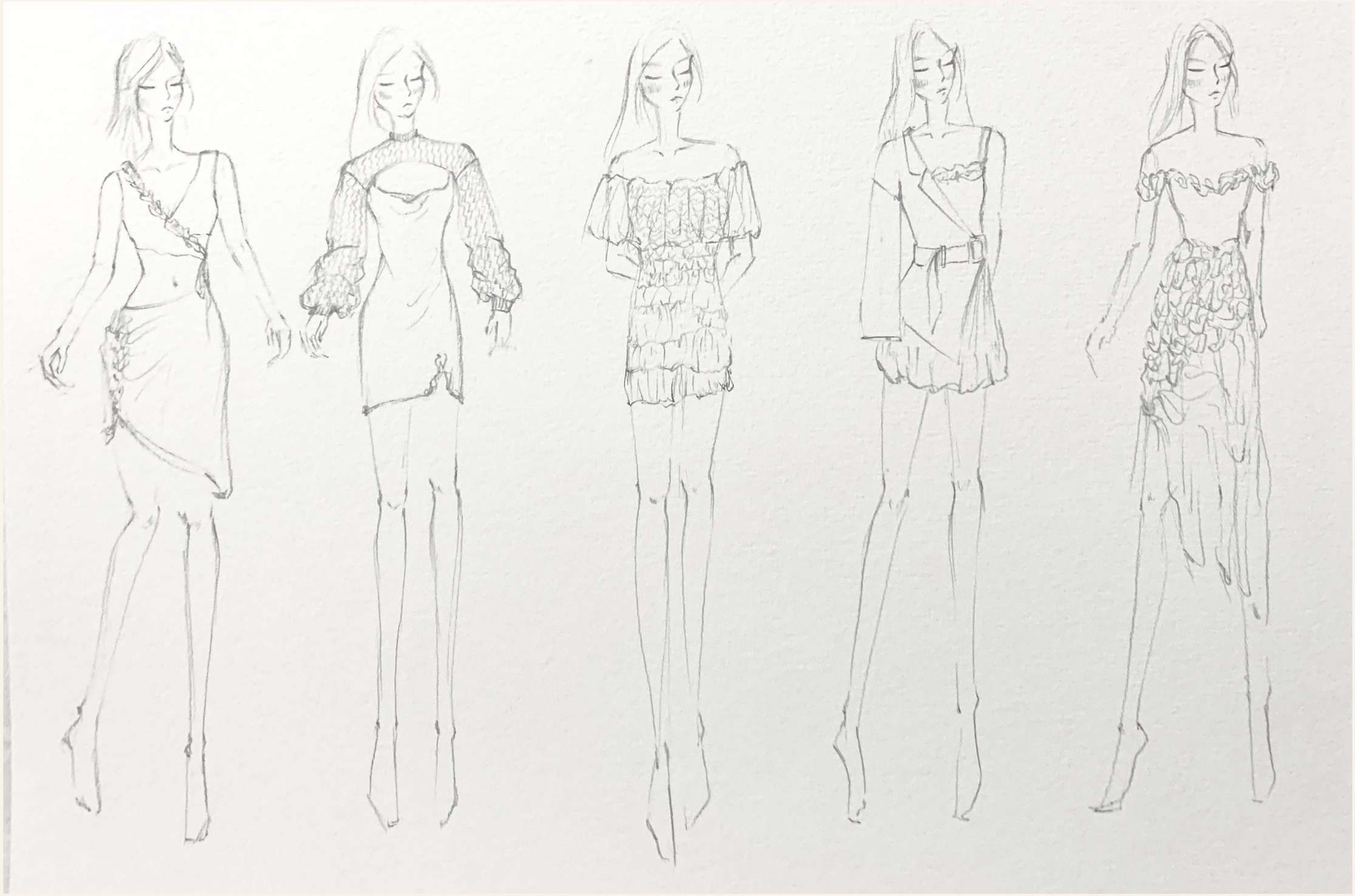
Asymmetry
Two sides of GEMINI
side view