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SPATIAL EXPERIENCE OF TAILOR-FIT SPACE

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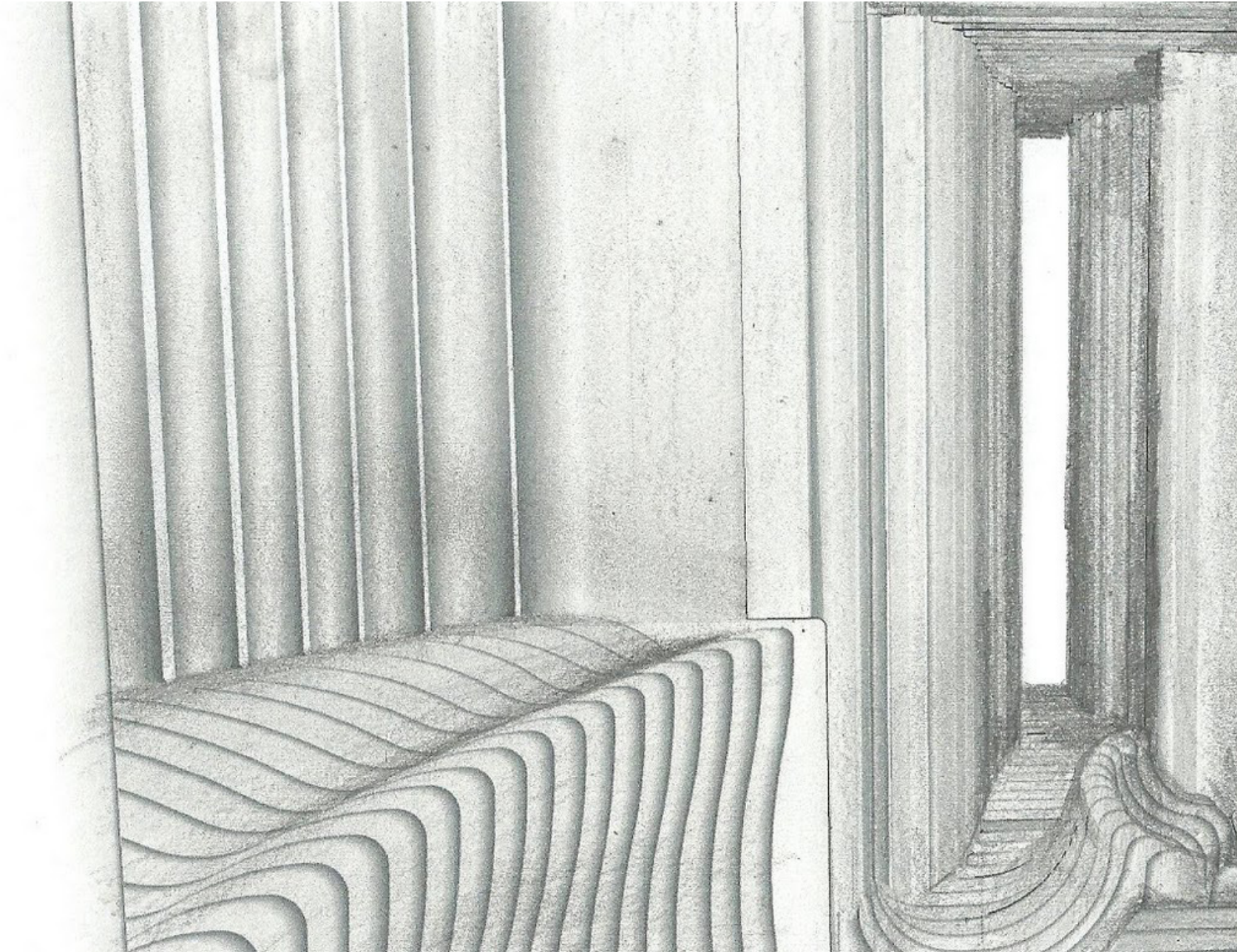


Figure 1. Hand rendering over SketchUp visualization looking through bathroom design. Smith, L. (2011).



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Figure 2. Image of bathtub with 'soap mould'. Santos Quartino, D. (2008).

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ABSTRACT

The contemporary domestic bathroom is a place where function and ritual coincide with the body and mass-produced industrial products; but, what about the bathroom as a whole? The bathroom has become a place to perform certain rituals, rather than a room to occupy one's rituals.

My personal experiences of the standardized domestic bathroom have encouraged me to test the boundaries, forms, aesthetics, and functions of what is commonly understood to be a bathroom.

This research explores this interface in the redesign of my standardized domestic bathroom where I use my own body and domestic rituals to investigate the potential for a bathroom design that is tailor-fit to its user.

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