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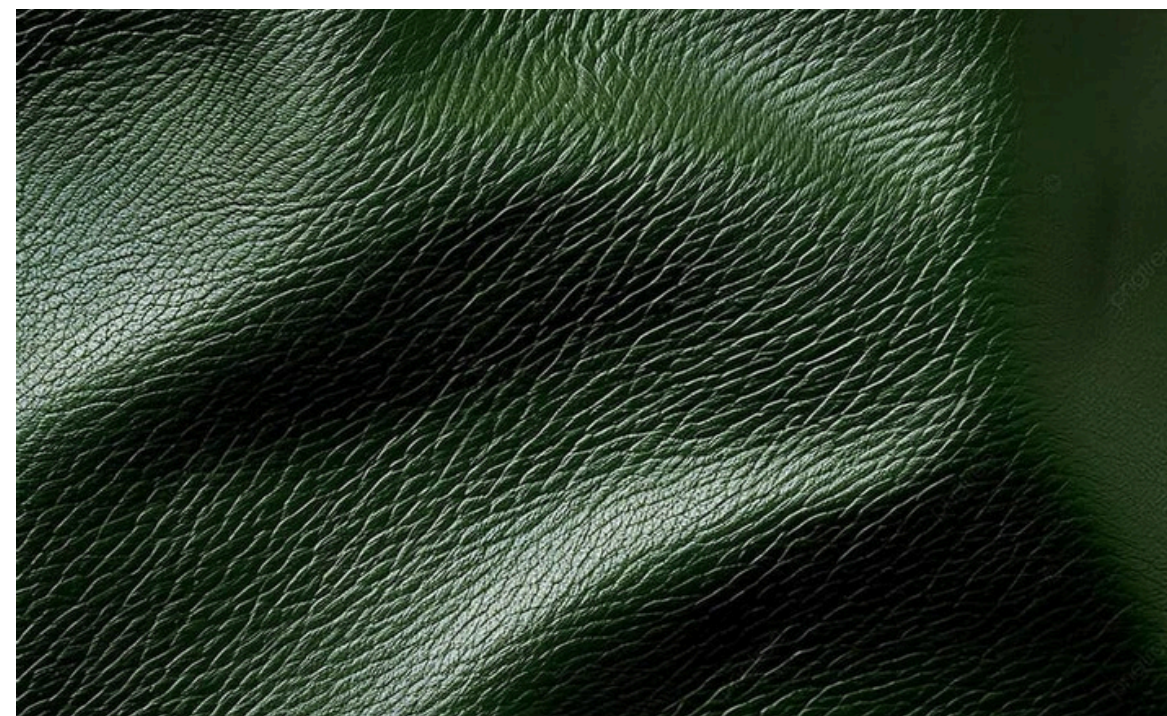
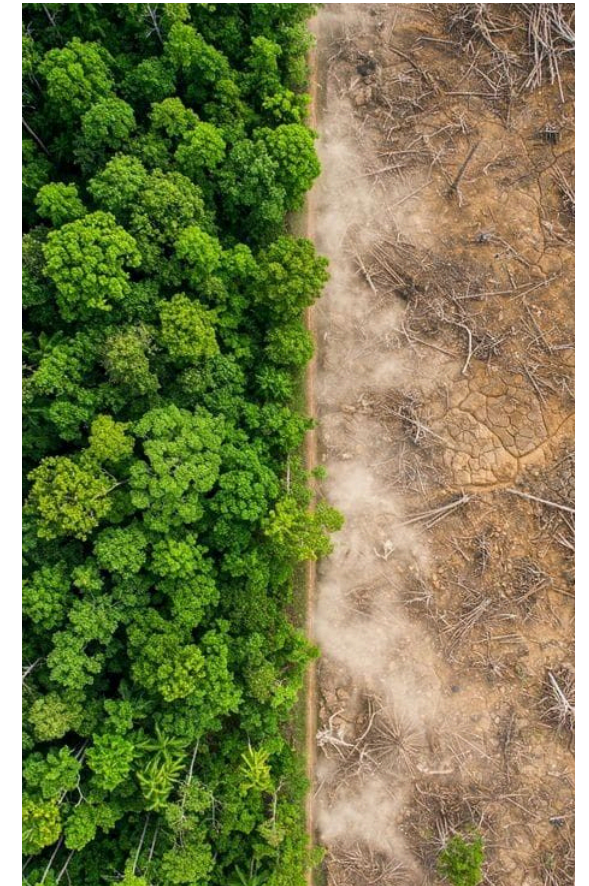
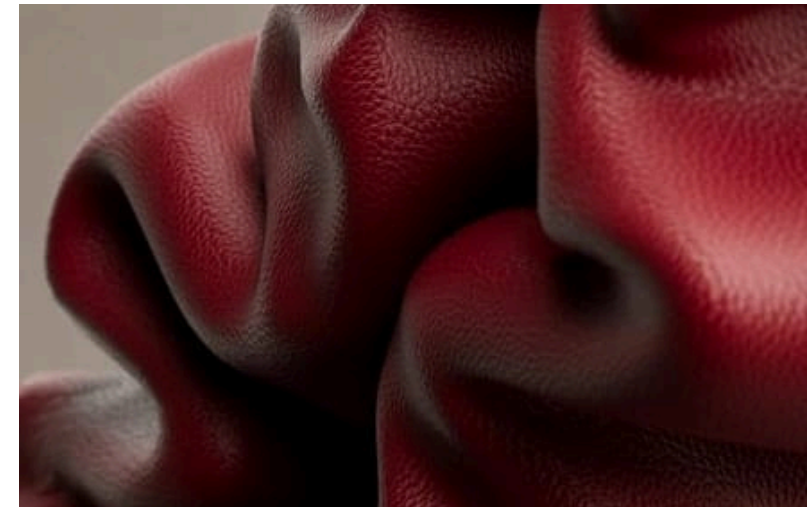
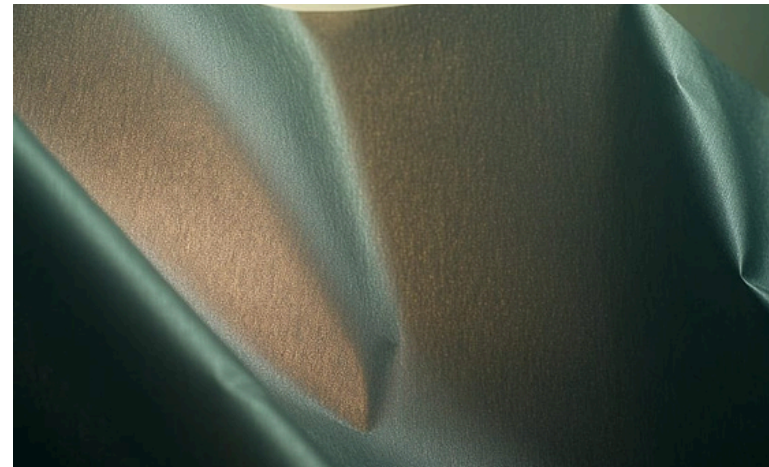
GREEN
WALL IN
RED



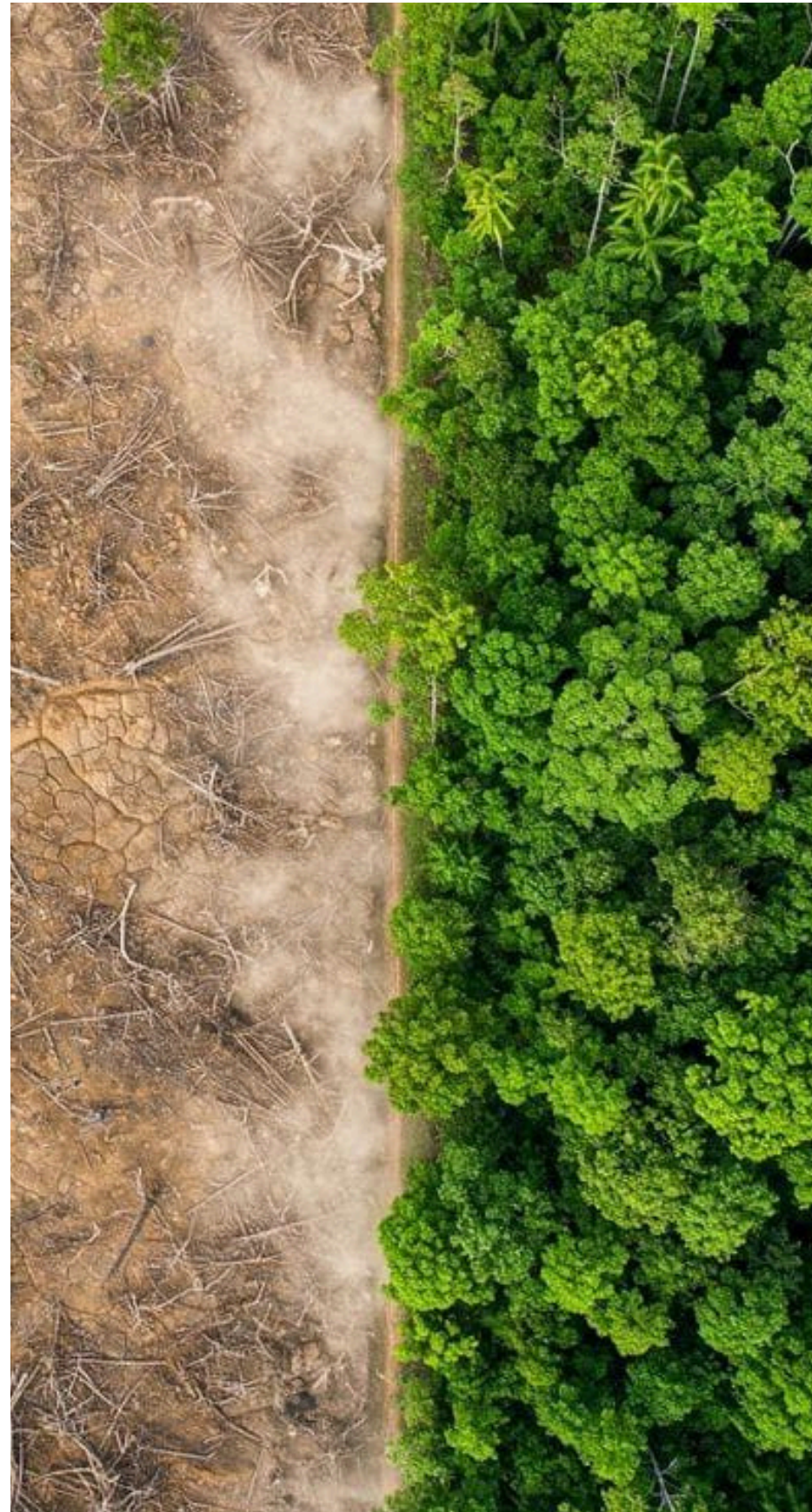
INTRODUCTION

I am a product designer at the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. I like looking for the positive even in the most disheartening of times. The world at the moment is at such a place. But...if you look keenly, through a different perspective, or lens...you might just find something that gives hope.

MOOD BOARD



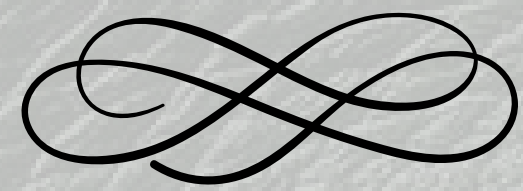
- In the spirit of seeing the good even amidst the bad things...here's something good.
- China is creating a “Great Green Wall” which is an ecological project to stop the expansion of the Gobi and Taklamakan deserts.
- The project is possible with the help of volunteers and workers who are planting drought resistant trees and other vegetation.
- It's like a green belt, but contextually, geographically speaking, the ‘wall’ would make more sense.

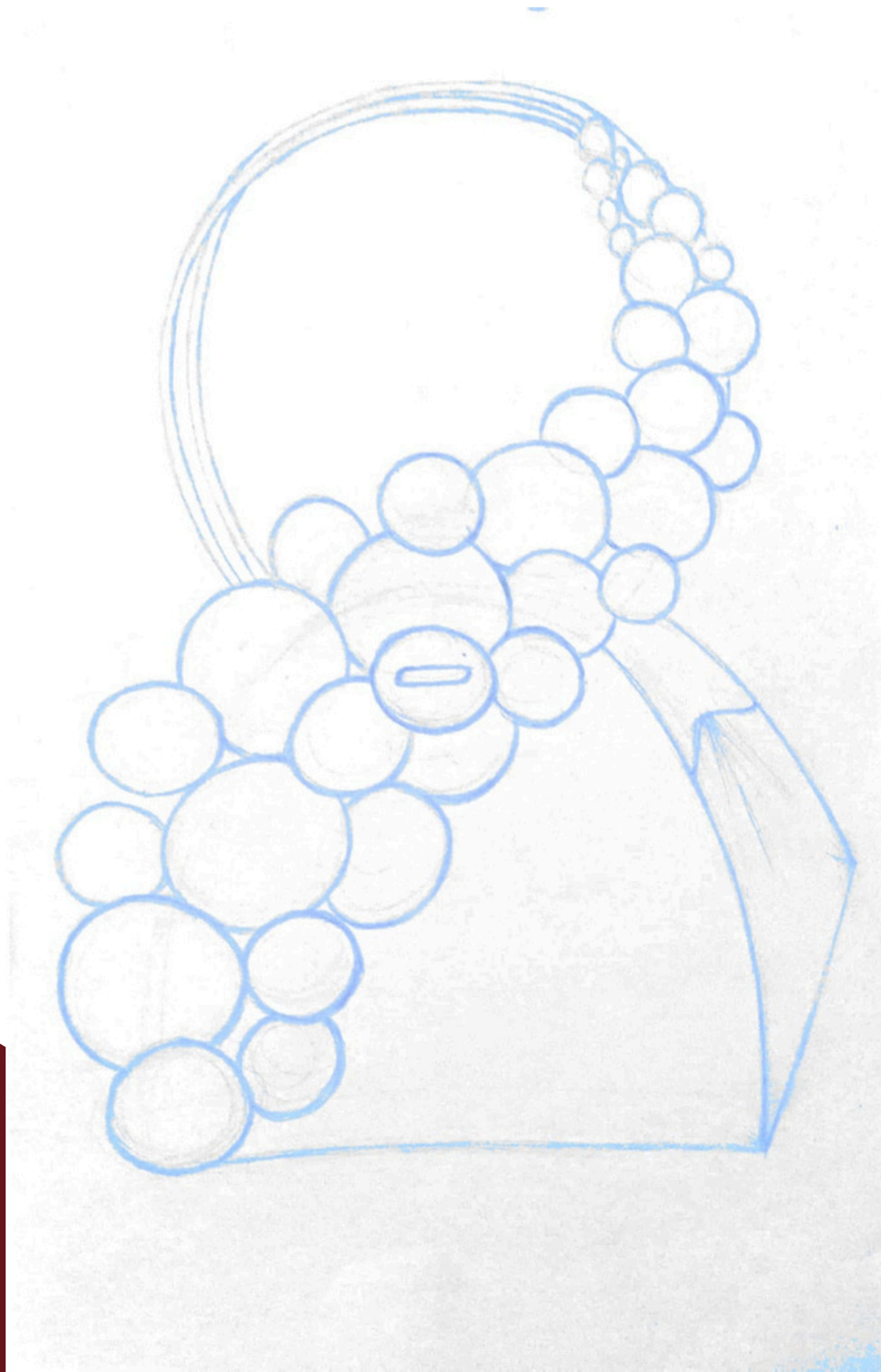


Images showing the “Great Green Wall” of China



SKETCHES



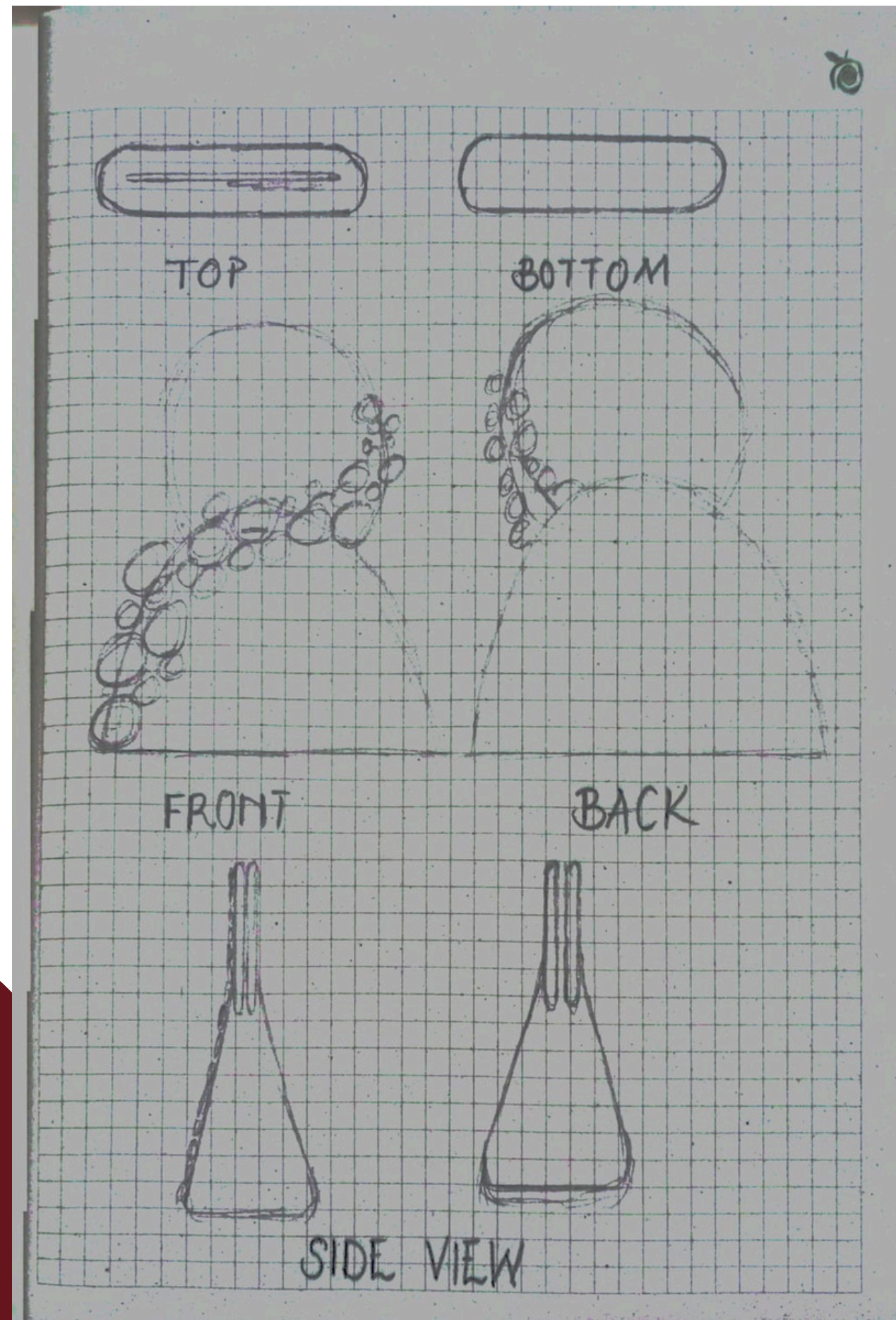


BAG SKETCH

Based on the “Green Wall of China” inspiration, the bag is made of red circles which represents the trees across the visual center of the bag.

The color red used for the ‘trees’ is symbolism for the country inspiring the story, China. It is also placed strategically due to the fact that it pops against the green background which forms the body of the bag.

The handle is made out of brass which provides an earth tone, representing the deserts of Gobi and Taklamakan

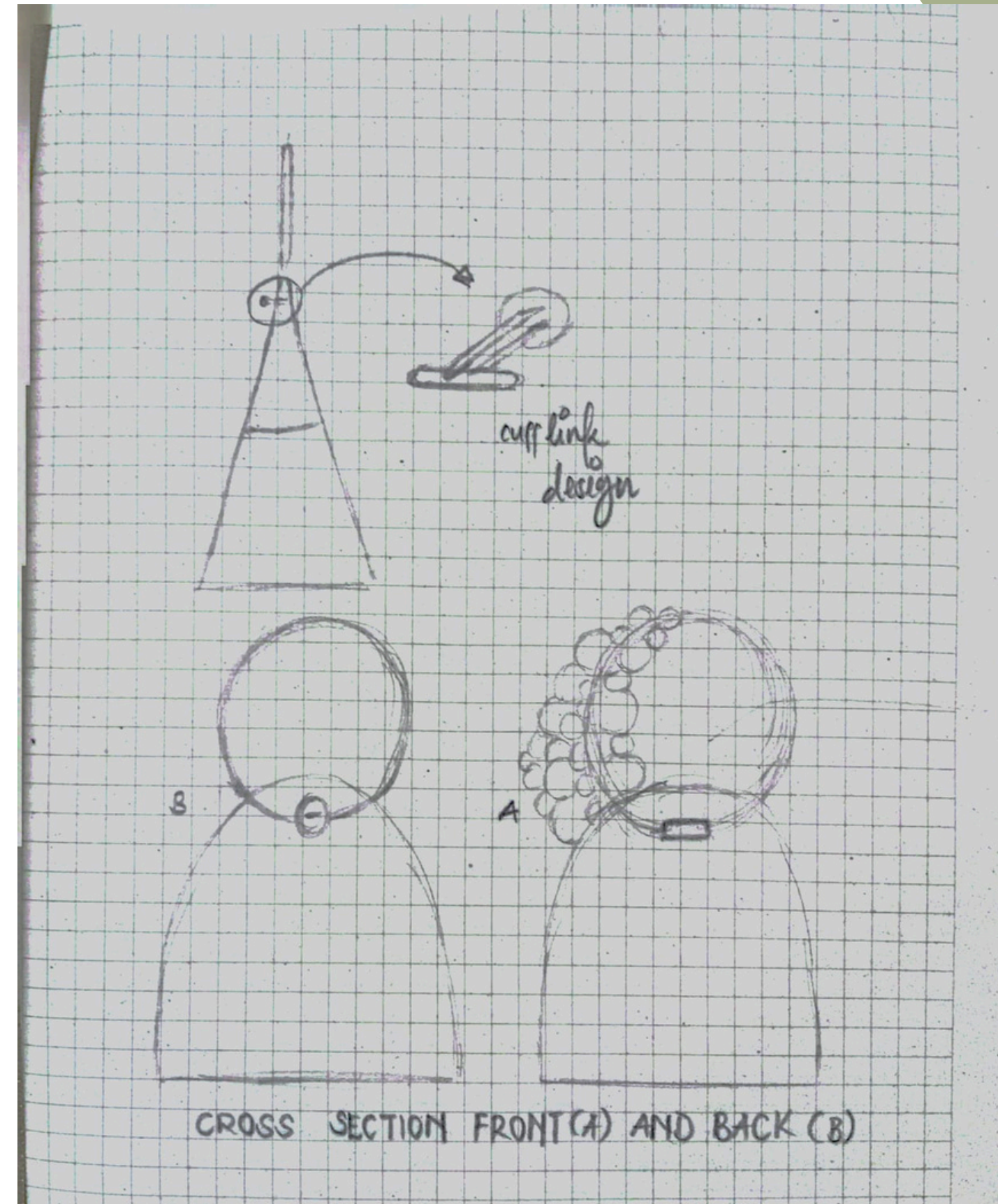


DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE BAG

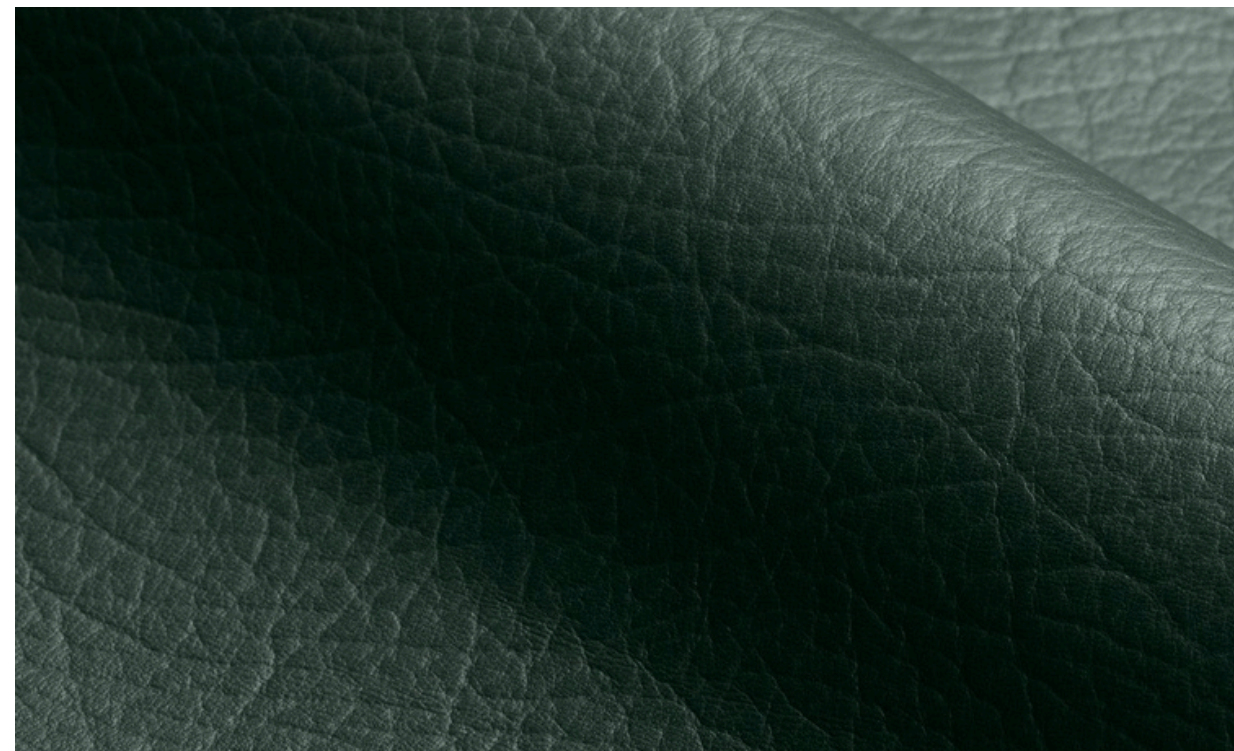
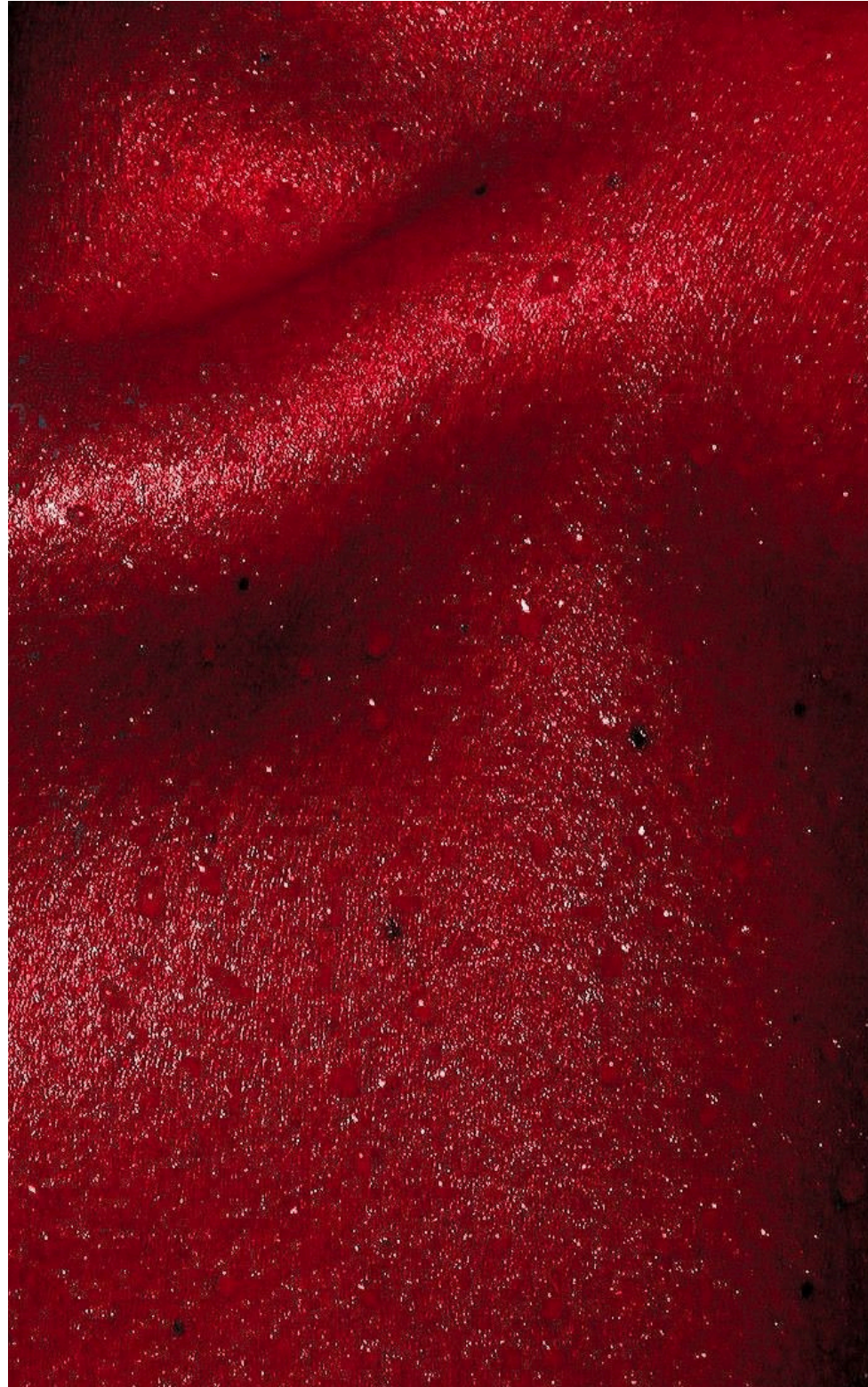
The sketches here show the different sides of the bag from an aerial view, a bottom view, the front, back and both sides.

LATCH MECHANISM AND CROSS- SECTIONAL VIEW

The sketches here show the latch mechanism. It inspired by the classic design of a cufflink and will be made out of brass which is readily available within my country, Kenya and has such an attractive earth-toned gloss. They also show the cross-sectional view of the bag from the front and the back.



MATERIALS





FINAL PRODUCT

This is the final
product as rendered
on Leonardo.AI