

Another Stack

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Another Stack is an experimental environment composed of flexible platforms for hosting events, lectures, workshops and everyday gathering in a large commons space. The environment design also includes plants, a large circular drum for image projection and integrated lighting on the platforms. The environment is re-arranged on an almost daily basis by users sitting, working, talking, eating, meeting and even sleeping in the space.

The individual platform elements seat 6-8 people and can be easily stacked and aggregated into larger arrangements to increase capacity. Measuring nearly 8' wide, the circular and square-shaped platforms are too large to be understood as typical furniture, inviting users to improvise novel postures, uses and formal compositions. Although simple in form and playful in shape, the platforms are calibrated in height and proportion and cantilevered on all sides to accommodate use as seating, work surface and tables. The voids cut in each platform lighten the individual units and suggest gathering around "primitive" communal forms. The environment is further enhanced through the integration of large graphic patterns, which suggest relationships between the terraced elements and offer a landscape of occupiable graphics to visitors.

As a rapidly prototyped, inexpensive furnishing solution, the platforms are fabricated from SIPs panels, resulting in a solid, yet relatively lightweight system of solid construction that could be rapidly produced offsite. The platforms were transported on site for painting, varnishing and sealing. The resulting foam-core platforms are extremely strong and stable, yet can be easily re-arranged by small groups of 3 to 4 users. The surfaces are finished to expose the OSB texture as a finish, celebrating a modest but ubiquitous material typically relegated to interior wall construction in high-performance residential construction.



Conference Furniture Arrangement



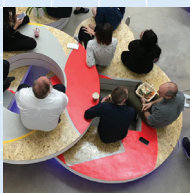
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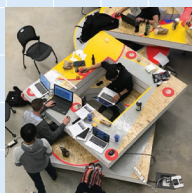
Graphics Pattern Axonometric



SIPs Profiles During Fabrication



Spectators Enjoying Lunch



Workshop Table Format

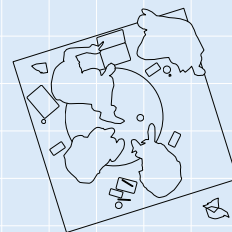
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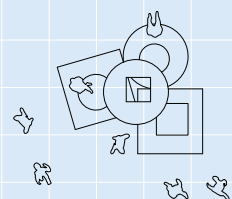
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Platform Layout Plan



Platform Arrangement Layout Plan