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# Reflection

The reason I choose this assignment was because I wanted to learn to make things, to improve my physical realisation and aesthetic skills. What I learned from this assignment was may wore than that. Not only did my skills increase immensely, it also changed the way I look at myself and it improved my vision as a designer. I can say without a doubt that this elective has thought me more than any elective has ever done.

## Skills

Even though I have always wanted to make things I often didn't do it, mostly due to time issues or being too scared to fail. This assignment gave me a reason and an excuse to go wild, it not only gave me the task to make things, it motivated me. The entire vibe of the elective was to push us further to ask more from ourselves, I think that this vibe is the main reason I learned so much. Before this elective I often looked at videos of how to woodwork, because of this I had quite a bit of knowledge but not a lot of skills. By finally doing it I noticed that it takes hours and hours to perfect these skills. I think I can say that I learned the basics and perhaps a bit more than that, but it also thought me that I have to keep practicing to make sure these skills develop to the level I want them to be. Since I think as a designer it's impossible to truly design something physically beautiful without ever making it, ever feeling the material, how it works and how to manipulate it. But besides wood-working I also learned how to work with different materials, such as mdf, soapstone and polyester resin. Using these different materials mostly made me feel more comfortable in trying different materials.

## Vision

My vision revolves around curiosity and was mostly focussed on using interaction to trigger and maintain someone's attention and curiosity. During this elective I have learned how easy it is to triggers attention with aesthetic

things. When my final work was lying somewhere on a table almost everyone looked at it or came talk to me about it. This elective has changed my vision to wanting to trigger people's attention and curiosity with aesthetics and maintaining this with the use of interaction.

## Attitude

I used to think that I was my own worst critic, but during this assignment Bart and Joep were. This triggered me to ask even more from myself than I normally do. This triggered me into an even more critic attitude, especially in regard aesthetics. This change in attitude will help me create more beautiful designs in the future, because being able to be critic about your own work will increase the overall quality.

## What could I have done better

There are always things I could have done better, for this elective that was probably the use of the Burdek. Although I did start reading it there was simply not enough time to read it completely, mostly due the amount of time going in to creating the models. I will take the time in the future to finish the entire book, because it contains information every designer should know about.