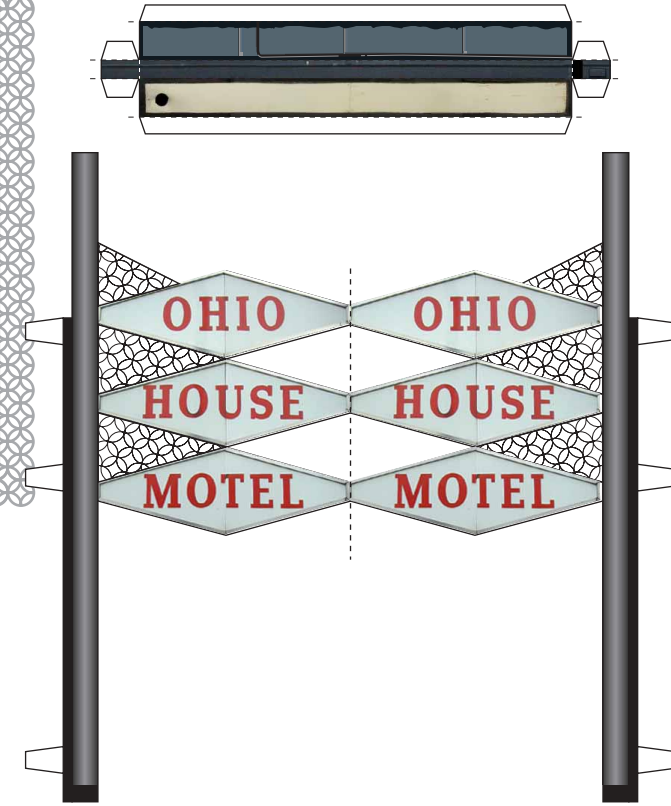
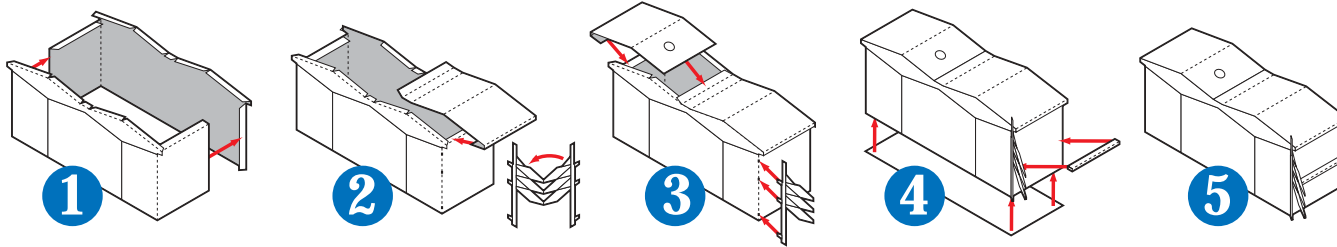


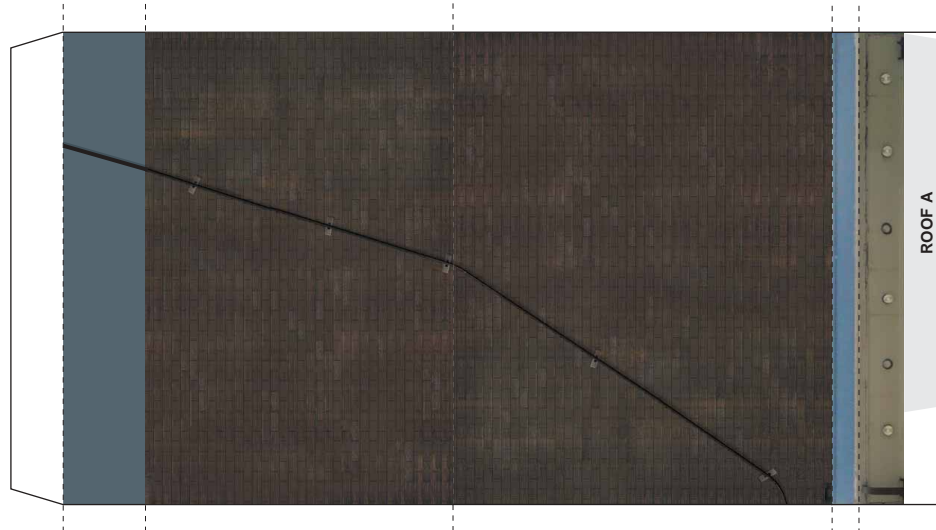
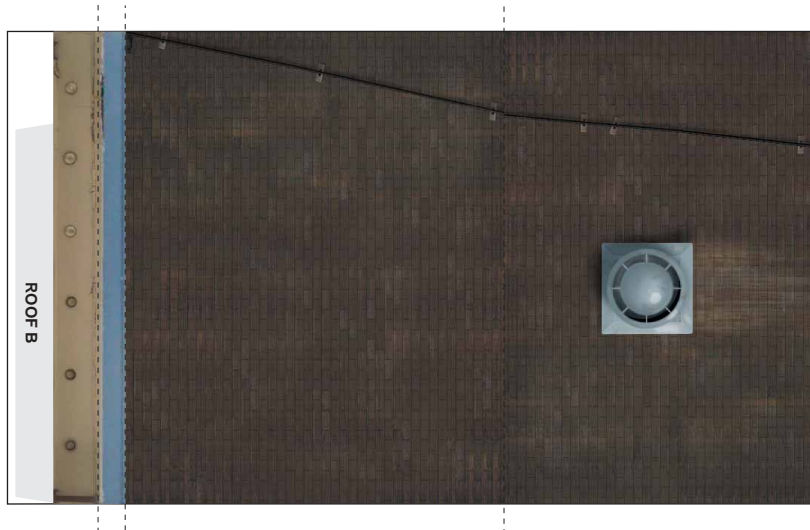
The **OHIO HOUSE Motel** is one of the few examples of Googie-style architecture in Chicago. Built in 1960, for over 40 years this motel provided affordable lodging and friendly coffee-shop style dining in a convenient location not far from the Loop and North Michigan Avenue. The neighborhood has experienced the same urban roller coaster of blight and gentrification as most of the rest of Chicago, and our little motel has been witness to as much vice and poverty as happiness and touristic optimism. Through all those years, the jaunty space-age lines and Flintstones-like rock textures of the building have been a cheerful and playful face for all passersby to enjoy. But the Ohio House may soon be torn down and obliterated. The Marriott Corporation has plans to build a taller hotel in its place, adding yet another anonymous box to the many mid-range hotels already in the area.



Our model here depicts the motel office and coffee shop, a stand-alone building connected by an awning to the larger motel unit structure. These buildings enclose a courtyard parking lot for guests, surrounded by cinder block walls featuring a circular motif.

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