

...what do you need to become an architect?

“if you want to become an architect, you need a portfolio”

Sir Norman Foster, Architect

A portfolio gives evidence of your potential.

It is a demonstration of your natural skills, telling a story of your experiences, your ideas and imaginations and how you process these into a visual, physical objects such as a sketches, drawings, paintings or a model. It is as much about your skills as it is about your personality!

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...what is important for a successful portfolio?

Show your passion, show your personality!

Show variety, show your skills and interests!

A successful portfolio is like an intriguing narrative.

You've got developed core skills, such as freehand sketching, painting and drawing; you produced some art and design works which achieved recognition of your peers; you enjoy the transformation of ideas into design; you are inspired by the environment, culture and architecture; you are committed and dedicated; all this tells you and us: you've got what it takes to become an architect.

...what should I include in my portfolio?

best works

Your best pieces of works (three or more); whether these are drawings, paintings, models, sculptures.

observation and development

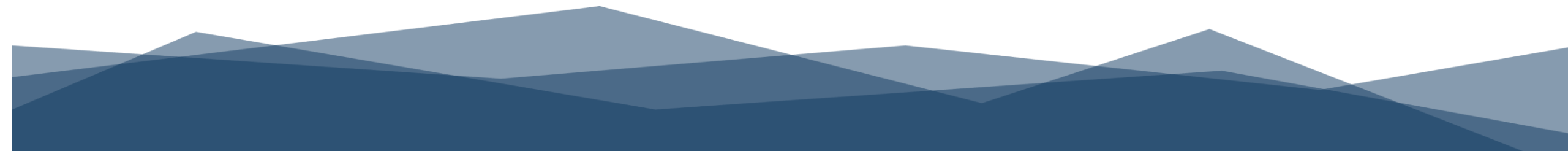
Sections of your sketchbooks demonstrate your observation skills, and how you develop and process ideas. Include your best three pages in your portfolio.

recent projects and designs

Show your recent projects or designs which gives evidence of your creativity, imaginative skills.

scaled drawing

Provide at least one scaled drawing or plan which will demonstrate your sense for scale a precision.



...what should I include in my portfolio?

personal statement

Let us know what motivates you to study architecture. Tell us about your experiences, your passions and what matters to you.

Around three hundred words is an appropriate word count for such a statement.

If you want you can illustrate your statement with selected supportive images.

Be coherent, concise and honest, and yes the statement is important! It can make a difference to your portfolio.

... what format and how many pages?

Ideally you submit your portfolio electronically together with your application as one pdf file with maximum of 10MB.

A good format is A3 landscape. Your portfolio should consist of at least 12 sheets. You may consider an additional title and contents sheet.

Your portfolio should be neatly arranged and self explaining. All included work should have annotations and short explanations.

... can I get support to improve my portfolio?

Yes! We provide you with constructive feedback and guidance in case your initial application portfolio needs improvement.

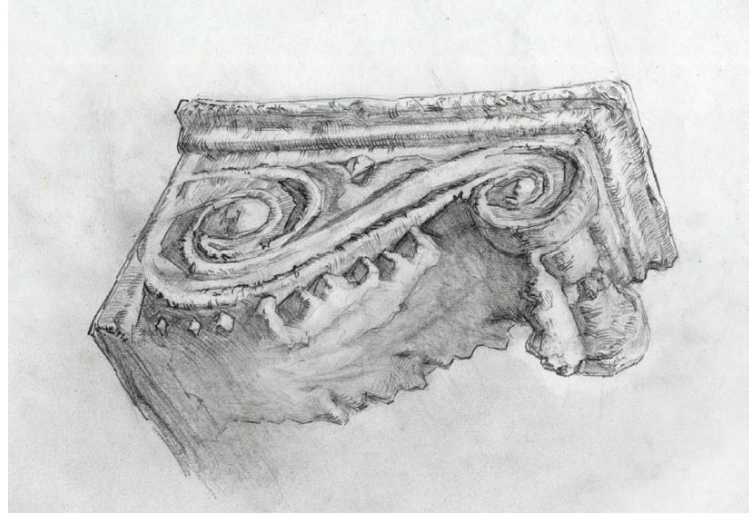
... what is mandatory for my application?

- 3 x (or more) Best Works
- 3 x (or more) Freehand Sketches – observation and design development.
- 2 x (or more) Recent Projects and Designs
- 1 x (or more) Scaled Drawing or Plan (your room, flat, house or any other domestic scale project)

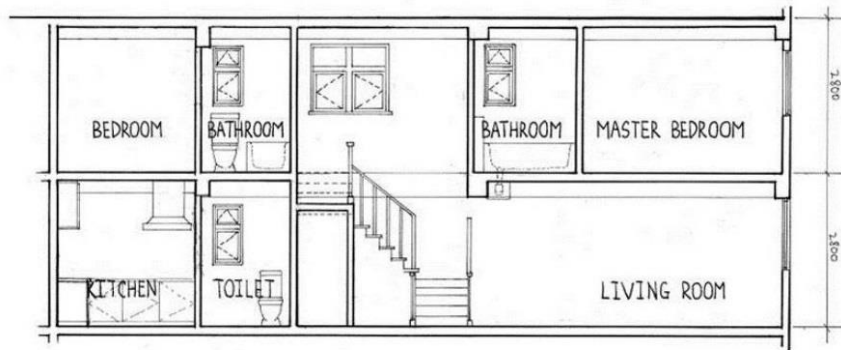
... examples - artwork and painting



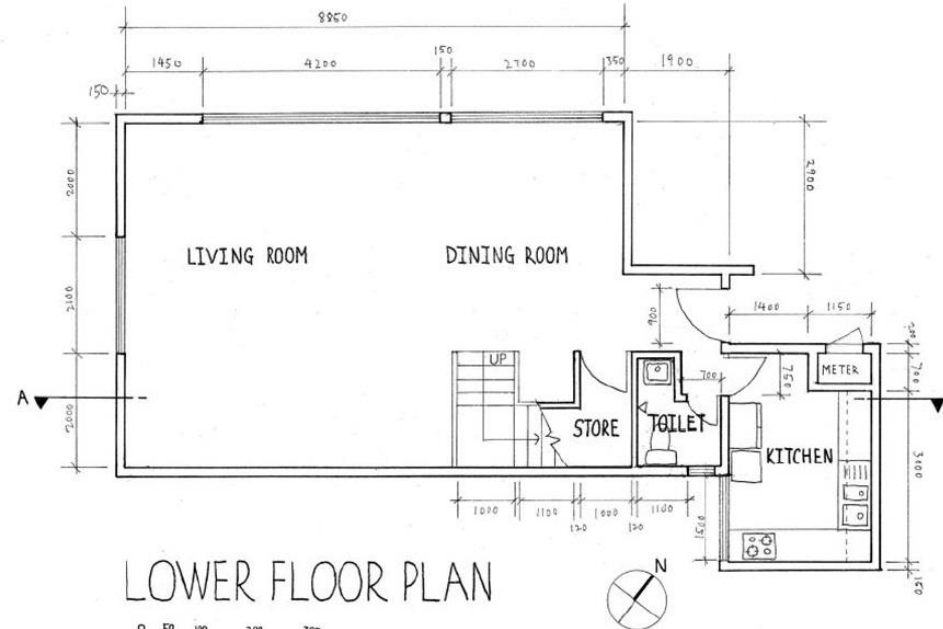
... examples - artwork and painting



... examples - drawings and plans



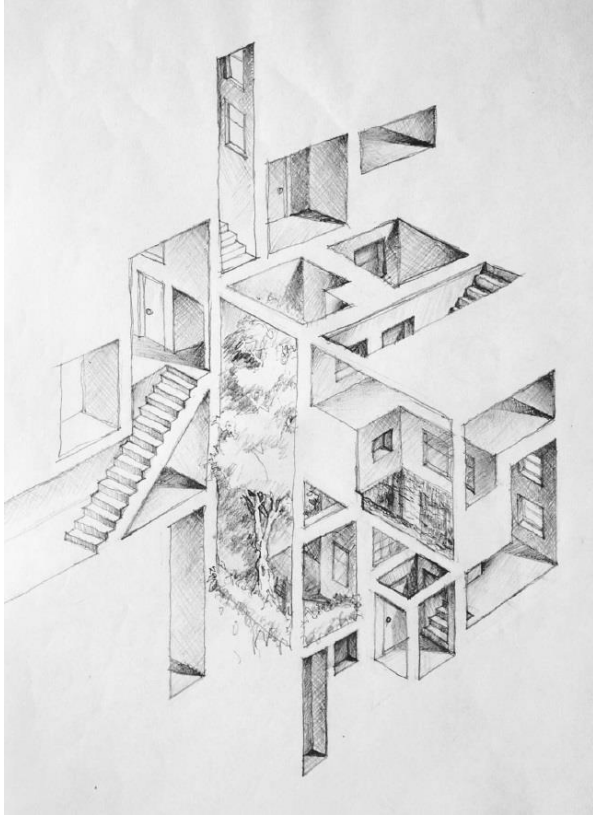
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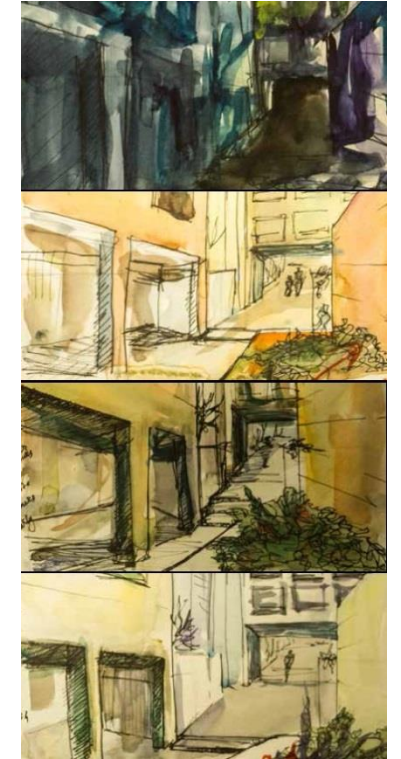
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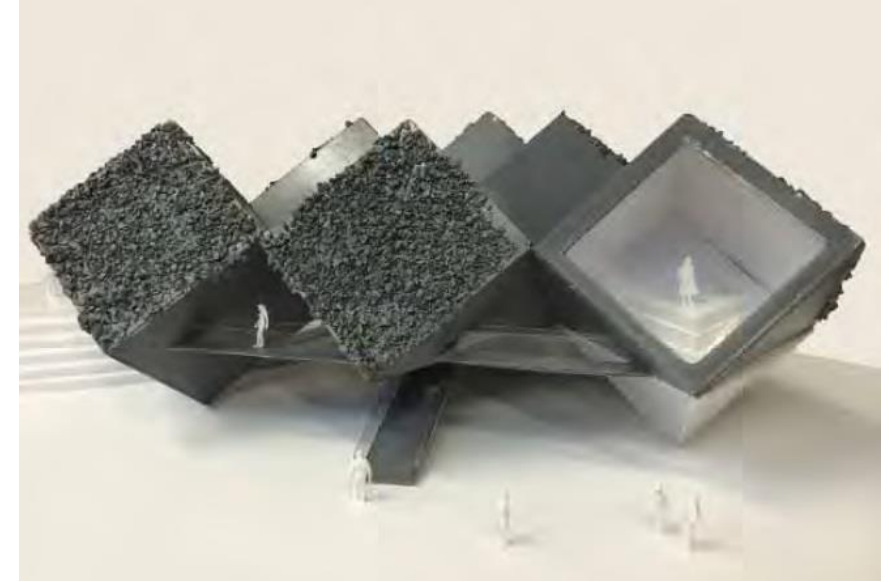
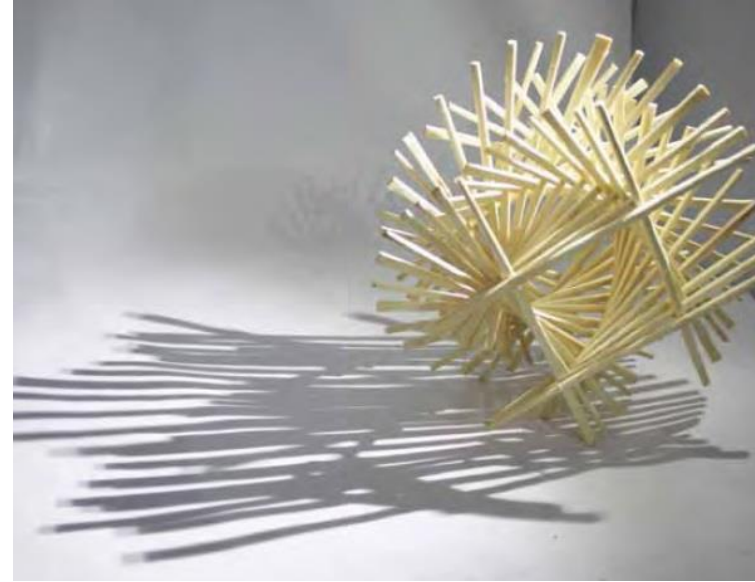
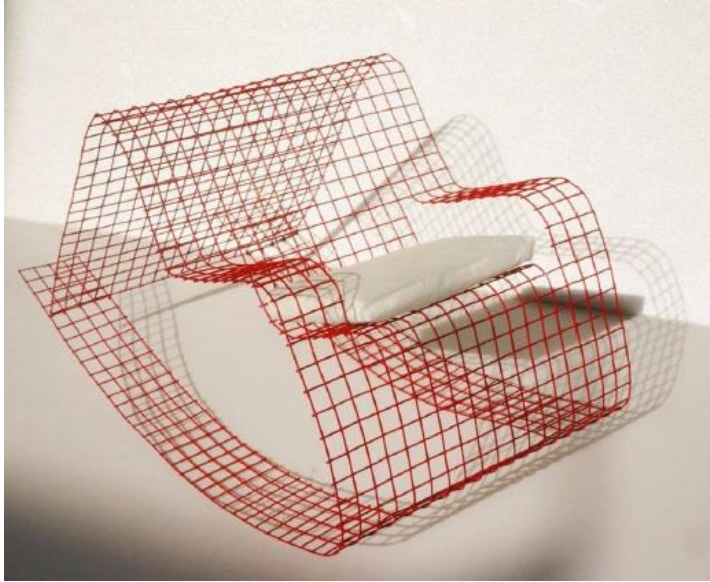
... examples – drawings - sketches



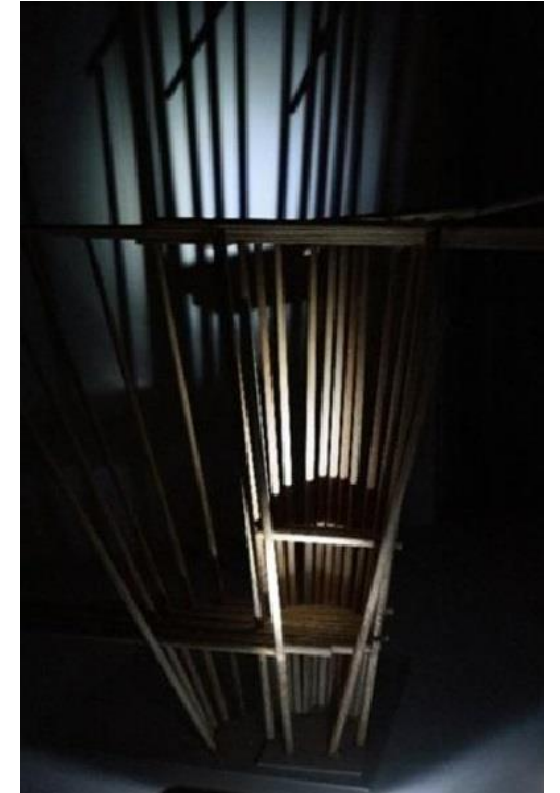
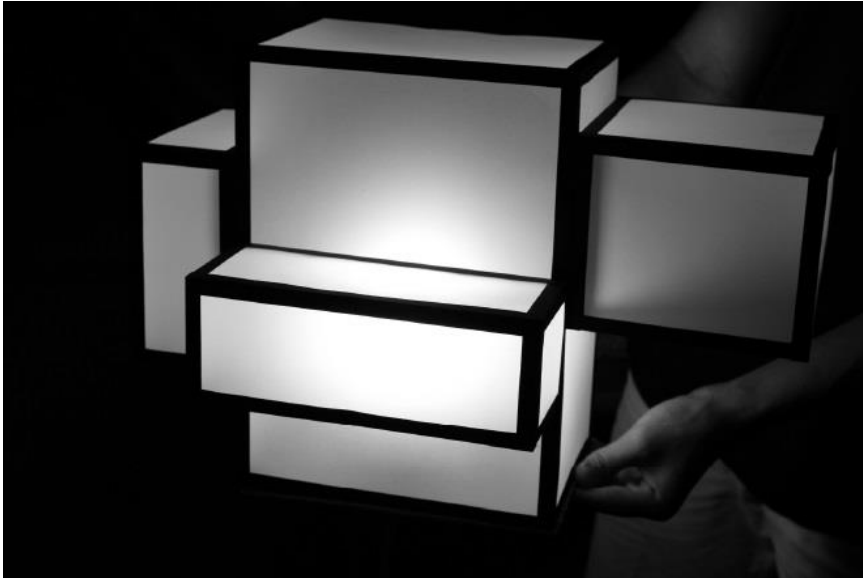
... examples - sketchbook



... examples – models and projects



... examples – models and projects



Conclusion

“A portfolio is like a key to many doors – it opens the future”

Thomas Kern, Architect, Programme Manager INTO Newcastle

... is it difficult?

If you love architecture – No!

... any advice?

Show your creativity! Show variety! Use different techniques!

Show your best work! Keep it simple! Prefer quality to quantity!

And enjoy!