

Hallway House

Originally inspired by Apartment House designed by Ippei Takahashi, my goal was to design a space which accentuated the overlooked aspects of a home and allow for these spaces to become the central focus.

The Apartment House, located in Tokyo Japan was constructed in 2016 and consists of eight individual apartments. The concept behind this apartment was originally, a shared space, with each room focusing on a singular aspect of a home, bringing all eight units together to create a complete home. Due to commercialization, renters opted to not share the spaces as intended by the designer, and instead, the units now consist of obscure layouts, each with their own primary focus. There is a kitchen unit, a bathroom unit, a wardrobe unit and even a drinking room unit.

For Hallway House, I wanted to bring the public space of a hallway into the private spaces of residents, while at the same time, bringing the atmosphere of a private residence into a communal space. My design followed suit with the industrial styling of Ippei's Apartment House. I chose to focus on raw wood surfaces and scuffed up lumber. The interior is dolled up to contrast against the unfinished, raw look of the building. This is how I can achieve a space which feels luxury but at the same time, comfortable and low-brow.

During the construction Hallway House, it was incredibly important to me create a house which dimensionally did not stray from the original blueprint. This seemed to prove quite difficult but really helped ensure I was able to both provide comfortable spaces for several medium size birds to nest, but also to ensure I remained true to my original inspirations cubic design.

I would have preferred to install pink insulation inside the walls of the enclosed areas to ensure the birds warmth. I also believe once the plumbing is installed in the central hallway, the space will begin to feel much more like a private space. Perhaps it even needs some dirty laundry on the floor...