Dallas

Map of Dallas from 1872

Early 1900s

Dallas Cotton Millworkers in 1913

Textile Factories

Textile artisan working at the loom
The Mill Was Made of Marble
I dreamed that I had died
And gone to my reward
A job in heaven’s textile plant
On a golden boulevard.

The mill was made of marble
The machines were made out of gold
And nobody ever got tired
And nobody ever grew old

The mill was built in a garden
No dust or lint could be found
The air was so fresh and fragrant
With flowers and trees all around

It was quiet and restful in heaven
There was no clatter or boom
You could hear the most beautiful music
As you worked at spindle and loom

There was no unemployment in heaven
We worked steady all through the year
We always had food for the children
We never were haunted by fear

When I woke from this dream about heaven
I knew that there never could be
A mill like that one down below here on earth
For workers like you and like me.

- Joe Glazer (Dallas Union Millworker)
N E X T is an architecture and design company that values wellness, creative expression, and collaboration in the workplace.

Given the demanding nature of the architecture and design industry, N E X T prioritizes supporting its employees’ minds and bodies. Additionally, with design being a creative industry, N E X T welcomes and fosters experimentation as a part of its process. Finally, collaboration is recognized as an integral aspect of N E X T’s culture and ethos.
The process of making textiles—from thread to fabric—is a metaphor for human connection and collaboration. NEXT’s space is broken down into 3 types of spaces:

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Connectivity by Zone

- **Mezzanine**
- **3rd Floor**
INSPIRATION

Industrial

Light

Artful

Muted
FLOOR PLANS

THIRD FLOOR

LEGEND

1. Reception
2. Large Meeting Room
3. Resource Center
4. Private Office
5. Meeting Room
6. Work Area
7. Design Library
8. Innovation Lab
9. Huddle Room
10. Phone Room
11. Patio

FLOOR MATERIALS

Limestone Tile
Honied Concrete
MEZZANINE

LEGEND

12. Training Room
13. Cafe
14. Bathroom
15. Mother’s Room
16. Wellness Chapel

FLOOR MATERIALS

Reclaimed Brick
White Oak
When exiting the elevator the RECEPTION is located on the East Side. By keeping the line of sight open, visitors are immediately immersed into the workspace, conveying a welcoming and transparent company. The use of artful reception furniture like the Cape sofa from Established & Sons exhibits the company's effort to foster CREATIVE EXPRESSION.
When exiting the elevator, dedicated WORKSTATIONS are located on the West Side. Capped at the end of both benching stations are flexible work tables that invite different forms of COLLABORATION. The lower table on the left is intended for reviewing large documents, while the bar height table on the right offers a different working posture and can accommodate small team meetings.
**PRIVATE OFFICES**

N E X T offers 3 different Private Office layouts to accommodate different preferences and work styles. **Option A** has the most closed storage for individuals who like to keep their things hidden away. **Option B** has mostly open shelving for individuals who prefer to display their objects. **Option C** has an adjustable desk to accommodate those who prefer a standing option.
The main **STAIRCASE** that leads to the mezzanine climbs over an industrial-shed-inspired meeting room. Nestled between the meeting room and the staircase is a **HUDDLE ROOM** where employees can either meet with a coworker to **COLLABORATE** in a private and cozy setting or work independently in a more casual posture.
The MEZZANINE is zoned to welcome both PRODUCTIVITY and SOCIABILITY. The training room is located here and is equipped with large sliding doors that open up to create a more open plan which allows the space to be FLEXIBLE in usage. While training is in session doors are kept closed, but when open, the space becomes an extension of the cafe and can be used for company events.
NORTH SECTION PERSPECTIVE
The CAFE on the mezzanine offers a VARIETY OF SEATING and POSTURES to accommodate different group sizes and needs. The kitchen in the cafe is dual-sided with one side dedicated to food prep and the other dedicated to beverages. This not only prevents crowding in one area but the beverage side acts as a refreshment station for hosting in the training room. On the far end of the cafe is a large planter box with room to grow vegetables; a farm to table WELLNESS aspect of the cafe.
The WELLNESS CHAPEL is located across the bridge on the mezzanine. This entire side is dedicated to REFLECTION and INDEPENDENT WORK. The Wellness Chapel offers its visitors a variety of ways to unwind and nourish the soul-body connection. There are mats for stretching or yoga, and ottomans to gather for a group prayer. There are also three private rooms equipped with lounge chairs, red light therapy and headphones for sound-bathing.
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- Thank You -