self-organization in my everyday life

Various things came to my mind, but most of them where very unclear to see or difficult to interact with (for example, the reaction of plants to me (there is definitively a direct impact of my presence on my Maranta plants)). Others where not bound to my everyday life, too difficult to capture in a foreseeable amount of time or too susceptible to my direct influences. But then I found something:

My kitchen - an environment where I like to be in full control. But there is always something out of my control. Since the back panel of my kitchen is just a wooden board, which is very close to the actual cooking-area, over time a lot of splashes and speckles hitting the panel, formed a pattern (Unfortunately, I cleaned my kitchen recently, so the amount of stain is not very obvious on the photos).





interaction - concept

I bought a blotter block and pinned it over the most stained area of the back-panel of the kitchen. When I will cook in the future, the splashes of oil and food from the pans, will form an unpredictable pattern on the paper. As there are 10 sheets of paper in the block, my only form of direct interaction is the decision when to tear down the top paper and make place for the next "canvas". It is more a documentation than an interaction, but still quite interesting, I think.

An alternative Idea would have been to place the sheets in different locations (behind the sink, in the sink, under the cutting board, under the draining rack etc.) at the same time. There would have been a far better, more divers documentation of me and my actions over a shorter period of time, but it would have been less convenient and less self-organized.





First traces after one day