"ROOMS AND FRAGMENTS"

Form of spaces

Space design involves the generation of specific forms or shapes for places. There are many ways of doing this, but some common methods by which designers create and articulate form are through the use of:

- interpretation of existing site forms
- geometry
- metaphor
- symbolism
- abstraction and use of natural forms
- archetypes
- vernacular
- historic paradigms.

Experienced and effective designers combine several of these ways of thinking about a design. Forms developed for spaces may be limited if only one approach is used to generate a design. 'Layered' concepts are often what is required.