



Steel Magnolias

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Synopsis:

The play opens with discussion of Shelby's wedding day to her fiancé, Jackson, in the fictional northwestern Louisiana parish of Chinquapin at Truvy's in-home beauty parlour where the women regularly gather. It covers events over the next three years with Shelby's Type 1 diabetes and how the women interact at times with conflict but in the end remained friends: Shelby's decision to have a child despite the complication that could result from her condition, Clairee's friendship with the curmudgeon Ouiser; Annelle's transformation from a shy, anxious newcomer in town to a good-time girl then repentant revival-tent Christian; and Truvy's relationships with the men in her family. Although the main storyline involves Shelby, her mother M'Lynn, and Shelby's medical battles, the underlying group-friendship among all six women is prominent throughout the drama.



Where:
Truvy's Beauty Spot
Northwest Louisiana, Chinquapin Parish

When:
1980s

What:

- Adult/Older Southern Women
- Family/ Friendship
- Time
- Life

Details about Louisiana/ Luisiana in the 80s :

- Humid
- Normal for people to smoke indoors
- hydrogen peroxide was the “cure-all”
- The Soybean/Crop Festival
- Thick pine forests
- Conservative
- Baptist (North)
- beauty pageant



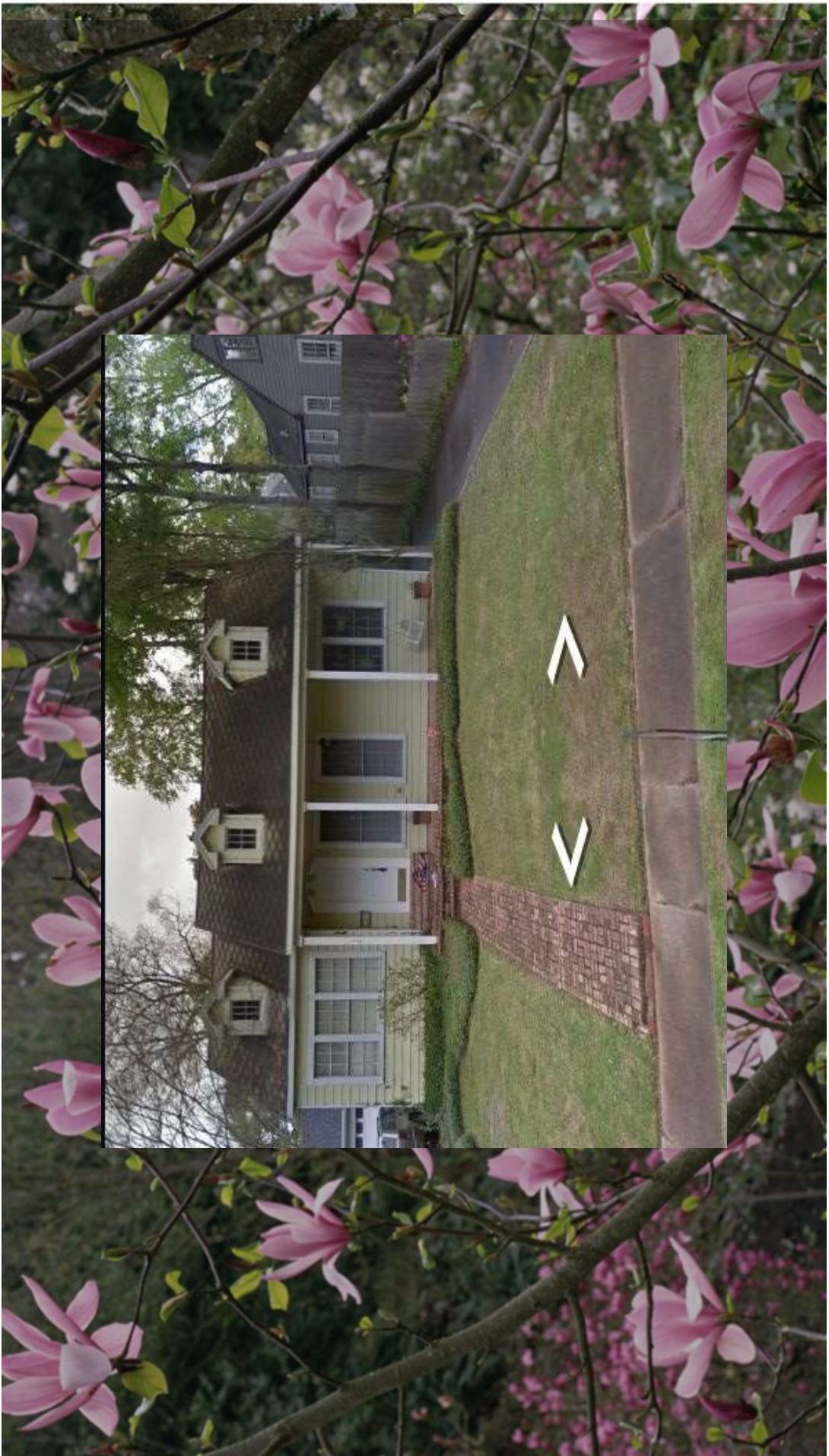
The "Feel"



(Vision) Northwest Louisiana, Chinquapin Parish



Shreveport neighborhood built in 1930's

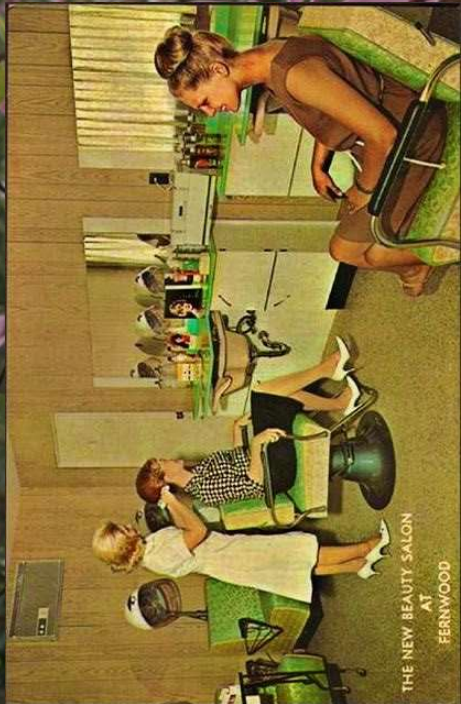


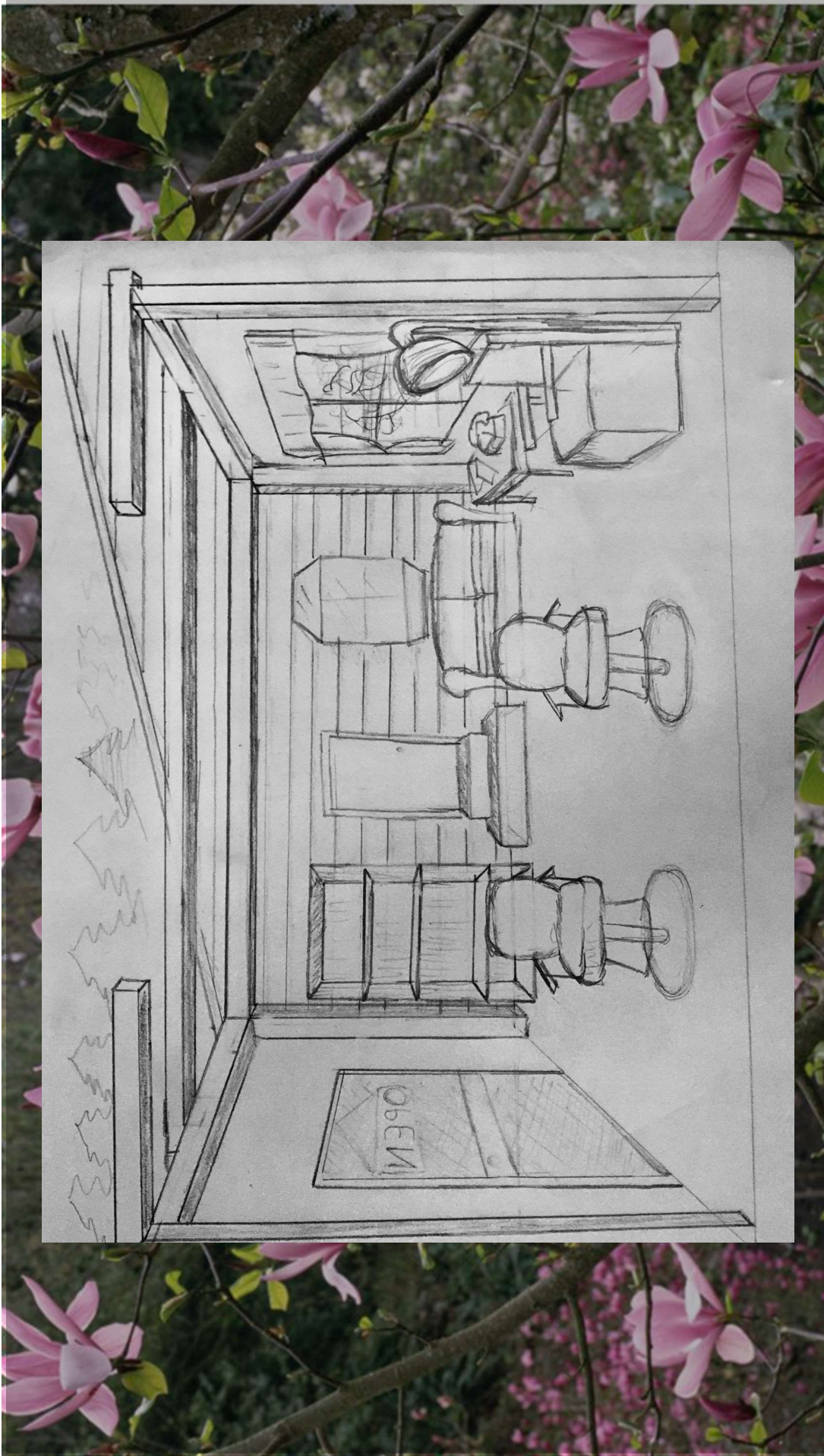


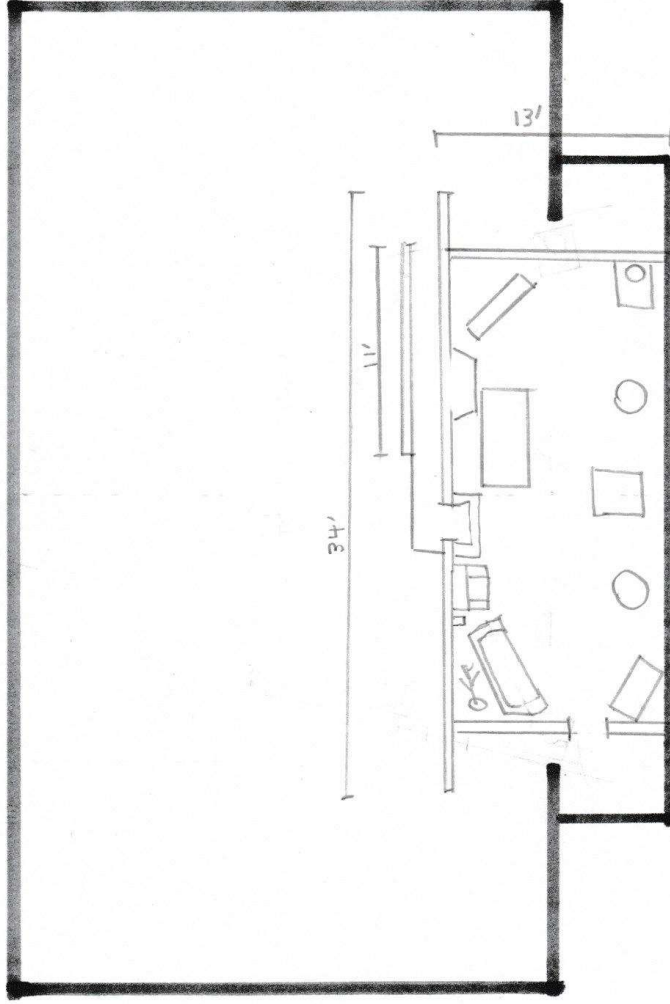


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moods like E.T.’s flowers

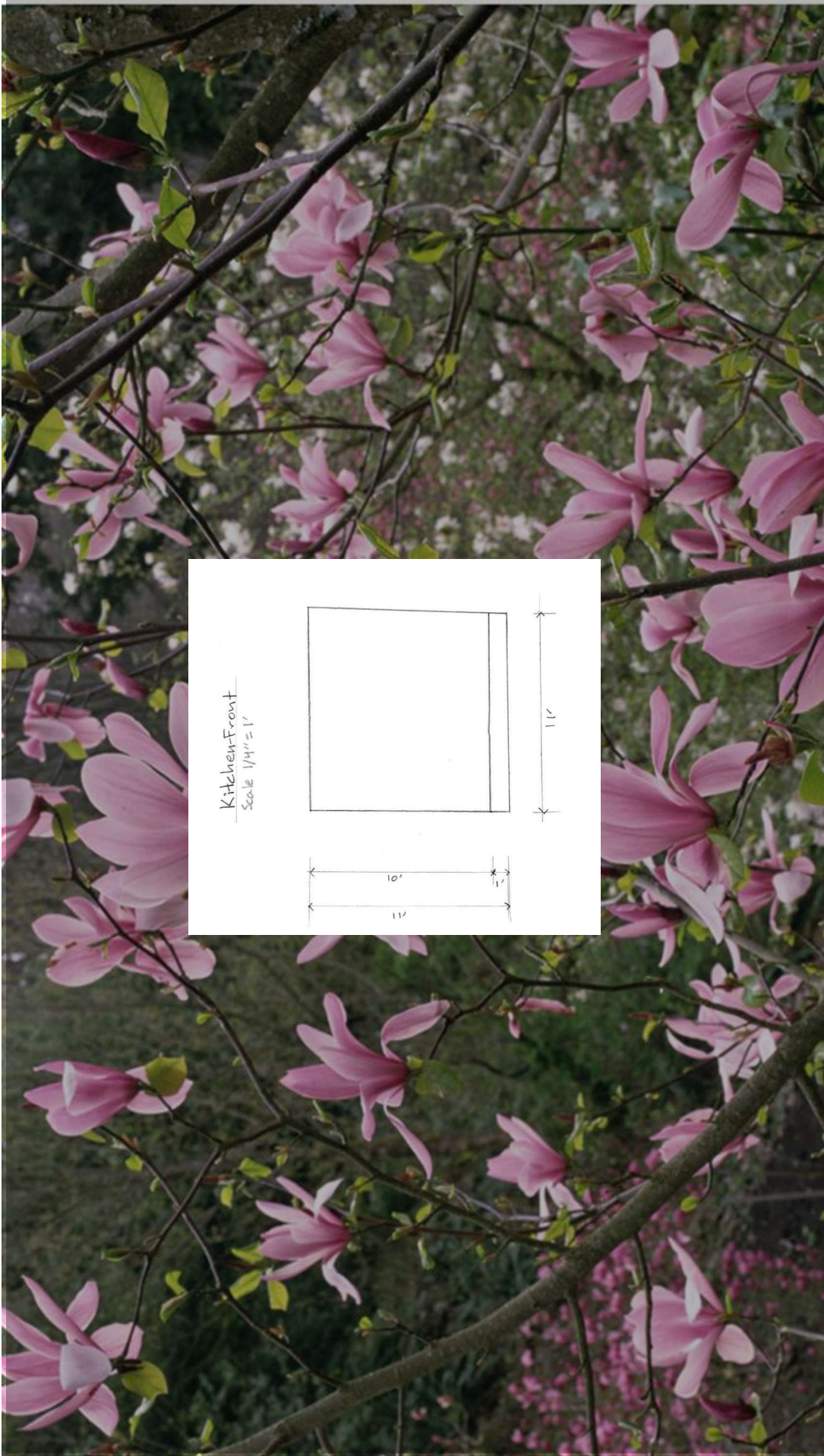
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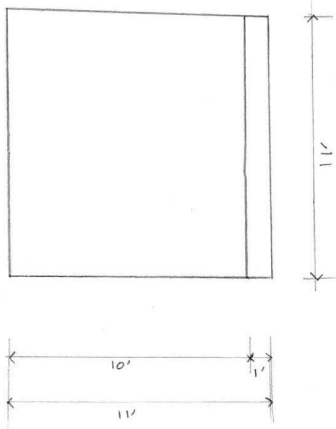


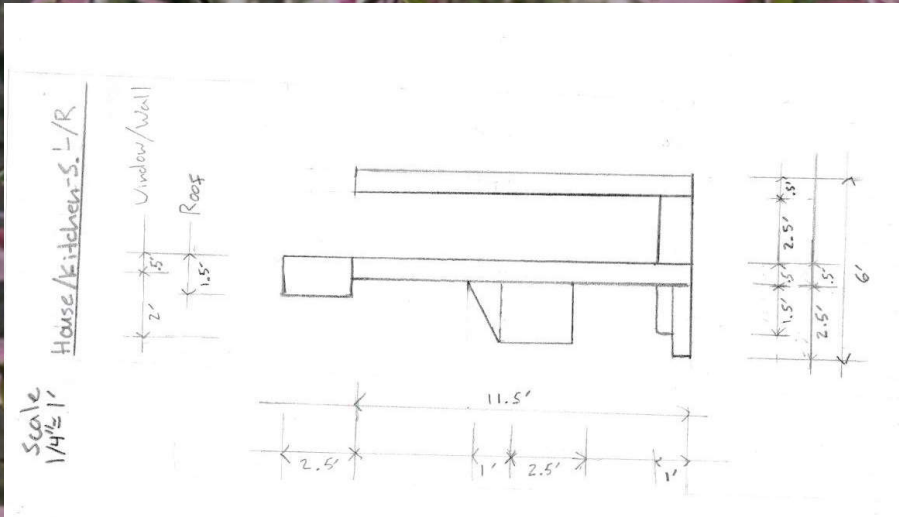


Theater Template:
Neutral Space Ground Plan
Scale = 1/8" = 1'-0"
(Proscenium Width: 40'-0")



Kitchen-Front
Scale 1/4" = 1'





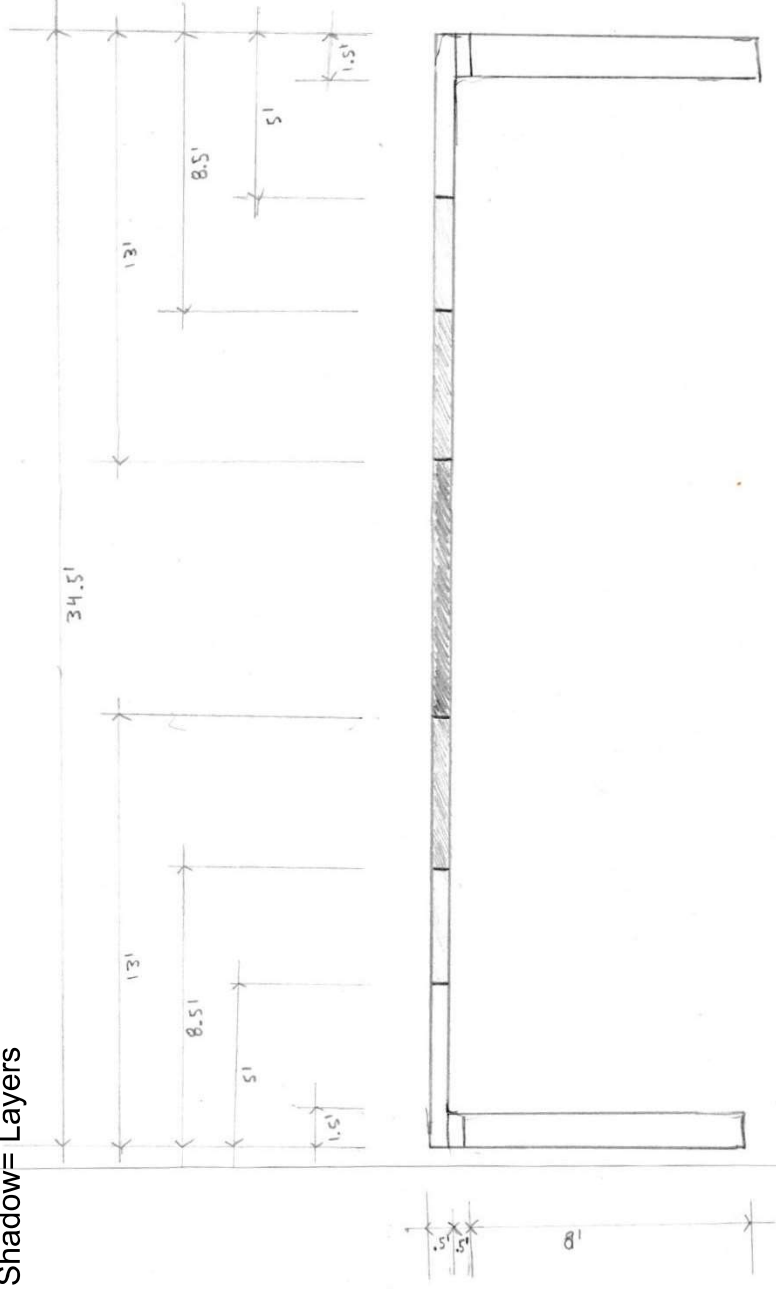
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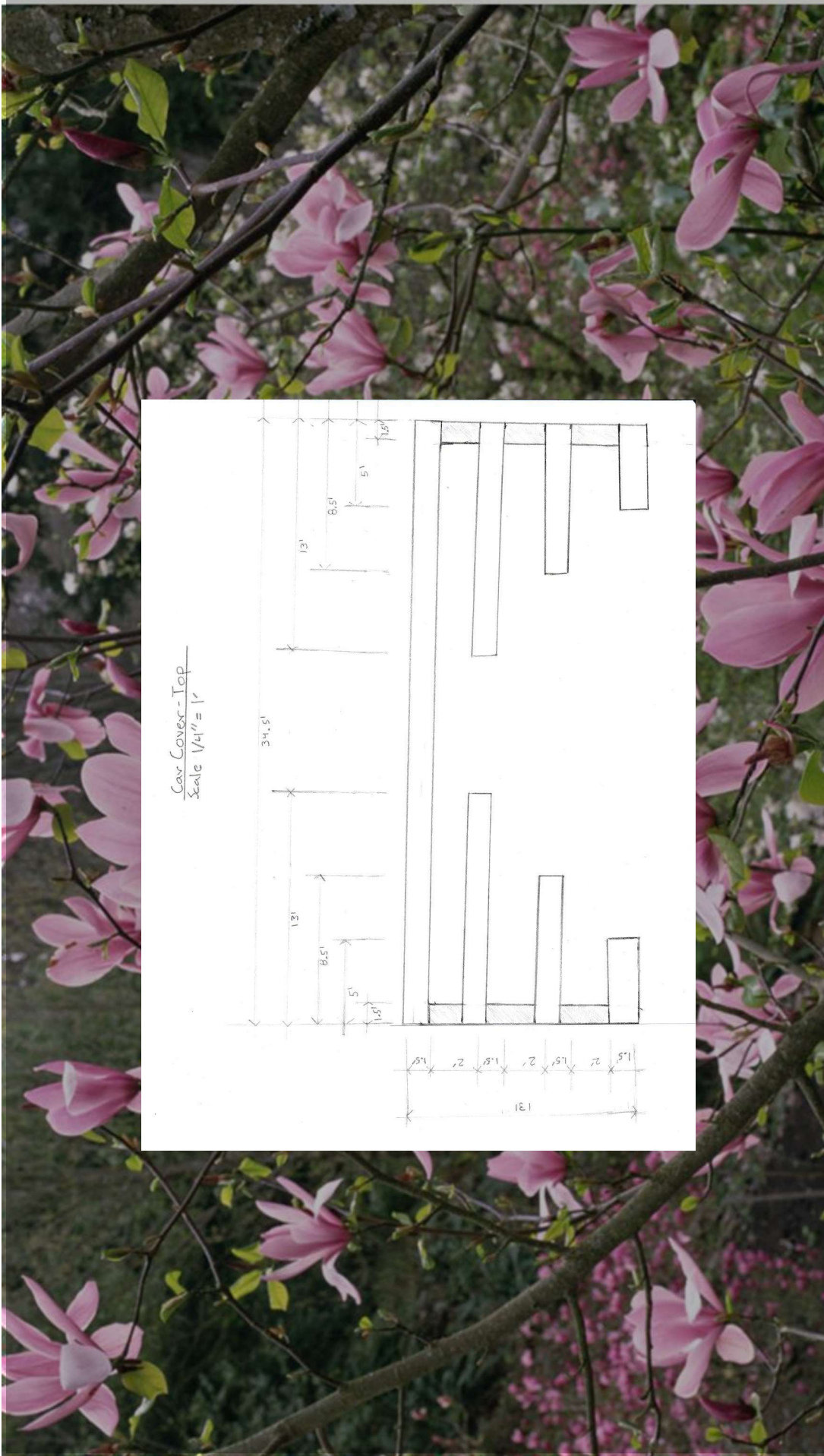
Cross-hatch = Cut

Out

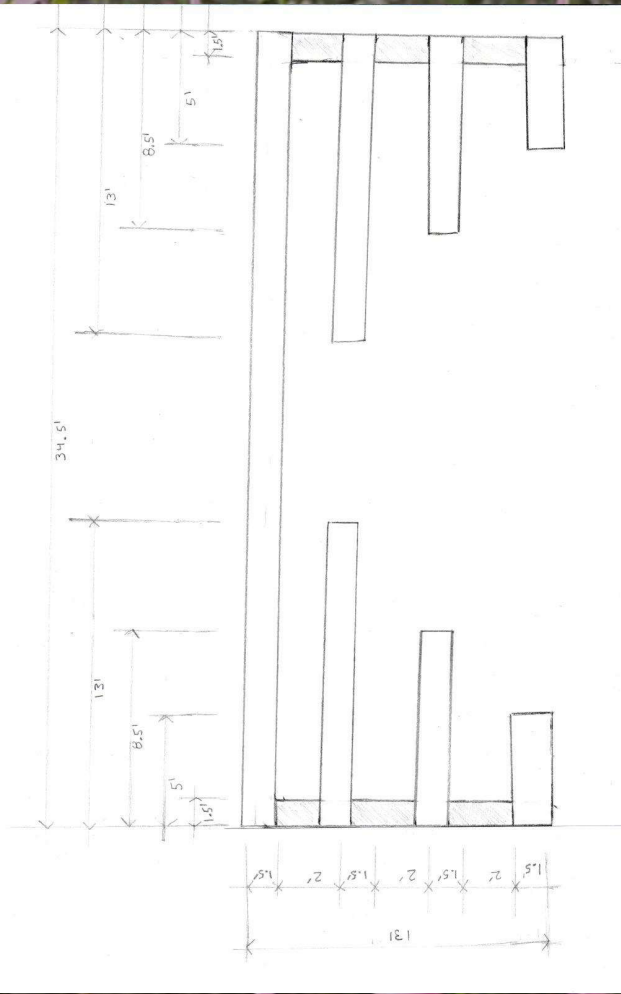
Shadow = Layers

Car Cover - Front
Scale 1/4" = 1'





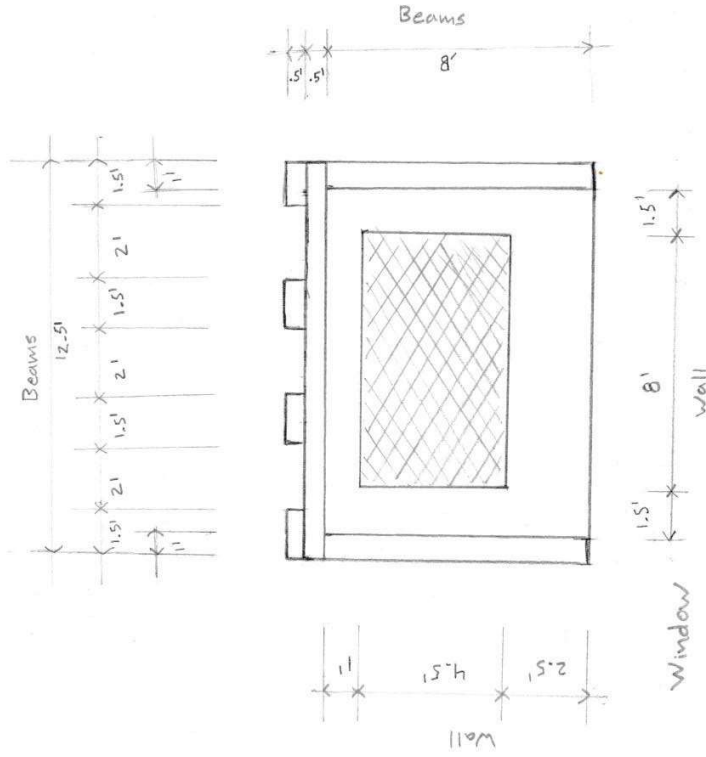
Car Cover - Top
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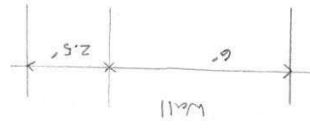
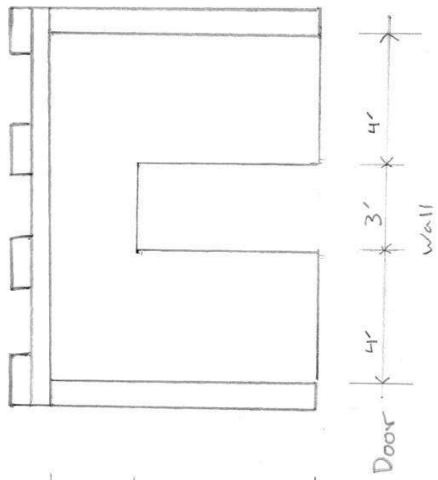
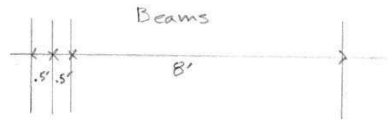
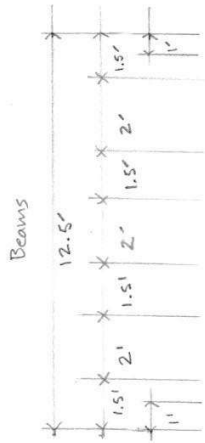
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Cross-hatch=cut Out
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Car Cover- Stage: Left
Scale 1/4"=1'



Car Cover - Stage Right
Scale 1/4" = 1'















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