The market site is located in a central part of Ahmedabad’s old city and right by Danapith road, which connects it to some of the old main arteries, closest being Manek Chowk road.

It has a strategic location with proximity to both the textile and metal market as well as city landmarks such as Jamma Mosque and Manek Chowk food market.

On site today is something of a void in the built urban fabric. This opportunity of empty space has been taken by a street food market which takes place there every day from early mornings to nightfall.
The Arts & Crafts Laboratory intends to give craftsmen and artisans adequate tools and spaces to develop their practices and networks. Since local craftsmen and artists in the old town of Ahmedabad often inherit their profession and are self-taught, this will be a place to meet, further educate themselves and try out new methods together. The practices considered are metal, textile, ceramic and woodwork as these are commonly practiced in the area and includes practitioners of both genders. The core of the project consists of a set of workshops with specific requirement for each craft. Relating to these workshops will be more private ateliers which the craftsmen and artists can rent, supported by a small classroom and a small outdoor lecture space, an exhibition space and a small apartment for guesting lecturers.
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Ateliers
Shop
Metal Workshop
Wood Workshop
Classroom
Guest Apartment
Textile Workshop
Ceramic workshop & Exhibition space

Circulation diagram

Porosity diagram

View of Inner Courtyard
During my study trips during my time in Ahmedabad I visited a small scale factory specialized in recycled materials, driven by a former CEPT student. The production is mainly focused on bricks and concrete, and this has in part determined my choice of materials. The small scale production method also goes well in line with the general idea of the project.

Mapping of the market
by Johan Gullers

My tailor form across the street from my apartment

Metal craftsmen from the old town of Ahmedabad

Handicraft seen during a study trip to Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh