

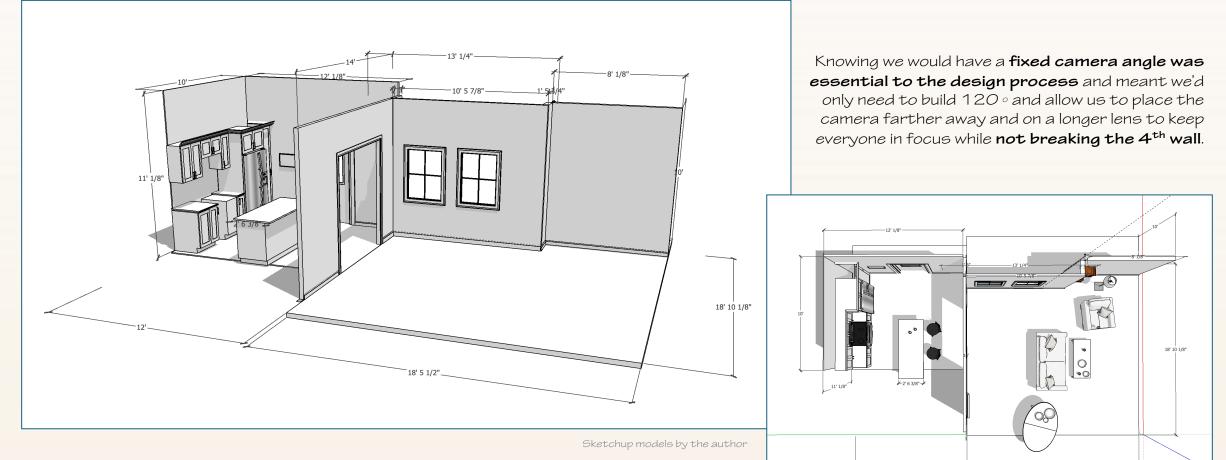
This spot gave me the opportunity to work once again with long time creative collaborator, the director **Harold Einstein**.

"What could be simpler ?" He said, when he first told me about the project.

"All you have to do is create a modest living room, where 6 characters who've come over to watch a game, go from watching the TV to then simultaneously freaking out and repeatedly enacting in camera practical stunts,

> Oh, and they do this all without interfering or crossing each other."

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Together **H**(arold) and I determined the possible stunts and I began laying out various versions of possible rooms in Sketchup, that would be **big enough for all the characters** and their action, but not too big to be believable!



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Harold wanted the comedy to be in the action and for the set to seem as **"real"** as possible.

To create depth and a fore, mid and background, I decided to add the open kitchen to the back of the set which also helped base the home in reality and keep it relatable to the average viewer.

I chose light colors with low chroma that enabled the set to feel spacious and play a supportive role, rather than a distraction to the action that would unfold.

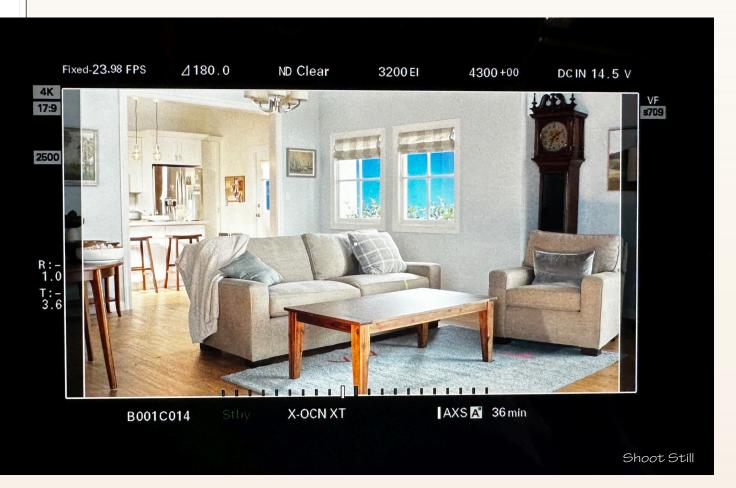


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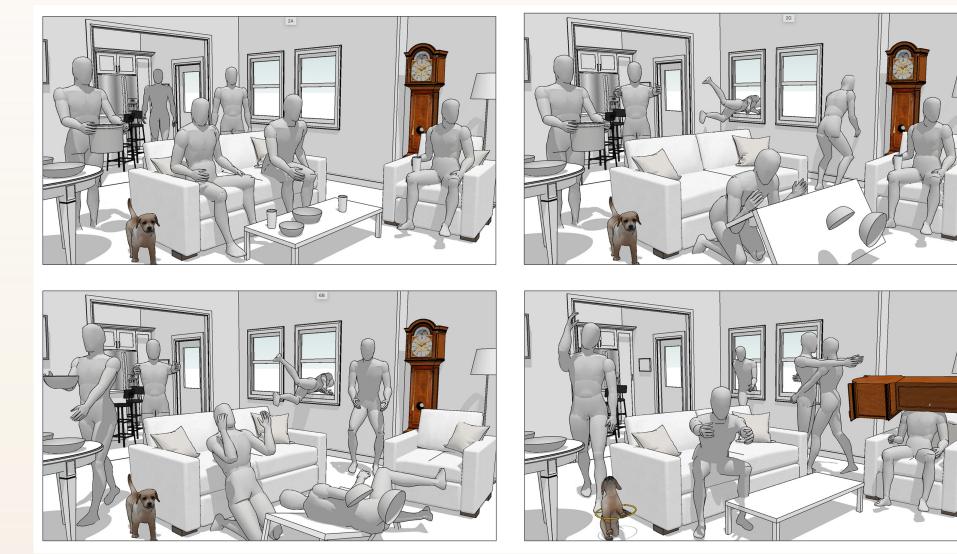
Sketchup models by the author

I find **Sketchup to be an invaluable tool** to determine the size and layout of a set, especially when, as in this case, all the elements had to be exact and the budget was tight..

It's possible to determine ahead of time with a director and the D.P. the desired camera angles and only build what's going to be seen by the camera. This particular job required the layout of the walls, windows and furniture all to be precisely planned, which i could do in 3D by adding the furniture and characters to scale within the model.



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Sketchup model by the author

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Commercials are fast paced and that's one of their biggest challenges, I thrive on these demands and appreciate the hands-on approach they require, especially compared to the bigger films I've designed.

Set Render by the author

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I enjoy reading the script and treatment, making a budget, researching inspiration, sketching ideas, creating renders, producing graphics, and developing construction drawings. Collaborating with vendors, selecting dressing and artwork, building the set, overseeing special effects, being onset for the shoot and working closely with my crew especially along with all the other departments.





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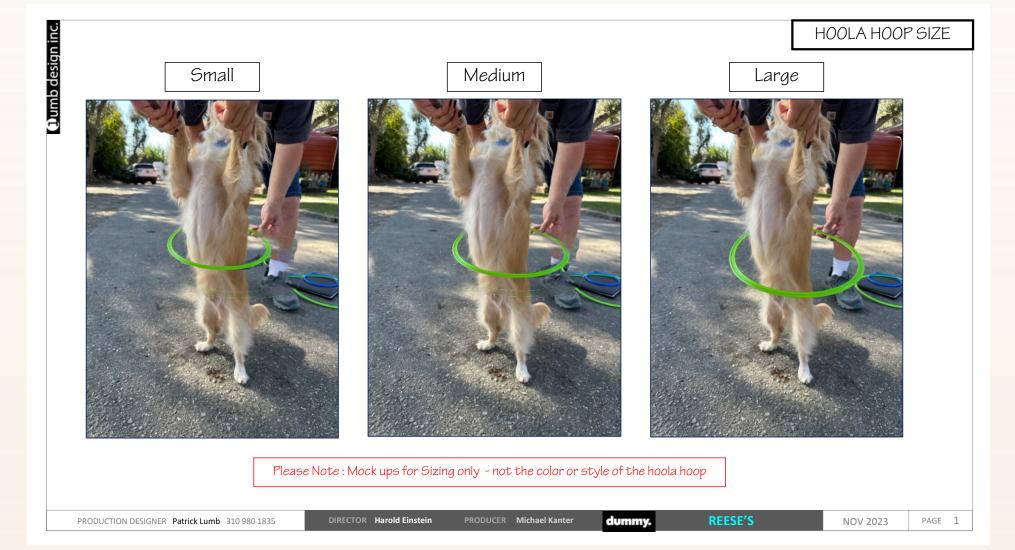
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I couldn't do my job without all the help of my outstanding team and the entire crew who all worked in unison to bring this project to fruition.

and for my Illustrious **Set Decorator Jen Beltran** to find multiples of the furniture that best matched the dimensions in the renders, for repeats of the gags. With the set approved, it was time for my amazing **Art Dept**. **Coordinator** and right hand **Cynthia Su**, along with our diligent and resourceful **Art PA Nils Erick- Hilliard**, to track down a Grandfather clock wide enough to stick a person's head through,





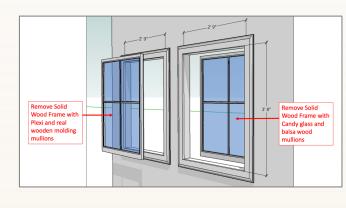


l also called upon my long time friend and **Prop Maste**r, the ingenious **Chris Atkinson** to start sourcing the scripted props and meet up with **Animal Wrangler Michael Morris** to rehearse with his rig for our 'hoola hooping' dog.

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It's always a pleasure for me to collaborate with Dave Peterson & Capt. Ron Rosegard at Full Scale Fx to figure out and accomplish the practical effects





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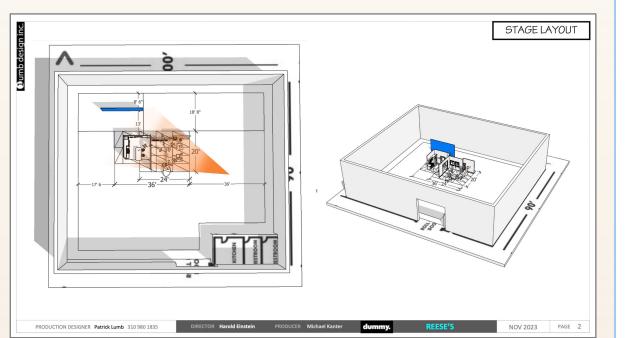


and consulting with our stunt coordinator **Pat Romano** to discuss the best and safest way to achieve the stunts.





For the view outside, after discussions with our D.P. Glynn Speeckaert and Visual EFX supervisor Phil Crow from Parliament we decided to photograph a location that the director really liked and use it in conjunction with blue screen instead of a backing.



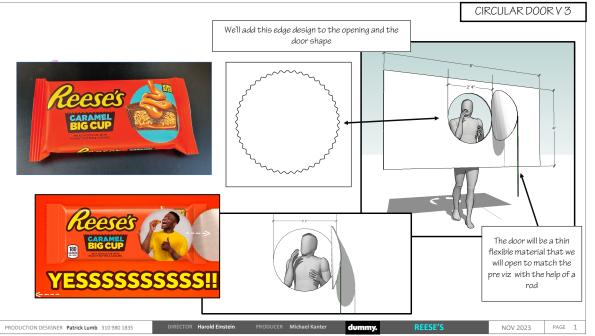
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Special thanks to my Leadman Larry Azarva, Onset Brian Tencza and our entire set dressing crew.

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Special thanks to John Hemsley and his team at Red Truck built and installed the set on stage and to Mike Garcia and Nova Lighting for illumination.





D.P. Glynn SPeeckaert

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THANKS TO THE ENTIRE CAST AND CREW!

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