

UNBOUND

FEMININE STRENGTH IN LEATHER FORM

PROJECT CONCEPT

- ▶ This design concept explores the strength, resilience and identity women carry within themselves.
- ▶ The project challenges traditional ideas that associate femininity only with softness by representing it as powerful, fearless, expressive and self-denied
- ▶ Through the fusion of leather and Ankara fabric ,the design creates a visual balance between structure and fluidity , authority and expression, strength and femininity.
- ▶ Leather serves as the dominant material within the design due to its durability , structure and a commanding presence.
- ▶ Leather symbolizes the emotional strength women possess while navigating societal expectations and limitations.
- ▶ Ankara fabric is incorporated to represent culture, identity , vibrancy and self expression .Traditionally connected to feminine fashion and African heritage.
- ▶ The asymmetrical nature of the garment symbolizes the complexity of womanhood and the balance between vulnerability and resilience.
- ▶ Every detail within the design contributes to the message that femininity should not be confined to one definition. Instead , it can exist boldly , freely and powerful.
- ▶ Ultimately, UNBOUND is more than a fashion piece ; it is a statement of liberation, identity and empowerment.
- ▶ The project transforms inner strength into visible form as a medium to express confidence , presence and the evolving power of women in contemporary society.

Inspiration

The inspiration behind UNBOUND comes from the silent strength women carry everyday while navigating societal expectations, pressure, limitations.

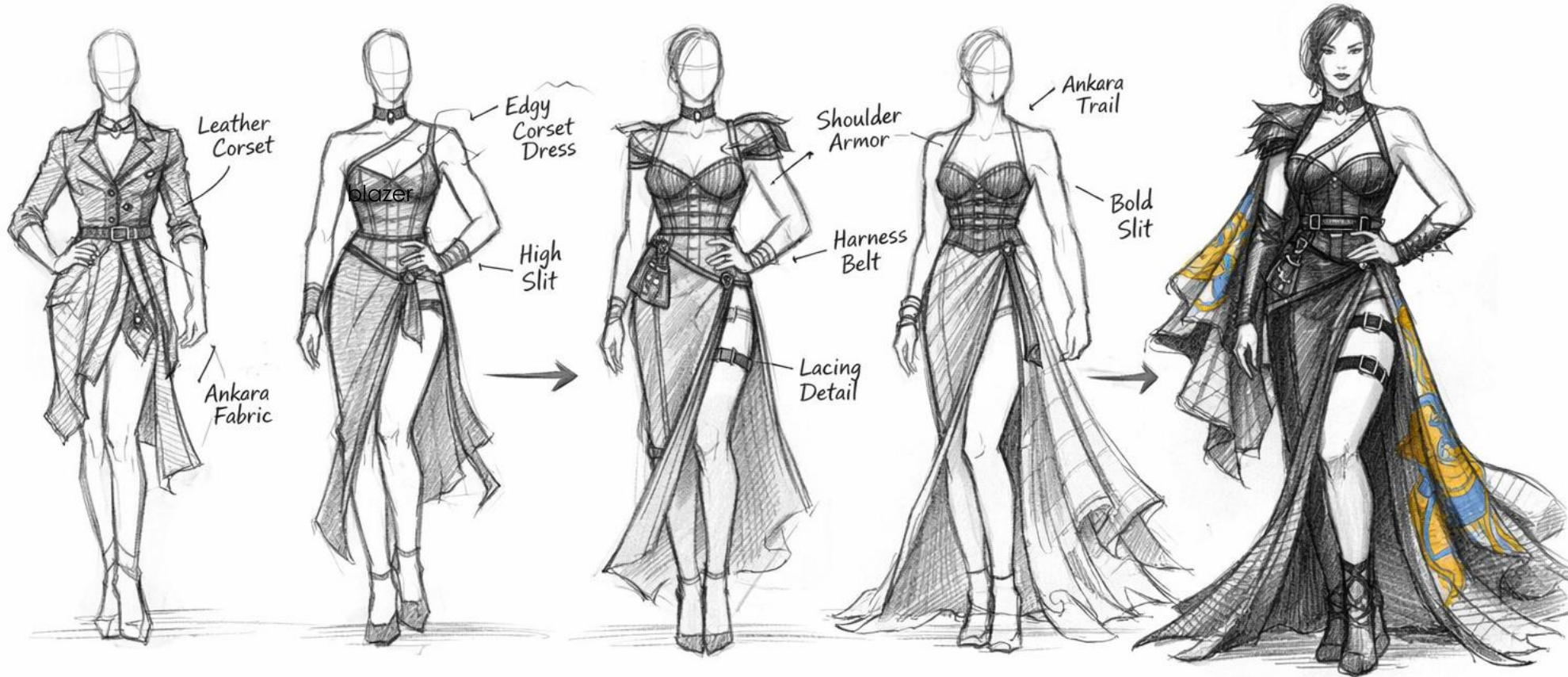
The concept was inspired by the idea that femininity should be not defined by only softness but also resilience, confidence, leadership and self expression.

Leather, with its bold and commanding presence reflects this extended definition of femininity.

The fusion of leather and Ankara is inspired by the belief that women should not be forced to choose between strength and femininity.



Concept visualization and design evolution



Concept
Exploration

Silhouette
& Structure

Details &
Elements

Symbolism
& Flow

Final Design
UNBOUND

Key elements

Shoulder armor- representing courage and protection. Women carry strength while navigating challenges.

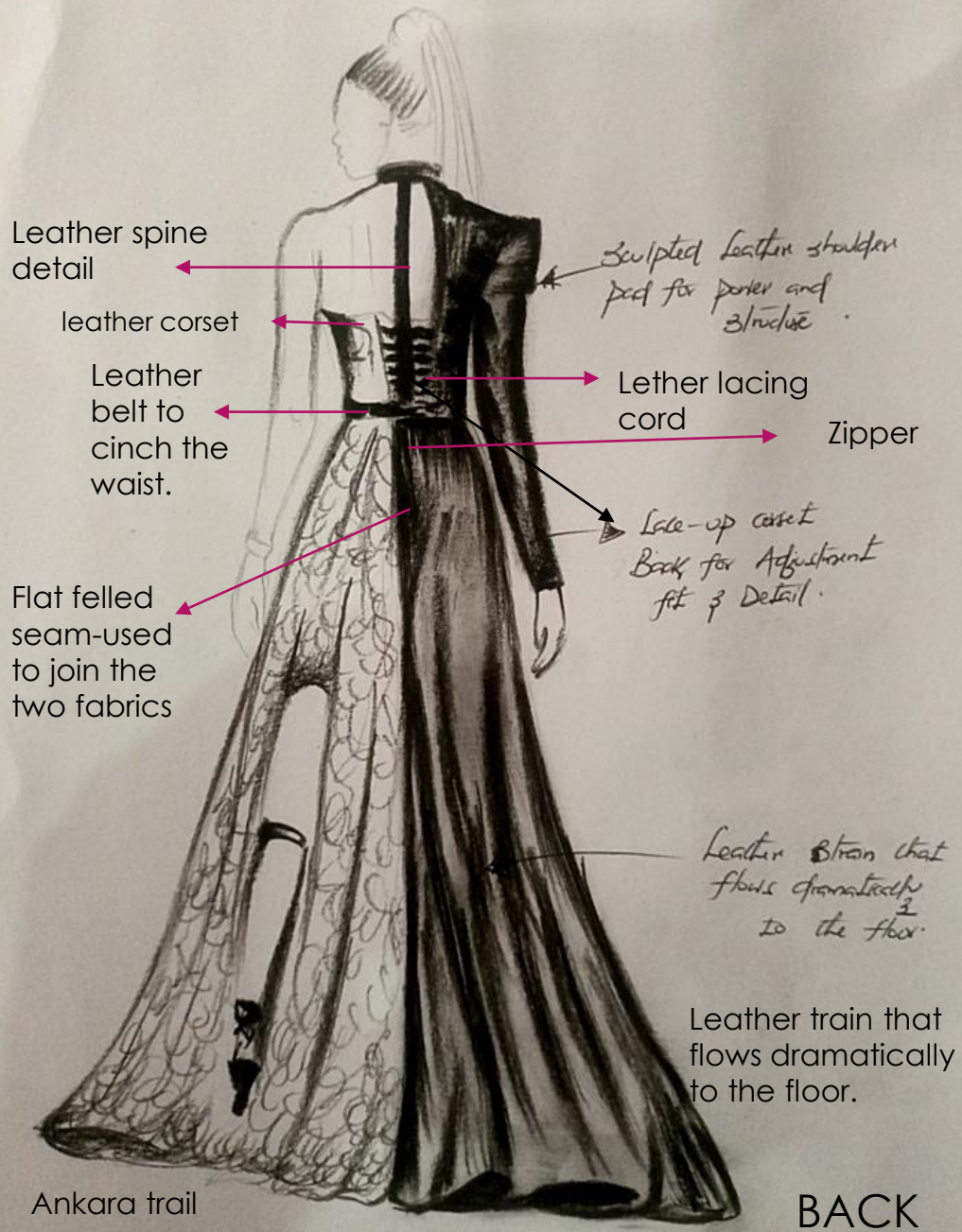
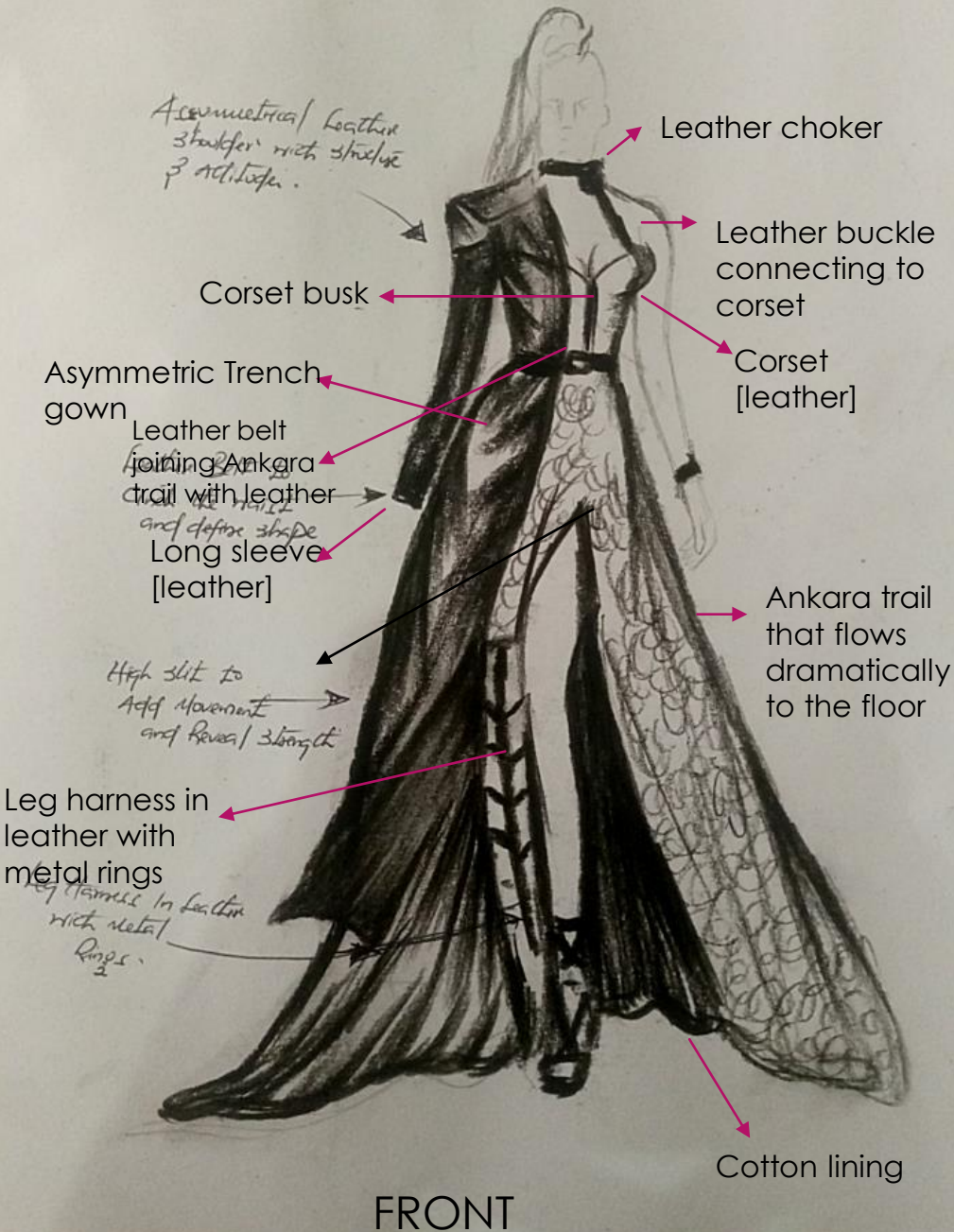
Leather Corset- Symbolizes resilience, discipline and inner power

Harness detail-representing breaking restrictive systems and reclaiming control.

Ankara trail- Symbolizes heritage that flows and strengthens us rather than holding us back.

Flowing Fabric- Representing Freedom, movement and self expression.

DESIGN SKETCH

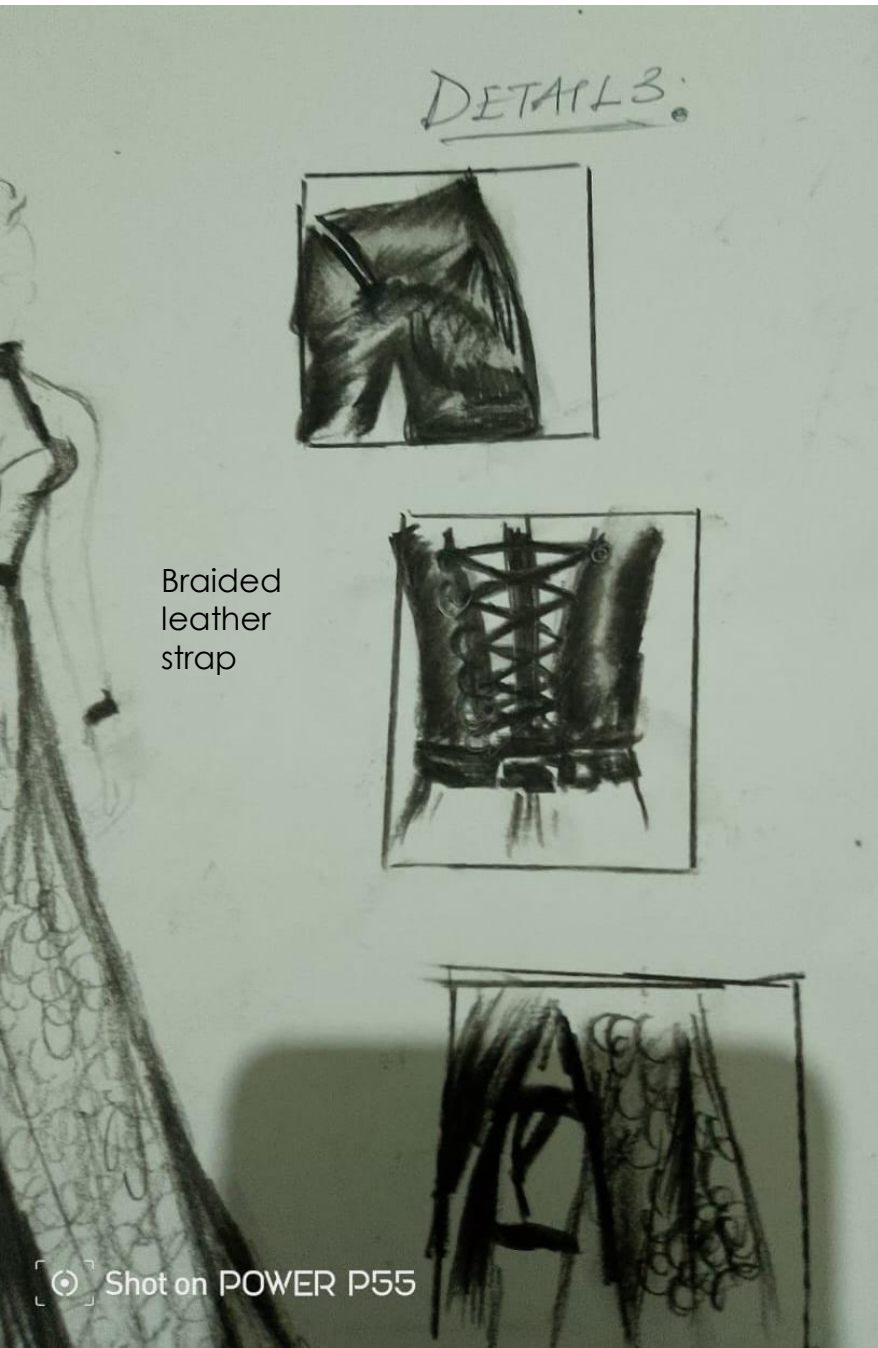


Leather spine detail

It represents
Support
Endurance
[An invisible strength women carry.]

Fabric and materials

Black leather
Cotton Ankara
Metal hardware



Sculpted Shoulder

It captures the transition from a stark, restrictive choker collar down into a sharp, architectural shoulder pad on one side, while leaving the other side completely bare

Corset Belt and Cinch Belt

It details a traditional corset lace-up system utilizing metallic grommets/rings, resting right above a heavy duty belt with a prominent metal buckle.

Corsetry historically represents the ultimate restriction of the female form. However, under the 'Unbound' theme, this element is subverted. By rendering it in heavy black leather with exposed metal hardware, it transforms from a tool of constraint into a symbol of power and self-willed control. The lacing gives the wearer the autonomy to adjust their own fit, while the belt to project an unshakeable, fierce silhouette.

The slit, harness and fabric contrast

This panel highlights the dramatic intersection where the heavy leather coat opens up to reveal the leg harness and textured Ankara pattern.

It shows a high, international slit in the dark leather over skirt. Beneath the opening, a structural leather harness wraps around the thigh, contrasting against the flowing, patterned fabric next to it.

FABRIC & MATERIAL



BLACK LEATHER



ANKARA



METAL HARDWARE

COLOR PALETTE



Materials and fabrics

Material

Leather

Ankara

Boning

Metal hardware

Cotton lining

Zipper

Metal eyelets for corset

Purpose

Structure, durability, sustainability

Movement and cultural
expression

Corset structure

Functionality and support

Comfort and craftsmanship

Fastening

Functionality and support

Symbolism

Strength, Resilience, Authority

Heritage, identity, storytelling

Discipline and inner strength

Protection and empowerment

Professional finish

