Understanding User Customization Needs: Requirements for an Augmented Reality Lamp Customization Tool

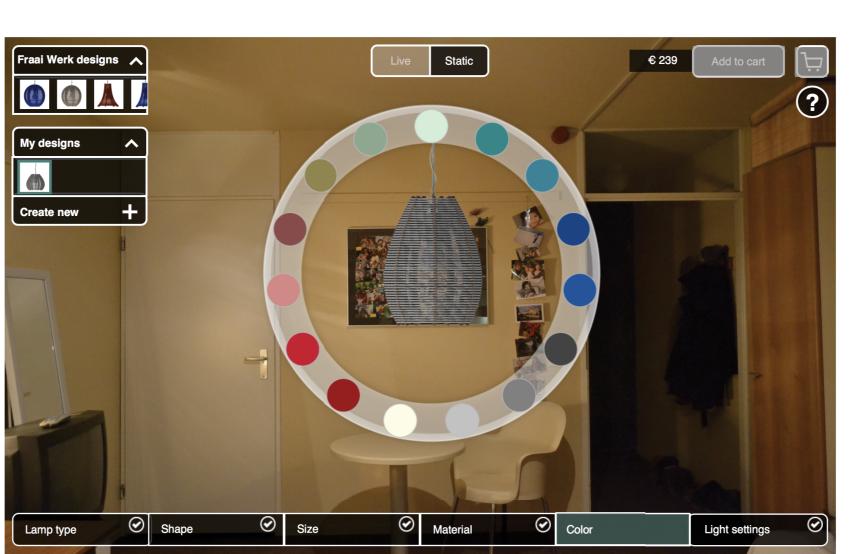
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Your lamp was placed

3D model presentation in context using AR



Inspiration and help, freedom and support, trusworthy visualizations



Hands-down comfortable customization

Introduction

- Customers perceive the value of self-design products as higher when they meet their preference system (preference fit).
- To ensure the delivery of personalized products with high preference fit, users must have access to customization tools.
- User requirements were gathered for the design of an Augmented Reality (AR) application for lamp customization in context.

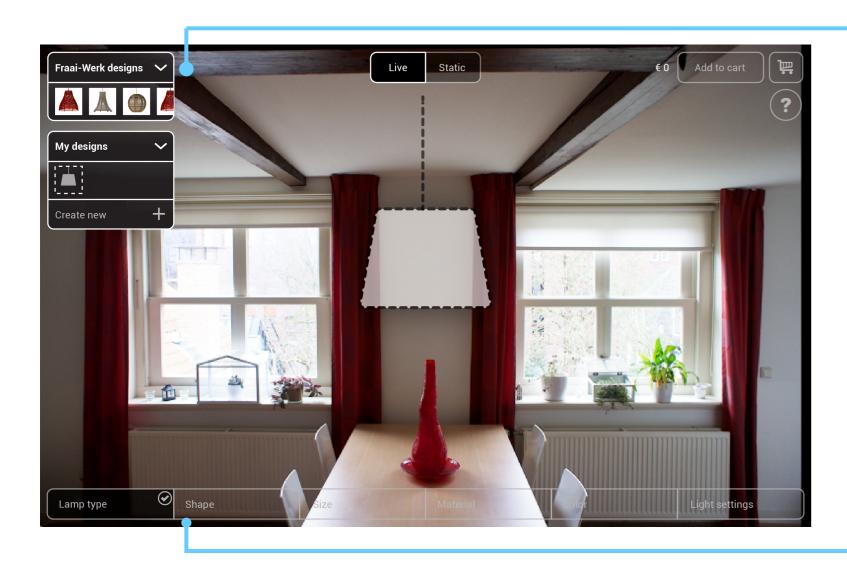
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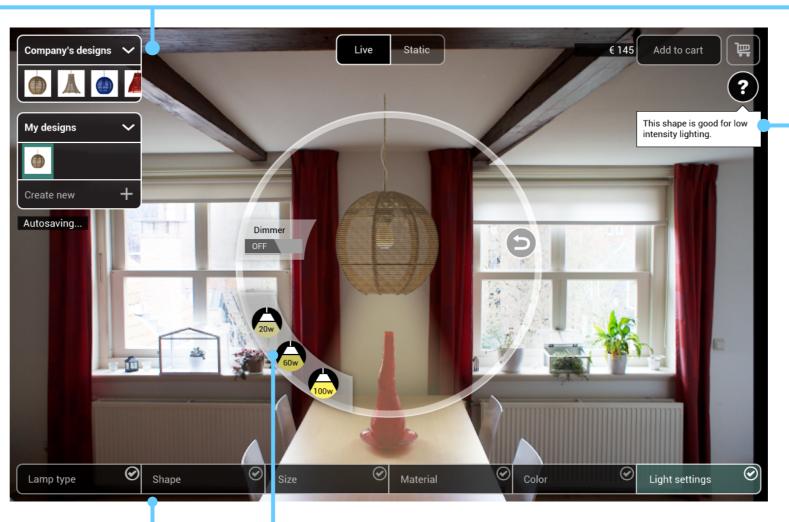
- A Literature Review (LR) provided general requirements.
- Contextual Inquiries (CI) explored users' thoughts and interests on customizing products.
- A participatory study (Co-constructing Stories, CCS) gained more insights into the customization process of lamps in particular.
- A Survey (S) was conducted to prioritize user needs and to define a final set of requirements.

Requirements

| General requirement | Description | Source |
|---|--|----------------|
| Limited options at a time | Between 6 and 11 options at a time. | LR, CI |
| Different starting points for different users | (1) scratch or free-form interface; (2) a model or combined configuration; and(3) a pre-designed alternative. | LR, CI |
| Trustworthy visualizations in context | Increasingly richer, realistic visualizations in context to let the user understand the final outcome. | LR, CI, CCS |
| Overview of the options for decision-making support | Side-by-side comparison of saved configurations and their characteristics. | CCS |
| Price and value | Price visible to account for every change. | CI, S |
| Customer-designer relationship support | A designer or expert should be available to guide or advise the customer. | CCS |
| Post-editing and iteration possibility | Iterations in the design process, bookmarks, and going back to previous designs. | CCS |

Proposed design features





- Multiple starting points
- Tips on customizable attributes
- Limited number of choices per level