

KYLE SWINBURN

Furniture Designer

EMAIL ME:

hello@kyleswinburn.com

CALL ME:

+44 (0) 7805 308567

PORTFOLIO:

www.kyleswinburn.com/work

FIND ME:

Based in Hertfordshire / London

I am a technically minded designer with a real passion for creating beautiful, functional, products.

I started my career as a junior furniture designer, and was inspired to launch my own sofa, the Aspen. I quickly became immersed in retail design, furthering my career as Design & Production coordinator at Peerless; a position I currently still hold. Working closely with architects and interior designers, I liaise with manufacturing teams, utilising my technical design & solidworks knowledge to engineer high quality items. My manufacturing background allows me to approach projects with a 'know-how' perspective, where my knowledge of metalwork and joinery production means I'm comfortable problem solving complex designs. Due to high demand, I launched myself as a part-time freelancer. I've worked hard to put together a portfolio of work, with clients including Hugo Boss, Heal & Son, TM Lewin and Harrods. I thrive on challenges and am looking to further my career pushing myself in a rewarding role with the right team.

EXPERIENCE

Peerless Designs Ltd

Design & Production Coordinator from 2015 - Present

Responsible for interpreting client briefs into suitable solutions, as well as developing new products for the range. I gained valuable client facing experience and hands on knowledge of developing FF&E utilising both modern and traditional manufacturing techniques.

Freelance as Kyle Swinburn

Designer from Jul 2017 - Present

Working on a part time basis, I've completed a range of projects, from a Gin Bar for a private client to aluminium tables supplied to John Lewis. I like to use my freelance endeavours as a means of pushing myself outside the standard 8-5 job.

Churchfield Sofa Bed Company

Junior Furniture Designer 2013 - 2014

Working directly with the manufacturing team, I developed new furniture concepts for hotel chains and upmarket retailers. Involved in projects from idea to production, I learnt of the work and timescales involved when taking a product to market.

Found Furniture - www.foundstore.co.uk

Founder - Present hobby

I started Found, a collective of local designers and manufacturers, selling affordable, conscious furniture, to the everyday consumer. We launched the Aspen sofa.

REFERENCE

Danny Chard

Managing Director at Peerless Designs Ltd

References available upon request contact me for details.

EDUCATION

University of Lincoln

Product Design Ba (Hons)

SKILLS

I have a wealth of CAD knowledge with vast experience using product design programmes. I am proficient in the Adobe Creative Suite and competent creating complex 3D parts and assemblies in Solidworks. I'm a maker at heart, at home creating / testing prototypes.

Software

- Solidworks
- Adobe CS
- Autocad
- Sketchup
- Keyshot

Professional

- Sketching / Rendering
- Concept development
- Model making
- Rapid prototyping

As well as a range of standard creative skills, I pride myself on having an approachable, friendly manner and enjoy working collaboratively. Outside of work I live an active lifestyle, and spend my spare time travelling and snowboarding. I hold a valid EU driving license, and am happy to travel to meet suppliers and customers.

RECOGNITIONS

Retail Design Expo

Had a fabric wall system I developed at Peerless, featured at the 2017 retail exhibition in London & print magazine.

New Designers

An exhibitor of both individually the Aspen sofa and a joint 3D printing business venture.

UoL Entrepreneurship scheme

Winner of a £1000 bursary grant to launch a furniture business following the successful presentation of a pitch to enterprise leaders in Lincoln.