



LONG DISTANCE FAMILY

My family is a “long distance family”. The four of us have been living in three different cities and countries since a long time ago. I find myself always on the road and traveling, feel like been living out of suitcases my entire life.



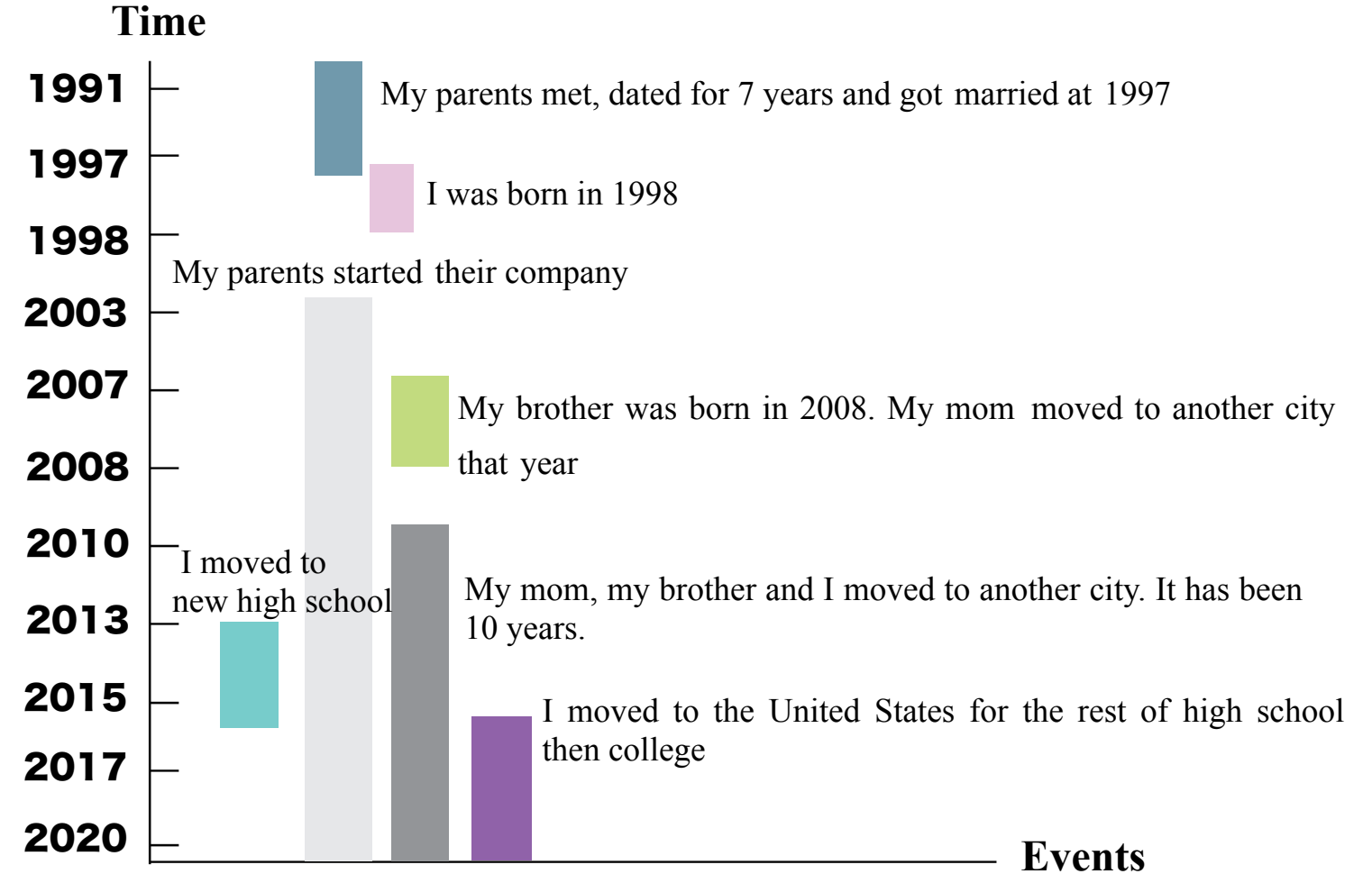
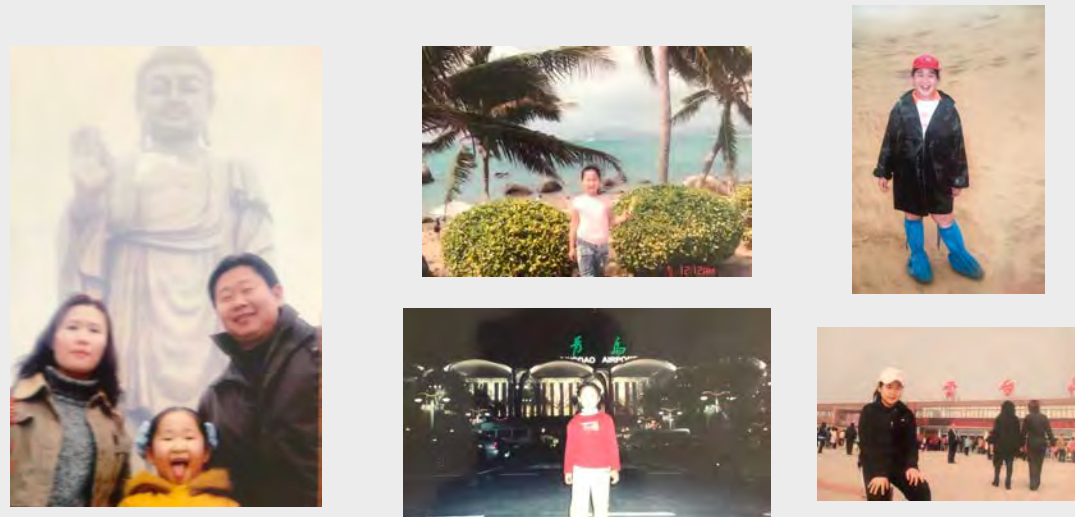
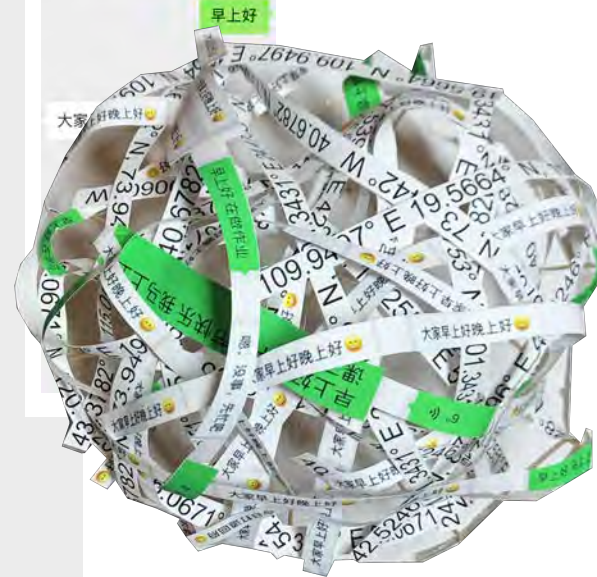
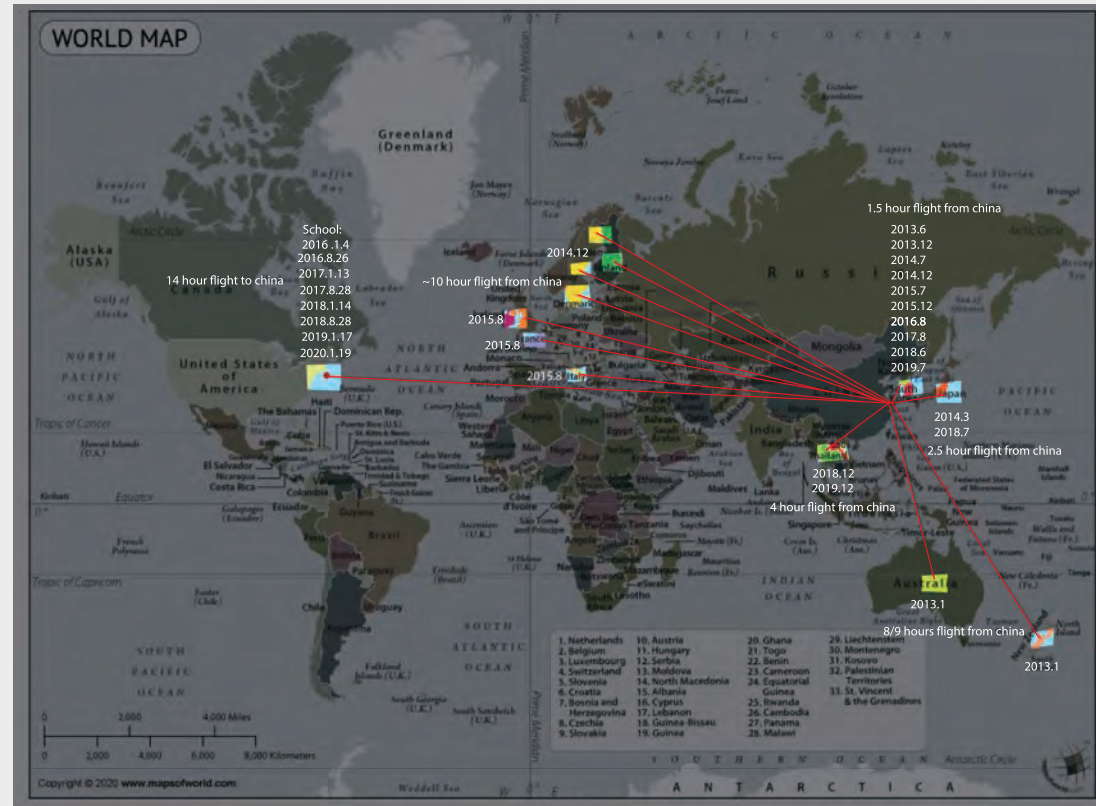








World map and maps of my two home towns and map of NYC to Philly



When I was little I was always traveling around staying with different relatives. As I grow a little older, I moved across the globe to study in high school and college, my family decide to set a tradition of texting in the group chat everyday: “Good morning and evening, everyone” is what everyone says. And I respond “Morning, doing my homework (emoji)”.



2001

There were only three of us in 2001.



2008

My brother was born. We became a family of four.

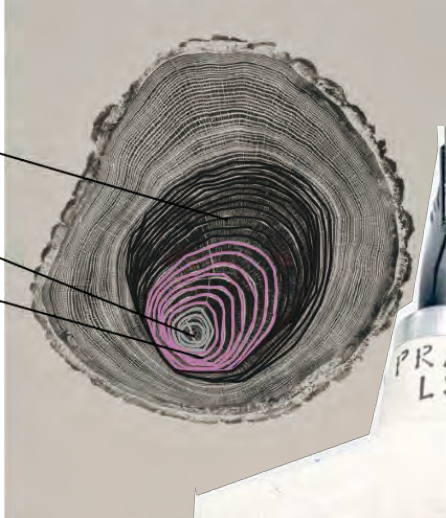


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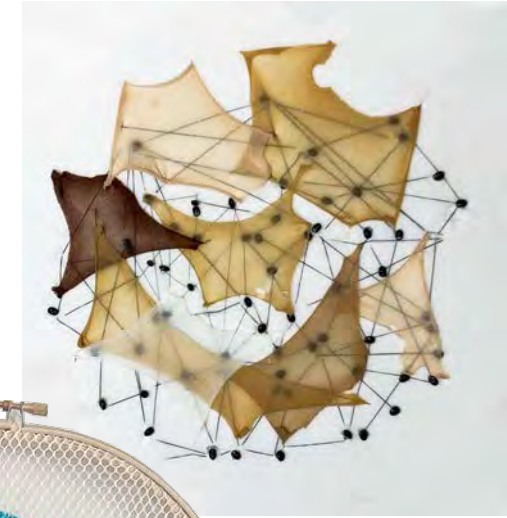
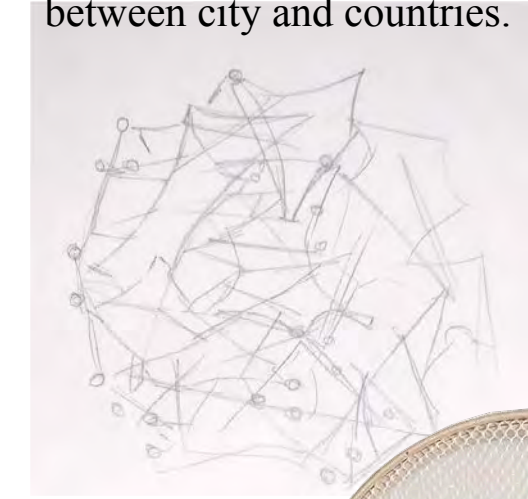
We were on a trip in 2019, it has been almost a year since I last saw them.



My clothes in the past twenty one years, every circle compared to tree's growth ring.



Stockings, threads and black beads represent going back and forth between city and countries.

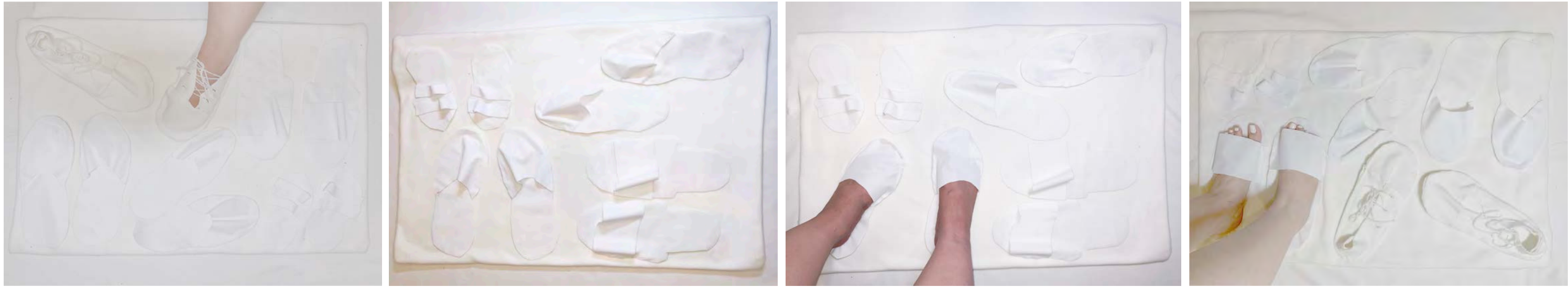


Embroidered cities onto fabric

The horizontal white threads represent different places I stayed, the colorful threads are my connections with them.

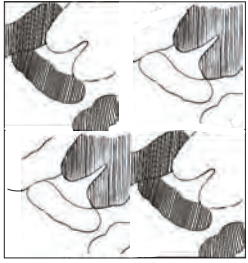
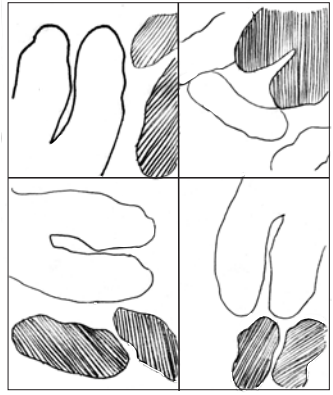


Three family photos within the last 20 years. Each photo attached threads connecting every family members' clothing at the time. This to represent the long distance family.

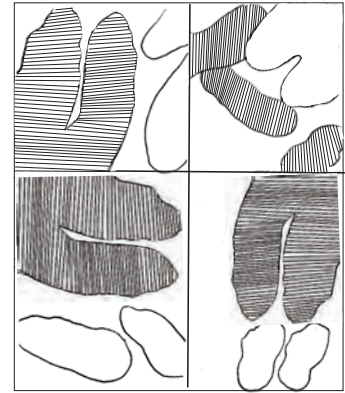
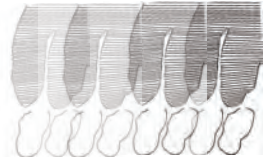


This set of photos represents a shoe mat and on that mat there is always someone putting shoes on meaning they are getting ready to leave, and or someone is putting on home sides meaning they just got back to an empty home. On rare occasions, no one is trying to wear the shoes because we are all home.

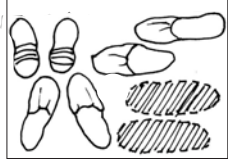
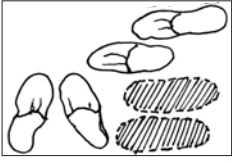
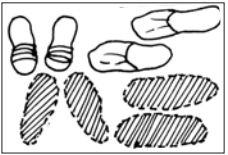
When I Miss My Family
思念关系图



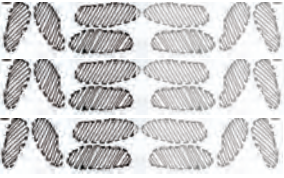
When my family misses me



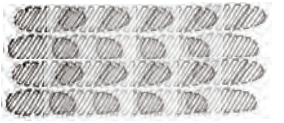
The "Transparent" family member



When there were three of us

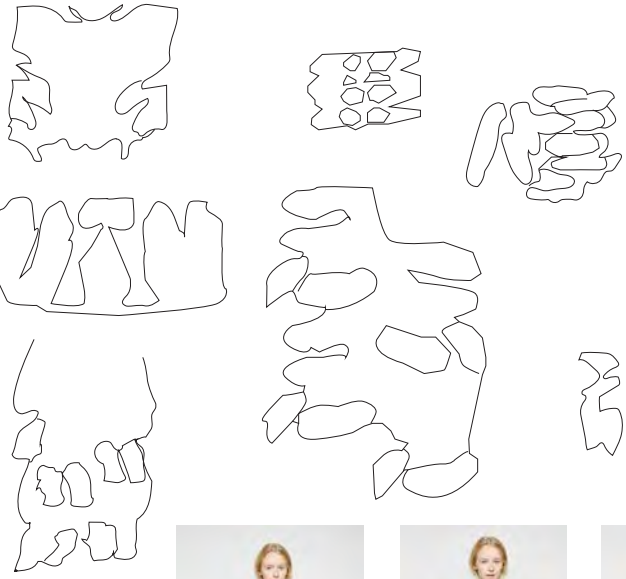


come and go

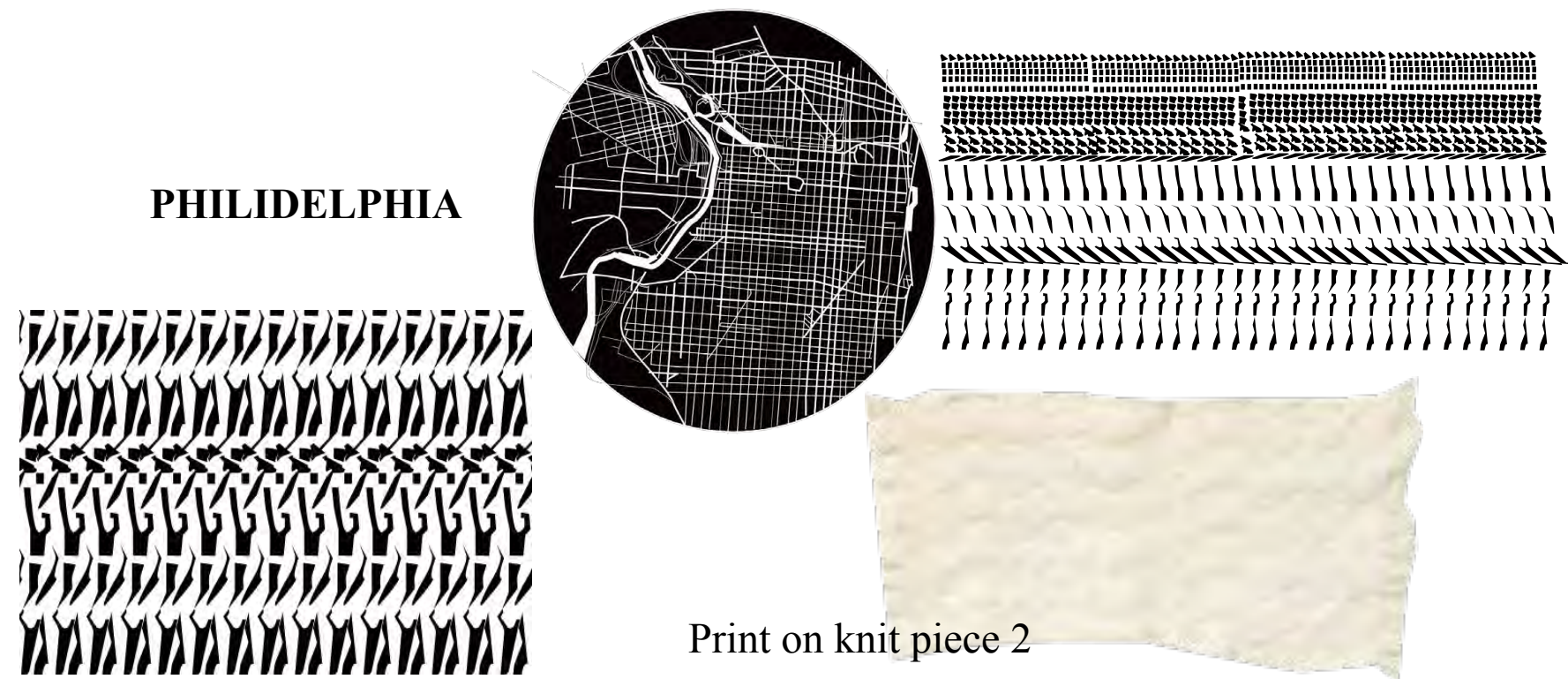
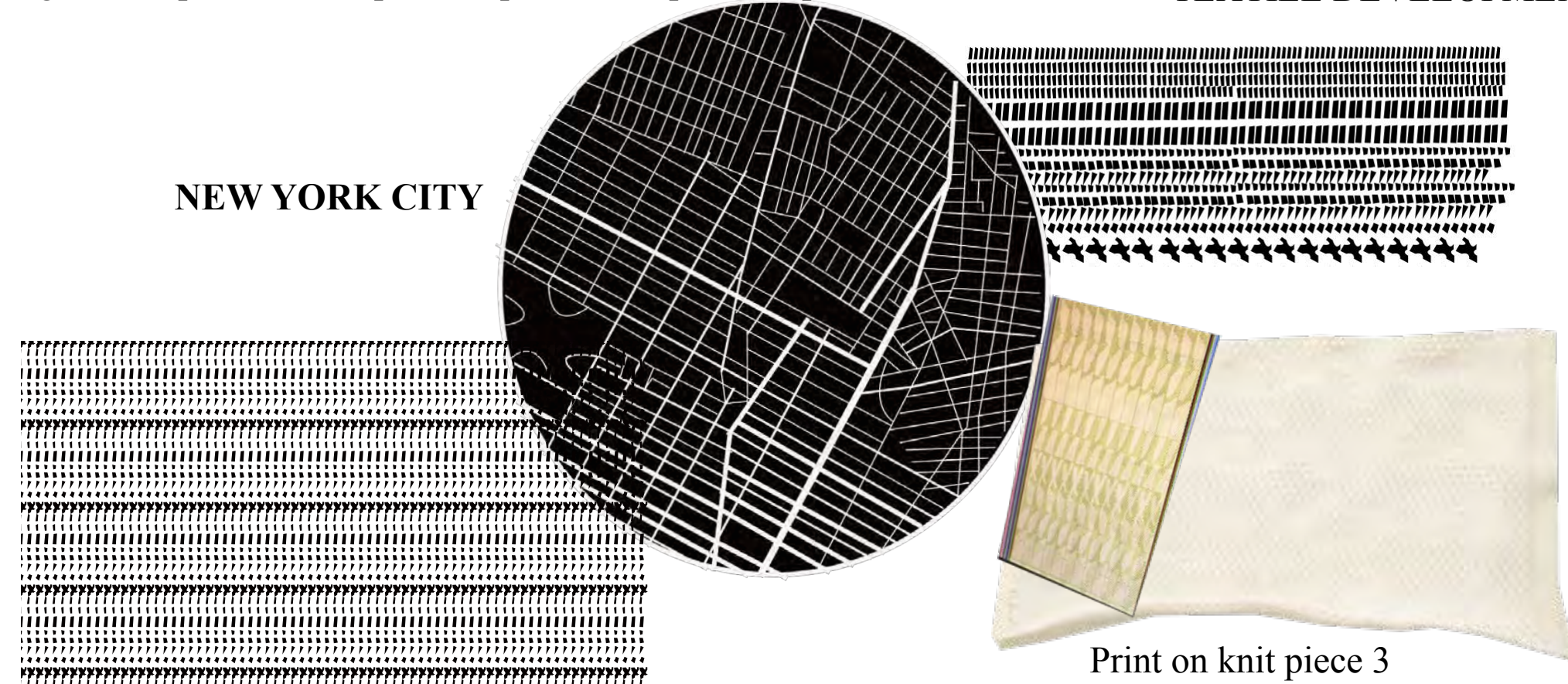
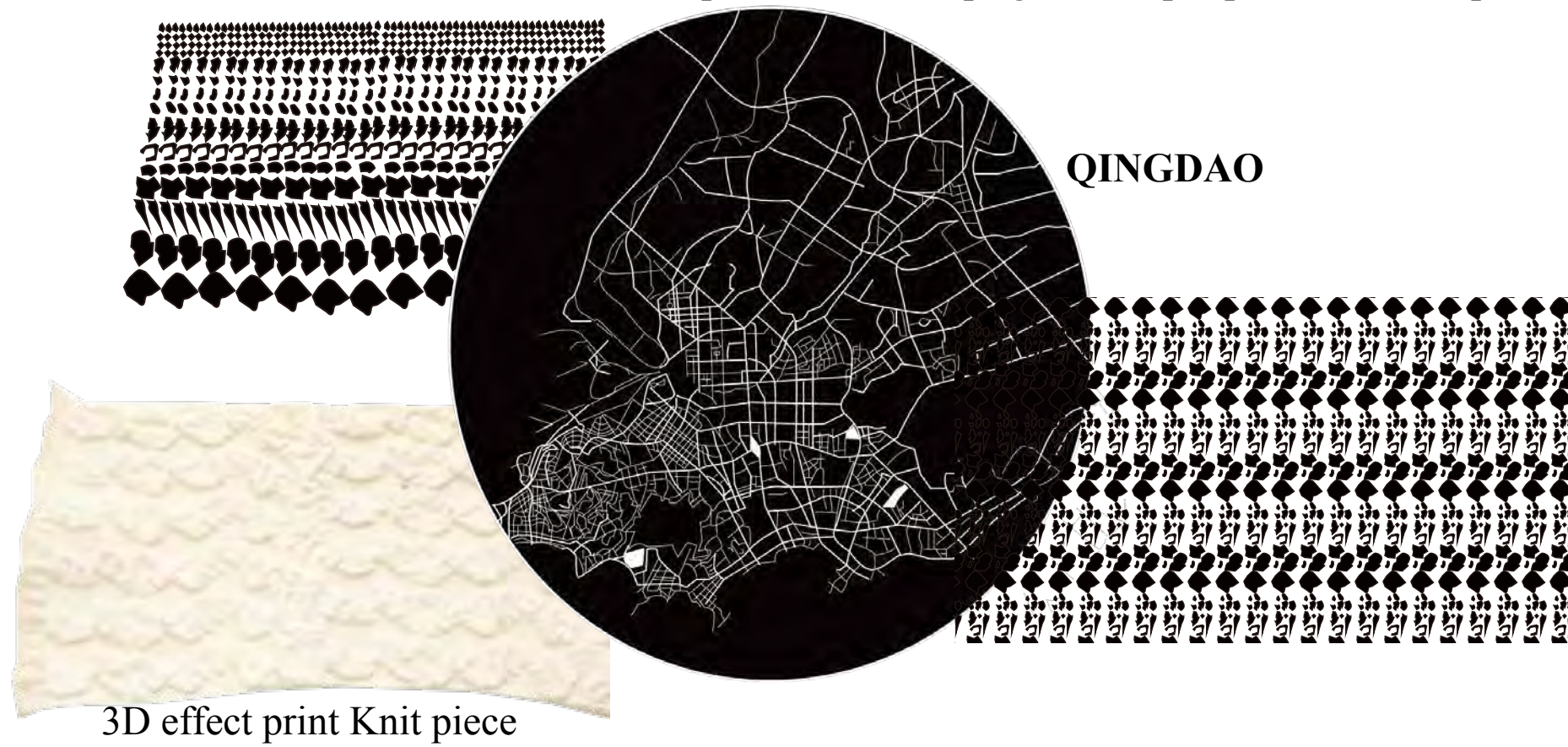


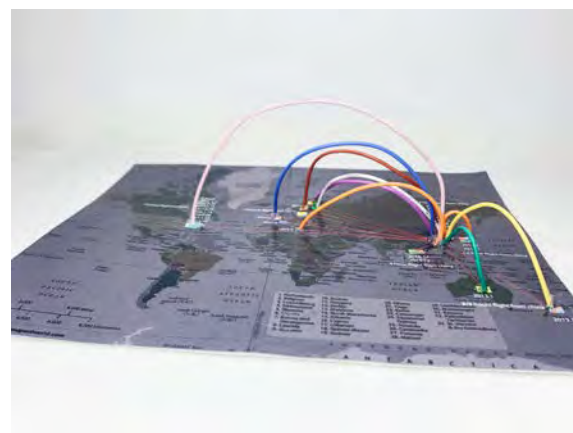
Dad's "parallel" life style

Connect our thoughts about missing each other

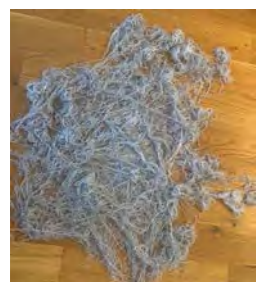
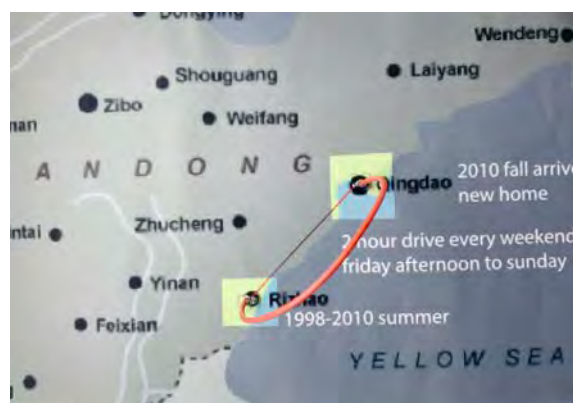


Step1: draw the maps grids. Step2: pick out all shapes from the grids. Step3: make shapes into pattern. Step 4: knit pattern.



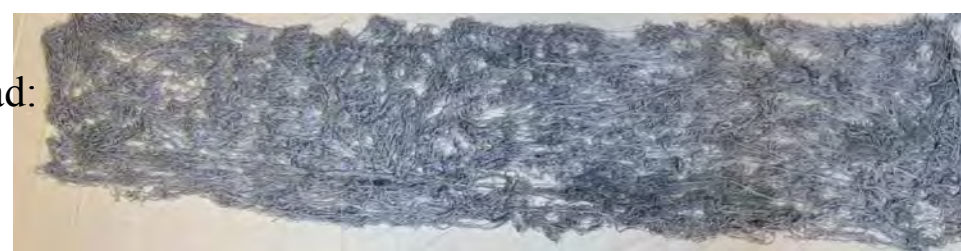


Colorful wires represent the path from places to places.

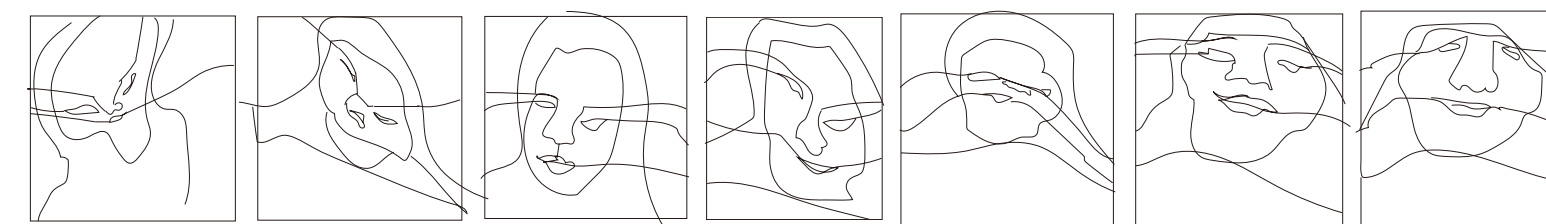


Unwinding threads represent the distance between my two hometowns.

Distance:44.8km
 One cone of thread:
 2.5 km
 17 cones of threads



Printing my face on a sheet of chiffon and hang the corners on the wall. Then placing a fan underneath to blow the chiffon while getting different facial expressions on my face. This represents my emotions I go through when I'm not with my family.



Clay molding, fabric molding, vegetable tanning leather molding & knit pattern design

