

Physical Models

Architecture

Which model to build at which stage, and the scale that suits each question.

Build the model that answers the question you actually have.

Model	Scale	Answers
Site and massing	1:500	Fit, height, shadow
Scheme model	1:200	Form, composition
Sectional model	1:50	Space, light, height
Room model	1:20	Proportion, materials
Detail model	1:5	Junctions, assembly

Use one material for a massing model. Colour and texture make a study model look finished before it is resolved.