

Sara Shen

designer & illustrator

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PROFILE

Highly creative and educationally diverse designer and illustrator with a background in visual design and computer science. Passionate about delivering new ideas and merging aesthetic appeal with functionality. Detail oriented, very adaptable, and skilled in self study and problem solving. Currently seeking positions that offer opportunities for learning and growth.

EDUCATION

BFA in Visual Design, Summa Cum Laude, 2022

Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA

BS in Computer Science, 2015

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

STRENGTHS

- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Research and self learning
- Customer relations
- Aesthetic sensibility
- Communication

SKILLS

- Highly proficient with Adobe Creative Suite, particularly Photoshop and Illustrator
- Experienced with other design software including Blender, Inkscape, Paint Tool Sai
- Very experienced with traditional mediums including watercolor, pencil, and ink
- Proficient with Java and C, experience with HTML/CSS and Javascript
- Experience with 3D mediums including polymer clay, epoxy resin, and polyurethane
- Conversational Spanish and basic comprehension of Mandarin Chinese

WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner/Operator at the Non Dairy Confectionery, Dec 2011-Present

- Design products including jewelry, accessories, pins, and printed apparel
- Interface with customers while vending at artist markets and online
- Design branding assets including business cards and advertisements
- Manage finances and inventory of supplies and products
- Manage social media accounts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Instructor at Yaymaker Seattle, Sept 2017-Mar 2020

- Instruct craft classes on creation of succulent planters, candles, and stenciled signs
- Plan lessons and planter designs based on season
- Design promotional materials including upcoming classes posters
- Photograph classes for social media

OEM Program Manager at Microsoft, Aug 2015-Nov 2016

- Managed customer relationships with Microsoft's corporate partners
- Scheduled and facilitated recurring meetings with partners
- Maintained up to date knowledge on MS products and services
- Drove feature requests and bug fixes with MS engineers
- Designed and implemented documents tracking partner release readiness

Visualization Intern at the Center for Advanced Transportation Technology, Jun 2014-Jul 2015

- Fixed bugs and implemented new features in the Vehicle Probe Project Suite
- Worked closely with lead UI designer to implement menus and features
- Performed quality assurance testing on project releases
- Collaborated with other interns and staff to review code