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# JARDINES INFANTILES

Location: Medellin Colombia  
Surface: 1400 sqm  
Project Year: 2009-2013







The Jardines Infantiles are the result of a winning competition entry produced in a collaboration between Plan B and CtrlG. The kindergartens are designed with a rigorous geometric logic that allows the units combine in multiple arrangements to frame interior and exterior spaces for playgrounds, gardens, patios and

plazas. These geometries also allow the units to aggregate over time or expand as necessary. More importantly, the compact units occupy a small footprint that allows them to negotiate the steep terrains typical of Medellín.

As of 2013, three iterations of the the Jardines Infantiles have been constructed, all with

slightly differing geometries, but with equal attention to their performance as buildings that combine to create and frame both public and private space. The kindergartens offer an updated idea of the prefabricated unit used in many Latin American contexts previously, such as in Oscar Niemeyer's 1984 design for Brazilian public schools,





but with greater emphasis on adaptability and attention to the open and residual spaces created in and around the units.









