The Goddess Wearable Art Somaiya School Of Design

How It All Started

Fabri Journey & Personal Insights

Through my fabri journey, I found myself resonating most with concepts that held deep symbolic meanings, and often circled back to my Indian roots.



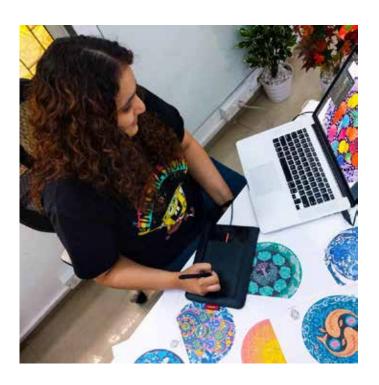
Reason Behind The Idea

As a **digital designer**, my work is typically **flat & screen-based**, but through **Fabricademy**, I wanted to **push my designs beyond the digital realm** and explore **tactile**, **multi- dimensional / textural forms**.

I am widely recognized for my illustrations especially my mandala designs, and my deep fascination with them has also inspired me to pursue a PhD in Buddhist Mandalas.

This project is a step in that direction—bringing my digital skills to life.

Blending technology with handcrafted artistry, I aimed to transform an ancient spiritual symbol into Something physical, wearable and artistic, capturing its cosmic balance and meditative essence.



The Idea

Creating an exclusive, bold jewelry piece inspired by celestial mandalas, infused with elements of nature, divine exploration, and the rich symbolism of cosmic mandalas. This statement accessory showcasing a fusion of digital and traditional fabrication techniques, playing with the contrast of solid and reflective surfaces, as well as the interplay between hard and soft materials.

Exploring the dynamic relationship of light and shadow, sun and moon, this piece embraces the harmony of opposites — bringing balance, calmness, and introspection.

This duality inspired me to integrate their symbolism into the design, capturing the celestial essence through intricate patterns and layered compositions.



The Five W's & One H

Who

Individuals who appreciate wearable art inspired by celestial and nature themes, with a deep connection to Indian culture and mandalas.

What

An exquisite jewelry blending traditional Indian art with modern fabrication techniques.

When

Project initiated during Fabricademy coursework, with a planned timeline for prototype creation, testing, and final production by the end of the course.

Where

Design and Fabrication: Ideated with Skylab Kamarura and production at the FabLab at Somaiya School of Design **Market**: Sold online, at artisan fairs, and in curated boutique stores catering to unique, handcrafted designs.

Why

To be able to **create something tactile**, **symbolic & explore with materials** and find a way to fuse my existing skills with new acknowledge acquired from the Fabri course

How

Craftsmanship: Combining digital & traditional fabrication via digital illustrations, laser cutting, textile scaffolding with weaving with loom DIY room & embroidery

Storytelling: Creating a piece with a narrative that ties celestial and natural elements to Indian heritage

3 Core Learnings



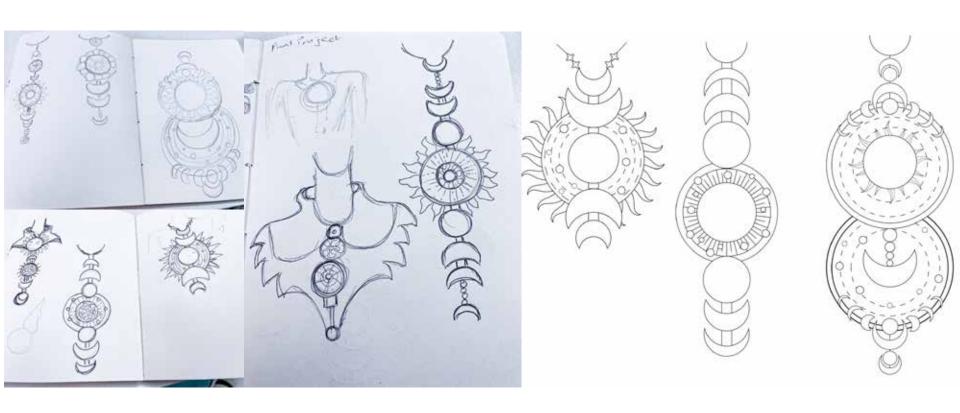




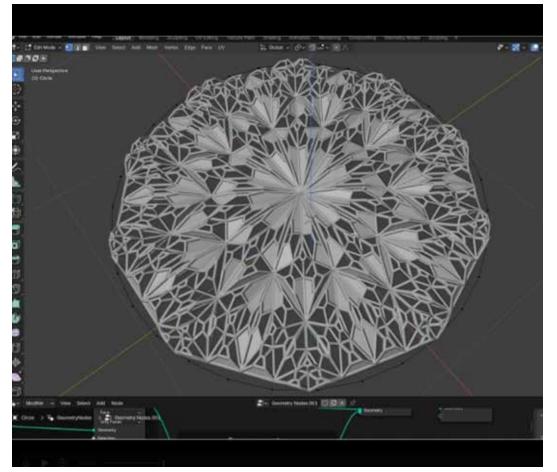


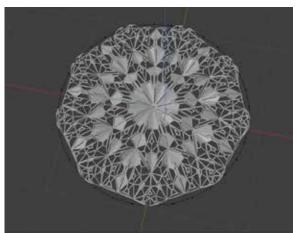
Initial Design Process

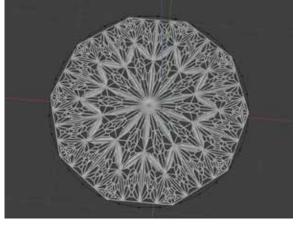
I started out with sketching my cosmic designs and creating digital iterations



Parametric Experiments







Initial Design Process

A quick digital mock up for a scale understanding



Experiments with the Shri Yantra Design



Final Design

This design is a modern interpretation of the Shri Yantra, a sacred symbol representing cosmic order, balance, and spiritual awakening. It embodies the interconnectedness of the universe, weaving themes of transformation, energy, and eternal cycles into a wearable piece of art. By merging sacred geometry with contemporary craftsmanship, the design becomes a bridge between the ancient and the modern, the spiritual and the material.

At its core, the interlocking triangles symbolize the union of divine energies, converging into a singular point of spiritual consciousness. Encased within a protective square with T-shaped gateways, it signifies the passage between realms, inviting balance and transcendence. The golden lotus surrounding the Shri Yantra represents growth and purity, unfolding like the infinite expanse of the cosmos.

The outer cosmic ring integrates celestial pathways and planetary alignments, depicted through delicate geometric arcs and embedded crystals, channeling the universe's rhythmic harmony. The interplay of black and gold reflects the mystery of the cosmos and the brilliance of divine energy, creating a dynamic sense of movement. Celebrating the grandeur of the universe while offering a deeply personal connection to its infinite beauty.



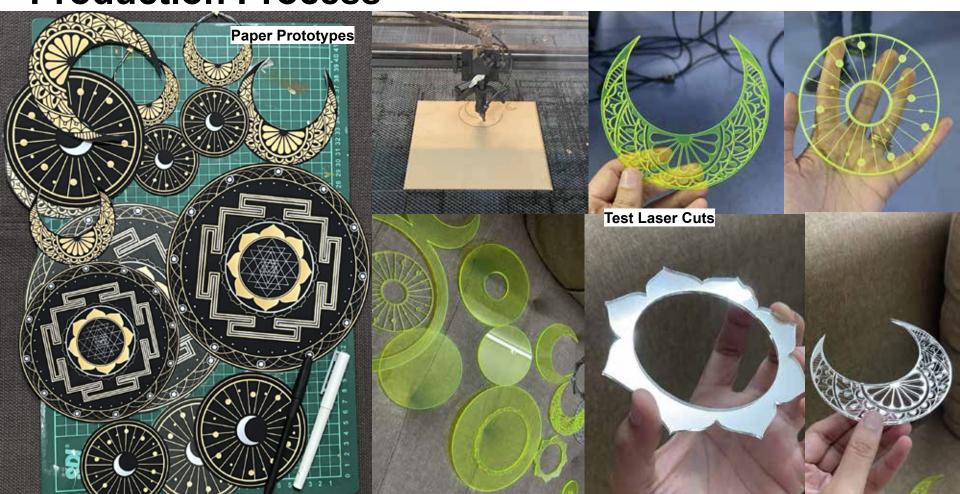
Final Design & Concept

- Inspired by Sacred Geometry & Celestial Elements
- The Shri Yantra Mandala symbolizes cosmic balance & spiritual energy.
- Crescent moons & celestial patterns represent lunar cycles, guidance, and enlightenment.
- Intricate Layering & Symbolism
 - Laser-cut black acrylic base for sharp structure.
 - Reflective gold acrylic layers to enhance depth & contrast.
 - Crystallization techniques for a cosmic shimmer effect.
 - Embroidery with gold & black threads to blend tradition with modern design.
- A Fusion of Tradition & Innovation
 - Combines sacred geometry, digital fabrication, and hand embroidery.
 - A wearable piece that merges spiritual symbolism with contemporary craftsmanship.

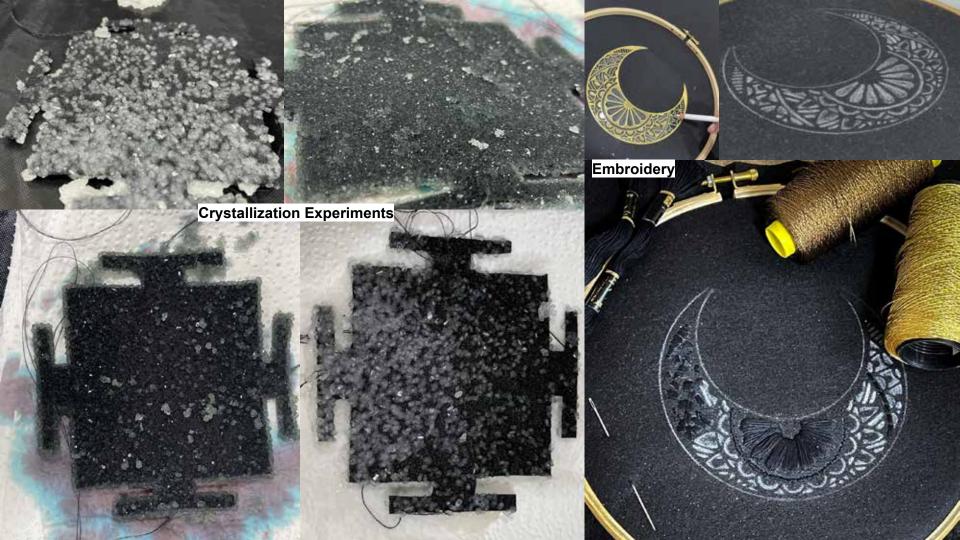




Production Process









Bill Of Materials (BOM)

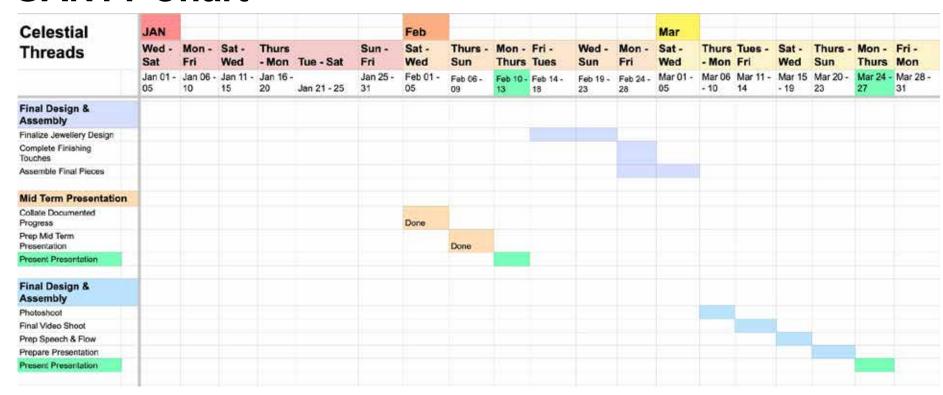
	Item	Cost (Rs)
1	Acrylic (Gold, Silver Reflective & Black - 3 sheets, 2mm thick)	1789
2	Anchor Thread - Black (6 threads)	90
3	Anchor Thread - Gold (25 threads)	399
4	Golden Zari Thread	284
5	Silver Zari Thread	284
6	Bronze Zari Thread	284
7	Silver Zardosi	349
8	Craft Embellishments (Pearls, Beads, Mirrors, etc.)	789
9	Black Felt	100
10	Printed Prototypes	500
11	Borax (1 kg)	337
	Total Cost	5205



GANTT Chart

Celestial	JAN Wed - Sat	Mon - Fri	Sat - Wed	Thurs	Tue - Sat	Sun - Fri	Feb Sat - Wed	Thurs - Sun	Mon - Thurs		Wed - Sun	Mon -	Mar Sat - Wed	Thurs	U. La Contraction	Sat - Wed	Thurs - Sun	Mon - Thurs	
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Research on mandalas and cultural inspiration.	Done																		
Define the project theme and concept.		Done																	
Explore materials, techniques, and sustainability aspects.			Done																
Design Development																			
Sketching initial jewelry designs.	Done	Done																	
Creating digital prototypes			Done																
Experimenting with mandala patterns and forms			Done																
Paper Prototypes & Scale exploration			Done	Done															
Material Selection & Testing																			
Narrow down materials				Done															
Test materials																			
Laser Cutting					Done														
Weaving						Done													
Borax Cyrstals																			
Prototyping																			
Create Inital Prototypes							Done												
Assemble & Test								Done											
Evaluate & Refine																			

GANTT Chart



Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g84qssu69DbcnYoXOqOtPRjMFBzuzlk3aWtG41_lh0s/edit?gid=0#qid=0

Way Forward

Tasks Completed:

- Concept
- Material Exploration
- Laser Cutting
- Budget
- GANTT Chart

On Going:

- Final Embroidery
- 3D pen exploration Crystal Refinement
- Additional Embellishments
- Final Assembly

Up Next:

- Video Production
- Photoshoot
- Final Presentation



