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INTERIOR DESIGNER

Renovation & Refurbishment, FF&E Design, RIBA Stages 0-7

Interior Architecture graduate with over five years of experience in residential and retail design.

Skilled in FF&E, material selection, and spatial composition, with a strong interest in interior styling and home staging.

Brings hands-on experience in design development, furniture detailing, and installation support, with a keen eye for aesthetics and detail. Motivated to gain practical experience, contribute to real projects, and develop professionally within a collaborative design environment.

Software Skills

- » Autocad
- » Sketchup
- » Revit
- » Lumion
- » Twinmotion
- » Adobe
- » Procreate

Technical Skills

- » Material, Colour & Finish Selection
- » Spatial Planning & 3D Visualisation
- » Design Development & Technical Drawing
- » Strong Presentation & Communication Skills
- » Hand Sketching & Concept Development
- » Construction and interior detail drawings
- » Drawing coordination and revision management

Core Strength

- » Concept Design & Mood Boards
- » Presentation Graphics
- » FF&E Specification & Scheduling
- » BIM-Assisted Design Coordination

Experience

Freelance Architectural Designer, Independent Practice

» Remote - 2025 to Present

Leading the design of a three-storey residential apartment project currently at **RIBA Stage 4 (Technical Design)**. Managing design development, construction coordination, and adherence to a £63,000 project budget.

- » Developing spatial layouts and translating conceptual ideas and client requirements into clear design solutions that respond to structural and construction constraints.
- » Coordinating with two contractors and the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) during the construction phase to resolve technical details and maintain design intent on site.
- » Led the design of a three-storey residential apartment within a 65 m² site area.

Interior Designer, Yours Design Firm

» Myanmar - 2019 to 2023

Interior Design (Residential & Office Projects)

- » Assisted in concept development, sketching, and spatial planning across **RIBA Plan of Work Stages 0-7**, responding to client briefs and site constraints.
- » Produced **2D technical documentation** including plans, sections, elevations, and joinery details for construction purposes.
- » **Reviewed and revised structural and electrical drawings**, including beam and column layouts, to ensure coordination with architectural plans.
- » Supported material selection, finishes specification, and lighting design to achieve cohesive interiors aligned with budget and brand identity.
- » Liaised with contractors and suppliers to ensure accurate fabrication, installation, and resolution of site issues.

Geriatric & Continuing Care Centre - GCC Centre - Thanlyin Township, Yangon - 2022

- » Assisted in design development for a temporary elderly care facility accommodating 77 residents.
- » Contributed to spatial planning focused on accessibility, safety, comfort, and ease of movement.
- » Supported preparation of architectural and interior drawings including plans, sections, and elevations.
- » Produced presentation drawings and visual materials for client and stakeholder review.

Retail Interior (Cosmetic Shop) – Pakokku, Myanmar - 2020

- » Supported concept development and layout planning for a 418 m² cosmetic retail interior project.
- » Assisted in spatial planning to optimise product display, customer circulation, and staff workflow.
- » Contributed to the selection of materials, finishes, colours, and lighting in line with the brand identity and retail atmosphere.
- » Supported the preparation of detailed architectural drawings, including plans, elevations, and joinery details.
- » Reviewed and revised structural and electrical drawings.

Sustainable Living Project (Bamboo Housing) - Thanlyin, Myanmar – 2019

- » Assisted in the design of a bamboo-based living space for a Buddhist monk
- » Focused on sustainability and minimal living.
- » Conducted material research on bamboo and its application in interior and structural elements.
- » Supported material selection and detailing suitable for environmental and cultural context.
- » Collaborated with senior architects during design development and review stages.

Furniture Design (Residential, Office & Café Projects)

- » Designed custom furniture responding to spatial constraints, user needs, and overall design intent.
- » Produced 20+ detailed furniture drawings including dimensions, materials, and construction details.
- » Developed 3D models and visual renderings to clearly communicate design proposals.
- » Coordinated with fabricators and contractors to support accurate production and installation.

Additional Experience

Light Installation Artist

» St Mary's Light Festival, Portsmouth - 2024

- » Designed and delivered an undersea-themed lighting installation, featuring illuminated jellyfish forms and a large octopus, as part of a three-member team from the University of Portsmouth.
- » Analysed site conditions, spatial layout, and visitor circulation to inform lighting placement and visual impact.
- » Produced visual studies, layout drawings, and lighting sketches to clearly communicate design intent.
- » Coordinated installation requirements within a public event setting, ensuring safe, effective, and timely setup.

Transferable Experience

Bakery Team Member

» Cornish Bakery, Portsmouth - 2026 to present

- » Customer Service / Hospitality Experience
- » Worked in fast-paced, team-based environments requiring strong communication and organisation
- » Developed client-facing skills, understanding user needs and expectations
- » Managed multiple tasks efficiently while maintaining attention to detail

Educational Background

- » **Master of Interior Architecture and Design**
University of Portsmouth - 2025
Thesis - Fantasy School Set for Burmese Alchemist
Focus on spatial storytelling, and atmosphere
- » **Bachelor of Architecture**
West Yangon Technological University - 2018
Thesis - Business Tower
- » **Bachelor of Technology (Architecture)**
West Yangon Technological University - 2016

Academic Achievement

- » Master of Interior Architecture and Design - **Distinction**
- » Bachelor of Architecture - **Distinction**
- » 2018 **Honorable Award** in Project Show & Competition
- » 2017 **Best Design Creation Award** (International Airport)

Certificate

- » **Historic Decorative Finisher Training Workshop - 2019**
UK Master Decorator and Gilder Paul Humphreys of Hare & Humphreys
Tourist Burma Building, Yangon, Myanmar