

BEN HIGGINS

Experience

September 2020 - May 2021 / Duo Carabiner

Responsibilities

- + Resolved technical, market and user issues
- + Interviewed 5 users throughout the design process and implemented design changes
- + Produced a report detailing costings, production volumes and manufacturing considerations

Skills

- + Sketching, model making, FEA study
- + Turnover of 4 high quality presentations
- + Rigorous exploration and testing of design ideas
- + Achieved key project objectives on time
- + Time prioritisation and planning throughout a complex task

August 2019 - June 2020 / The Virtual Works

Responsibilities

- + Entrusted to work individually on multiple client briefs.
- + Brought furniture pieces from concept through to GA Drawings considering material usage and clients' manufacturing capabilities.
- + Designed for the US and UK markets.
- + Prepared content for print and web.

Skills

- + Adapted quickly to each market and understood regional preferences in furniture design.
- + Created a robust 'design language' for each piece, allowing pieces to stand out while conforming to regional design styles.
- + Collaborated to establish a 3Ds Max rendering work-flow, bringing 3 client briefs in house.

January 2019 / Focus International

Skills

- + Understood and developed product identity
- + Used trend research to create a range of updated designs for in house footwear brand Certified.
- + Presented hand sketches and Adobe Illustrator renders to members of the design team throughout.

July 2019 - October 2019 / Go Ape Leeds

Skills

- + Welcomed customers at front of house with a positive and friendly attitude.
- + I fitted harnesses and delivered safety briefings.
- + Excellent coaching and communication with adults and children.
- + Confidence working under pressure and dealing with high volumes of customers .

Contact

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Profile

I am a hard-working and detail focused professional, with strong collaboration and communication skills. I have a robust understanding of the design process, underpinned by industry experience in a variety of fields.

Education

September 2017 - Present
University of Huddersfield
Product Design, BSc (HONS)

September 2015 - July 2017
Notre Dame Sixth Form College
Product Design (A*)

Skills

Strong understanding of model making and testing in the design process

Evidenced verbal communication skills with clients and a design team

Strong visual communication skills using hand sketching and digital sketch rendering

Knowledge of common manufacturing processes and their design requirements

Problem solving and initiative

Modelling | Compliant materials | 3D printing

Digital | Solidworks | 3Ds Max | G.A. Drawing

Rendering | Keyshot | Vray

Awards

Presented work completed in a team of two to select guests at the opening of the University's Barbara Hepworth Building.