**Textiles:**

**Location: souq waqif, textile department**

Senses:

**Observations: appearance:**

* The textile department in Souq Waqif is a narrow medival alleyway where compact markets from right to left are open to the people walking between them.
* (window shopping, where you could shop without even having to enter the shop because of the compacted free space which the markets surround)
* These markets displayed their vibrant fabrics all around their shops, from endless hanged patterns and embroidery covering the windows.
* The textile department colored the souq with its rich fabrics.

Saw: observations

* **Smell:**

Hard to explain the sent of fabric

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Very recognizble scent

* **Heard:**

Bargaining deals

Discussions, chats, maybe arguments (in a forign language (most likely urdu)

Kids playing from a distance

* **Behaviors:**
* Mostly, Older women shopped there
* Most of the sellers and workers were from South Asia, and they seemed to have a really good experience (they had been working there for a long time)
* One lady had been shopping in large quantities of fabrics (assuming it was Ramadan gifts)

* Interactions:
* I asked to look at silk fabrics for kaftans and was surprised to find out that they had a unique selection.
* The sellers I worked with seemed to have a really good understanding of the culture. As soon as he saw me, he understood my preferenmces and unrolled textiles that were soft colors and modern patterns. On the contrary i saw the way he interacted with customers that looked older (she was wearing a niqab but i could tell she was more mature by the way she talked and sounded), he laid out for them more traditional bright cotton fabrics. They were mostly floral patterns.
* While i was looking at the fabrics, the older lady wearing the niqab interfered to expresses her interest in one of the silk fabrics the worker laid out for me.
* We started a conversation about jalabiya styles for Ramadan. she was really sweet.
* She took me to another store next door and told me they had better quality fabrics for a lesser price!
* Environment:
* Because it is Ramadan, most sales were on traditional kaftans (jalabiyas). They were mainly displayed
* I noticed that almost all the stores had displayed kids' size jalabiya, so I asked one of the workers why was the kids' sizes jalabiyas promoted the most. He said it