

Thinking by Drawing

Architecture

Why architects sketch, and which drawing to reach for at which moment.

Match the tool to the stage of the thought.

When	Draw
The idea is vague	Small, fast, many, by hand
Testing an arrangement	Plan and section, same page
Checking size	To scale, with a figure in it
Checking volume	Physical model in card
Checking light	Section with sun angles drawn
Communicating outward	Measured drawing, clean line weights

A sketch that is not to scale is a hypothesis. Nothing is settled until you have drawn it at a stated scale.