**Specification of Product**

**Aesthetics**
The castle should resemble ‘Cinderella’s Castle’ but must be a creative expression of it. This is to ensure that the castle serves function more than purpose and that it is stimulating for a child to play with. The colours should be a very pale and rose with periwinkle/lavender spires. There should be plenty of little details such as vines, clocks, windows etc. that could be either gold or silver. The castle must look expensive and designed to be ornamental as much as a play thing. It must be something an older child or teenager could keep for sentimental value, not simply a plastic disposable type.

**Client**
My client is Sarah Barron and her two children. Everything has been specified with reference to an interview with my client and I will consult with her several times during the design process. I am making a dollhouse based on ‘Cinderella’s castle’ from Disneyland for her daughters.

**Cost**
My client is willing to pay anything in the region of £50-£80 providing the castle meets all of these specifications, as such I must ensure that I budget for materials correctly, further more the manufacture and finish of the product must be perfect.

**Ergonomics and Size**
Sarah doesn’t really mind when it comes to the size of this product, the children’s play room is large and she is intending to place it in the corner straight on the floor, so it can be as large as I like to this purpose I must make sure that the product is freestanding and large enough to be comfortable accessible by a child sitting on the floor in front of it. The towers must be in proportion with the castle and the rooms should be open so easily played with.

**Safety**
There are many safety issues when it comes to this product, as it is freestanding, large and potentially heavy it must be well balanced and sturdy so that there is no chance of it getting knocked over. Furthermore there must be no sharp edges, any wood used must be sanded correctly to avoid splinters and there must be no loose parts or anything not so well secured so that it could fall off.

**Function**
This product must function as a dollhouse for the children but it must also be a beautiful feature to a room. It should be freestanding, durable and safe for children to play with but be something that they will want to keep as they grow up as a sentimental feature. The Castle must have a minimum, of two levels with plenty of space.

**Materials**
The product will be made predominantly from wood. I will prototype features made from materials such as metal and plastic before making any specific specification, this is another point Sarah doesn’t have many opinions about, she says that so long as the finish is beautiful and not tacky or cheap looking she doesn’t mind what materials I use to create it.