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Profile

I am a highly creative individual who has a keen eye for detail and is passionate and excited about prop design. I have four years of experience working as an Orthotic Technician of which my primary role was moulding plastic to create spinal and leg braces for disabled children. Part of this process involved heat moulding Plastazote to conform to the shape of the orthotic, before machine skiving and gluing them in place to provide padding and comfort for the patient. I have a positive outlook and have a great deal of enthusiasm and drive to succeed and excel in any project or role I take on. I am very much a team player supporting and encouraging others whilst remaining focused on a project and have a 'whatever it takes' attitude towards meeting deadlines.

Key skills

- Moulding
- Casting
- Model Making
- Clay Sculpting
- Plaster Sculpting
- Pattern Making
- Poly Carving
- Foam Work
- Paint Finishes
- Photoshop
- 3D Modelling
- Stop Motion Animation
- Machine Sewing

Experience

March 2021 – February 2025

Orthotic Technician • John Florence Ltd.

This job involved moulding plastic to create leg and spinal braces for disabled children. I was head of the moulding department in which my primary role was to ensure work was completed to a high standard and prioritised accordingly. I was also trained to sculpt the legs of patients out of plaster, which was the step before moulding in production.

November 2019 – July 2020

Waitress • Team member • Kokoro Brighton

This job involved serving customers, preparing rice and vegetables, making sushi, refilling drinks and food stock, completing orders from Deliveroo, cleaning and disinfecting the shop surfaces and floors, washing up food containers, and disposing of waste. This was a very fast paced job where there is always something to be done.

July 2019 – August 2019

Puppet fabricator • Volunteer • Nick Barnes Design

I volunteered to help create a giant rainbow shell for a giant pink sea snail puppet that was part of the LGBTQ+ Brighton Pride parade.

December 2018 – May 2019

Project Manager/Prop Maker • Work Experience • Gobsmack Comics

For this client job, I took on the role of project manager to create the Xenomorph from the 1979 movie *Alien* for a Comic book shop in Horsham. This taught me a lot about people management as well as how to maintain a professional, structured, and friendly environment.

June 2018 –August 2018

Puppet fabricator • Work Experience • Nick Barnes Design

Between my first and second year of University, I worked as part of a team to create life size animal puppets for a UK touring theatre show of *Dr. Dolittle*.

December 2017

Prop Maker • Volunteer • Prop Studios

I assisted in the fabrication of a static scene from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* for Warner Bros. Studio Tour London.

July 2015 – August 2015

Sales Assistant • Lester Bowden at Hurstpierpoint College

This job consisted of booking appointments over the phone, pricing up stock and replenishing low stock of a school uniform shop.

Education

FdA • Northbrook Metropolitan College • 2017 – 2019

Prop Making & Special Effects Year 1: Pass

Prop Making & Special Effects Year 2: Pass

BTEC • Brighton City College • 2015 – 2017

Level 3 Games Design Year 1: Distinction

Level 3 Games Design Year 2: Merit

GCSE's • Blatchington Mill School • Hove • 2015

8 GCSE's grade C to A.

Hobbies

I enjoy sculpting, crafting, drawing and painting in my spare time. I love to learn new skills which will enhance my creations. For example, learning to sew to add textile pieces to my models and sculptures. I am currently in the process of making an Etsy shop to sell the creations I make for a hobby in my spare time.

I have a passion for nature and being outdoors. For this reason, I'm fond of camping with friends. I'm always looking to meet new people and make meaningful connections with others. I have recently found a love for volunteering abroad, and this is something I would very much like to do more of in the future.