

NEWS RELEASE**PAPER ENVIRONMENTS****Parsons and Homasote Present Installation at WantedDesign
That Explores Paper as Material for Built Environment**

NEW YORK, May 17, 2013—On the floor of WantedDesign, Parsons students will create an experimental installation that explores paper as a material for the built environment. Led by architects Moorhead & Moorhead, and sponsored by Homasote, the installation will be constructed of recycled fiberboard. It will serve as a backdrop for an international student design workshop, taking place through the duration of the event.



Entitled "X Design," the installation was developed in a cross-disciplinary studio at the School of Constructed Environments at Parsons, which includes programs in Architecture, Interior Design, Lighting Design and Product Design. The modular installation is composed of layers of Homasote joined together in "X" formation with steel rods. The inspiration behind the piece was to take this material, which is somewhat rigid, and transform it to something elegant. By fanning out the different planks of Homasote and joining them at different heights, the students created complex forms that are unusual and almost organic. Since it also serves as the setting for a design workshop, the structure also needed to be functional. The "X" formation makes the structure relatively stable, enabling some of the planks to be arranged horizontally to form tables and seating surfaces.

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