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ANIMATOR

Animators bring drawings or computer generated characters to life on screen. If you want to use your imagination, and have creative skills like drawing or modelling, this job could be perfect for you.

To create an image that communicates with your audience, you'll need patience and the ability to concentrate so that your work is accurate and has detail. You'll also need good computer skills.

Artistic talent is highly valued within the animation industry and you can still become an animator based on self-taught skills and experience. It is becoming more common for new animators to begin their careers by taking an animation or art-related course to develop their skills before looking for work.



Hours	35-40 per Week
Salary	£12,000+ per year

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ARCHITECT

Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them. They also work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings. They manage the construction process, control budgets and deal with planning issues.

If you are well organised, creative and interested in buildings and construction, this could be the perfect job for you. To be an architect you will have to complete a five-year university course and complete at least two years' professional experience.

Architects need to be methodical and logical, and have design and computer/CAD skills. They also need to be able to work closely with other construction professionals.



Hours	35-40 per Week
Salary	£17,000+ per year

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ART EDITOR



Art editors make sure that magazines look good and are easy to read. They present words and images in a way that appeals to readers and has visual impact.

You'll need to be creative and have a good understanding of your customers and readers. Great IT skills will help you to complete your work to high standards and in good time for tight deadlines.

There are no set entry requirements to become an art editor. New entrants often have a degree in an art subject. If you have artistic talent and can show employers that you have experience, through a broad portfolio of work, then you could get into this job without a degree.

Hours	35-40 per Week
Salary	£18,000+ per year

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ART GALLERY CURATOR

Art gallery curators manage collections of paintings and objects. These are usually of artistic and historical interest.

To work in an art gallery you should have a keen interest in art. You should have good organisational skills. You'll also need strong communication and people skills.

To do this job you would usually need a degree in a relevant subject such as art or art history.



Hours	37 per Week
Salary	£25,000+ per year

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ART THERAPIST

Art therapists help people express difficult thoughts and feelings through creative activities. If you enjoy helping people and you like using your art skills, this job could be ideal for you. To become an art therapist, you will need to have a non-judgemental attitude. You'll need to be able to relate to people from all backgrounds. And you'll need creativity and imagination. To work as an art therapist you will need to complete a postgraduate course approved by the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT). You will also need paid or voluntary experience gained from working in areas such as mental health, education, special needs, or social services.



Hours	37.5 per Week
Salary	£25,500+ per year

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ART VALUER

As an art valuer, you would work out how much pieces of individual artwork or collections are worth. You would advise people, and organisations, who want to sell, buy or insure artworks. These would include paintings, sculptures and jewellery. It would also include china, books and furniture.

To be an art valuer, you should have excellent communication skills. You need close attention to detail. You will also need good research skills.

You can become an art valuer by starting as an assistant and learning through experience and part-time study. Or you can join a graduate training scheme with a large auction house. You can also complete a degree in a relevant subject.

Hours	Variable
Salary	£18,500+ per year

CAD TECHNICIAN



Computer aided design (CAD) technicians use software to create design plans for buildings and machinery. You could work in a wide range of industries, such as engineering, construction and manufacturing. If you are interested in industrial design and enjoy using software, this job could be just right for you.

To be a CAD technician, you will need to have good maths and IT skills. You will need to understand how things are made and built. You must also be a creative person. You could become a CAD technician by starting as an apprentice with an engineering, manufacturing or construction firm. You could also train in CAD by taking a college course while looking for work.

Hours	35-40 per week
Salary	£16,000+ per year

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CERAMICS DESIGNER-MAKER

This type of designer works to produce a range of clay products. These could include tableware, kitchenware, gifts and decorative items.

To become a ceramics designer, you should be a creative person. You will need to be able to explain ideas through sketches or computer images. You will also need to have good communication skills.

You will usually need a diploma or a degree in a relevant subject such as 3-D design, ceramics or ceramic design.



Hours	40 per week
Salary	£16,000+ per year

COMMUNITY ARTS WORKER

Community arts workers help local communities to plan, organise and take part in arts activities such as drama, dance, mural painting, photography, creative writing and film and video production. If you've got a good overall knowledge of the arts and can motivate people to get involved in community projects, this job could suit you well.

To be good at this job you would need to have experience in one or more areas of the arts. You would need to have organisational and time management skills. You would need to be good at managing projects.

To get into this job you will usually need to be qualified and experienced in a specialist area of the arts such as music, visual arts, dance, drama, music or creative writing.

Volunteering is a common way to build up experience and contacts in this area. There are university courses in community arts you can do, which would teach you some of the skills you would need. You will need to have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance to work with young people and other vulnerable groups.



Hours	Variable
Salary	£16,000+ per year

COSTUME DESIGNER

As a costume designer, you would be responsible for the overall look of the clothes and costumes in theatre, film or television productions. As well as researching and designing costumes, you would often lead a team of people in the costume department. If you have knowledge of fashion and costume history, and want a creative job in film, TV or theatre, this could be ideal for you.

You will need to have excellent design skills, be organised and work to a budget. You'll also need the ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines.

Many costume designers have a university qualification in costume design or fashion and start as a wardrobe assistant or costume maker. You could also get into this job through an Advanced Apprenticeship



Hours	Variable
Salary	£13,000+ per year

DESIGN ENGINEER

Design engineers research and develop ideas for new products and the systems used to make them. They also work to improve the performance and efficiency of existing products.

If you want a professional career in engineering, and are good at problem-solving and generating new ideas, this job could suit you well.

In this job you will need to be able to use computer-aided design software. You will need to be able to combine engineering and design principles.

You would normally need a foundation degree, HNC/HND or degree to become a design engineer. Relevant subjects include engineering product design, industrial design and computer-aided design engineering



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£20,000+ per year

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DRESS MAKER

Dressmakers create made-to-measure clothing such as dresses, skirts, trousers and blouses for their customers. They may specialise in a particular type of clothing like bridal wear. If you are interested in textiles and fashion, are practical and enjoy working with your hands, this job could be ideal for you.

In this job you will need to be able to imagine how a dress will look from the pattern design. You'll also be using your great communication skills to deal with customers in a polite and tactful way. There is no set entry route into this job. Courses in dressmaking, fashion and pattern cutting will help you to develop the skills you need. You may be able to get into this job through an Apprenticeship scheme



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£12,000+ per year

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EXHIBITION DESIGNER

If you have creative flair, lots of ideas and can visualise how exhibition plans might look, this could be the perfect job for you.

Exhibition designers work with organisations and individuals to turn their ideas into engaging displays that tie in with an overall theme or promote products in their best light. They use a combination of graphics, props, multimedia, lighting and sound to make the most of the exhibition space.

For this job, you will need to have excellent design skills, be a good communicator and the ability to work under pressure to tight deadlines. You will also need a relevant qualification at HND or degree level, although you may be able to start as an assistant and work your way up.

Hours	30-40 per week
Salary	£16,000+ per year

FASHION DESIGNER

Fashion designers design clothing and fashion ranges. As a fashion designer, you could work in high fashion or designer ready-to-wear fashion. You could also work in high street fashion. You would often specialise in particular types of clothing - for example in men's, children's or sportswear. If you love being creative and you are passionate about fashion, this job could be perfect for you.



To be a fashion designer, you will need to have a good eye for colour and shape. You'll need skills like pattern cutting and sewing. You'll also need to be able to spot trends.

You will usually need a relevant degree to do this job. A course that teaches both design and technical skills will give you the knowledge you need to work in the industry.

Hours	Variable
Salary	£18,000+ per year

FINE ARTIST

If you are a very creative person with original ideas, and you have talent in one or more artistic areas, this job could be for you.

Fine artists create original works of art using a variety of methods such as painting, drawing, sculpture, engraving, printmaking or photography.

In this job you will need a good appreciation of colour and shape. You will need self-motivation to work alone. You may also need business skills to promote your work.

If you are exceptionally talented you may not need any formal training. However, most fine artists have BTEC qualifications or a degree.



Hours	Variable
Salary	Variable

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GLASS MAKER

Glassmakers work in manufacturing, producing everything from doors and windows for construction to windscreens used in the motor industry. They can also be found working in the craft sector, making a wide range of products from scientific equipment to jewellery.

If you want to put your practical skills to good use and have an interest in glass and its properties, this may be a career to suit you.

To work in manufacturing, you'll need a good standard of general education. For craftwork, you're likely to need a college qualification in a subject like art and design crafts, ceramics or product design. You may also be able to start out by joining an Apprenticeship scheme



Hours	39 per week
Salary	£14,000+ per year

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Graphic designers use lettering and images to communicate information and ideas. This could be for all kinds of purposes from advertisements to product packaging. If you have lots of creative ideas this career could be perfect for you.

To become a graphic designer, you will need to have IT and drawing skills. You'll need to be able to find practical solutions to problems. You'll also need excellent communication skills.

Most professional graphic designers have a foundation degree, HND or degree in graphic design or other art and design-based subject



Hours	35-40 per week
Salary	£14,000+ per year

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HAT DESIGNER/MILLINER

As a hat designer or milliner, you would create new ideas for hats, either producing designs to be made up in a factory or making hats to your own designs. You could work in one of the following areas of the fashion industry:

high fashion (known as haute couture) - one-off designs usually made for one customer, sometimes with a special occasion in mind
designer - hats which have a limited production run and are made with a designer label

high-street fashion - mass-produced hats which are sold in fashion shops and department stores.



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£15,000+ per year

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ILLUSTRATOR

As an illustrator, you would produce drawings, paintings or diagrams that help make products more attractive or easier to understand. This could include books, book jackets, greetings cards, advertisements, packaging and detailed technical diagrams. If you are talented at drawing, and have creativity and imagination, this might be the perfect job for you.

You'll need to be creative while sticking to your customer's design brief. Time management is something you'll need to use when meeting publication or client deadlines.

Many professional illustrators have a degree in illustration or other art related degree subjects. If you are creative, have artistic talent and the determination to succeed you could still be successful in illustration without a degree



Hours	Variable
Salary	Variable

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INTERIOR DESIGNER

If you love design and decorating, this job could be perfect for you.

A good interior designer has creativity and practical skills. They need to be a good communicator and have excellent organisational skills.

Interior designers plan and supervise the design and decoration of the inside of buildings. This can include private homes and buildings such as offices, hotels, restaurants and shops.

To be an interior designer you will need a high level of design skill, which means you usually need to have completed an art- or design-related foundation degree, HND or degree.



Hours	Variable
Salary	£18,000+ per year

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JEWELLERY DESIGNER-MAKER

If you are creative, can work accurately with your hands and would like working with gemstones and metals, this job could suit you well.

Jewellery designers plan the style and pattern of jewellery, silverware and other decorative metalwork products.

In this job you would need drawing and computer design skills. You would also need to work accurately and with a high attention to detail.

There aren't any specific entry requirements for becoming a jewellery designer - your skills and experience can be more important than qualifications. However, most jewellery designers have a foundation degree, BTEC HND or degree in a subject such as jewellery design.



Hours	30-40 per week
Salary	£16,000+ per year

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LEATHER CRAFT WORKER

Leather craftworkers use traditional tools and methods to make clothing, footwear, accessories and home furnishings. Some leather workers choose to specialise in saddle making and other horse riding items like harnesses.

If you want to do something creative, have good practical skills and can pay close attention to fine detail, a career in leather crafts may give you the chance you've looking for.

You don't need any specific qualifications to start as a trainee though a course in creative crafts may give you some of the skills you'll need in this job. You may also be able to get into this career through an Apprenticeship scheme.



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£12,000+ per year

MAKE-UP ARTIST

As a make-up artist you would apply make-up and style hair for anyone appearing in front of a camera or a live audience. You may work in film, television, theatre, concerts, photographic sessions or fashion shows. If you enjoy fashion, hairdressing and cosmetics, and love being creative, this could be a perfect career for you. You would normally start by taking a specialist course in media make-up, theatrical make-up or a related subject. You would also need to get some practical experience and start making contacts in the industry.



Hours	Variable
Salary	Variable

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MEDICAL ILLUSTRATOR

Medical illustrators are healthcare scientists who specialise in producing photographs, videos and graphical images for use in healthcare. As a medical illustrator you would use your artistic skills to produce visual records of patient care. You would also create materials for teaching and research purposes. If you have artistic ability, and are interested in healthcare and biology, then this career could be for you.

To work as a medical illustrator you will need a related degree, such as a BSc in Clinical Photography, or a degree in medical illustration. If you already have a degree in photography, you can take a postgraduate certificate in clinical photography by applying for a post as a trainee clinical photographer.



Hours	37.5 per week
Salary	£21,388+ per year

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MODEL MAKER

As a model maker, you would design and make 3D scale models (or mock-ups) to show how new buildings or products will look, or to test new designs. You could also make models to create special effects for film or television, or to make complicated technical or scientific ideas easier to understand. If you are interested in art, design and technology, and you can visualise designs in 3D, this job could suit you. In this job you would need good drawing and IT skills. You would need to be able to understand plans and technical drawings. You would also need to have attention to detail and a methodical approach. You don't need any specific qualifications to get into this work. However, there are college and university courses in model making and design modelling, which could help you develop some of the skills you need for this work. You would usually need to have a portfolio of your work to get a job or get onto a course in this area.



Hours	Variable
Salary	£19,000+ per year

MUSEUM CURATOR

If you are interested in arts and history, and you have organisational skills, this job could be ideal for you.

As a museum curator, you would manage collections of objects of artistic, scientific, historical and general interest. In this job you would need to be good at making decisions. You would also need to be accurate in your work.

To get into this job you would usually need a degree and a postgraduate qualification in a relevant subject like museum or heritage studies. Paid or unpaid work experience will also be essential.



Hours	36-37 per week
Salary	£,000+ per year

PHOTOGRAPHER

If you are artistic and love taking photographs, this could be a perfect career for you. As a photographer you would use cameras to take still photographs. You would use your technical skills and artistic ideas to take images of people and products. You will also take pictures of places or events. A photographer is usually a creative person. You'll also need to be able to make people feel relaxed.

Most professional photographers take a college or university course to develop their technical skills.



Hours	Variable
Salary	£12,000+ per year

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PRODUCT DESIGNER

If you can mix creativity with a logical approach, this job might suit you.

Product designers decide the way many everyday items look and work. Examples include items for household use such as mobile phones and domestic appliances or larger products such as cars.

In this job you will need to be able to use drawings, 3D models and computer-aided designs. You will also need to be able to plan a project through several stages, working out prices and budgets.

To get into this job you will usually need to have a relevant qualification at degree, foundation degree or BTEC HND level. The subject could be in product design, or a more general design qualification that offers product design as an option.



Hours	30-40 per week
Salary	£17,000+ per year

PROP MAKER

As a prop maker, it would be your job to create realistic-looking objects for use in theatre, film and television. If you would like to work in one of these areas, and you have both practical and creative skills, this could be the job for you.

In this job you would need to be good at solving problems. You would also need to have a high level of attention to detail.

To get into this job, your talent and skills are more important than your formal qualifications. However, there are college and university courses in subjects like prop making, which could help you develop the skills you would need for this job. This is a job for which getting practical experience is very important. You could get this by entering as an assistant, working on a placement or by volunteering.



Hours	Variable
Salary	Variable

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SET DESIGNER

If you are good at drawing and model making, and you want to work in film, TV or theatre, this job could be perfect for you.

Set designers create the overall look of a theatre, television or film production. In the film and TV industry they are often known as production designers and in the theatre as stage designers.

In this job you will need to be creative and imaginative. You will need to be good at communicating with people. You will also need to stay organised, even when working under pressure. To get into this job you will need a high level of design skill and creative vision. You would normally start as a designer's assistant or prop maker in the theatre, or as an art department trainee or runner in film and TV. You don't need any specific qualifications but in practice many entrants have a university qualification in an art-based subject.



Hours	Variable
Salary	Variable

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TAILOR

Tailors create custom-made (bespoke) suits, jackets and coats for men and women. They may make the whole garment, or work in a team where each member has a specialism. If you're interested in textiles and fashion, and can get on well with people, this job could be ideal for you.

In this job you'll need sewing and design skills. You'll also need to be creative and know about different types of fabric.

To get into this job you could start without qualifications and learn whilst working with a master tailor. You may be able to arrange this yourself, or it could be part of an Apprenticeship scheme. There are also college courses in fashion and textiles that would teach you some of the skills you'll need.



Hours	40 per week
Salary	£10,500 per year

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TATTOOIST

If you've got an eye for design, a steady hand and an interest in body art, this could be the job for you.

Tattooists, also known as body artists, apply permanent images onto their clients' bodies. They use needles and ink to draw images, symbols or words onto the skin.

In this job you will need good hand-eye co-ordination. You will need to have good concentration and attention to detail. You will also need to be very aware of hygiene, and health and safety.

To get into this job you would usually approach a tattooist and ask if they will take you on as an apprentice. By law tattooists must be registered by their local Environmental Health Department.



Hours	30-40 per week
Salary	£15,000 a year

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TEXTILE DESIGNER

Textile designers create fabric designs and patterns for woven, knitted and printed materials used to make clothing, interior furnishings and other textile products.

As a textile designer, your key duties would include: producing initial sketches by hand or on computer, using specialist computer aided design (CAD) software manipulating digital designs until they meet customers' requirements

making up samples or having them constructed by technicians

researching design trends and forecasts to decide what is likely to sell

liaising with clients, technical staff, marketing and buying staff

keeping up to date with developments in manufacturing technology.

You would often work closely with colleagues as part of a design team, and be involved with each stage of the design process.



Hours	Variable
Salary	£15,000

UPHOLSTERER

As an upholsterer you would add padding and soft covers to furniture. You would work with textiles, design and colour to cover or re-cover items with materials such as leather, suede or cotton. If you enjoy practical, hands on work and have an interest in style and design, there could be opportunities for you in upholstery. An eye for detail and the ability to work accurately will help you to measure materials and cut them to the right size. You'll also need to be patient and persevere to make sure your furniture is finished to a high standard. There is no fixed entry route to become an upholsterer. Employers look for upholstery skills and industry experience. You can work towards qualifications before you look for work. There may also be opportunities to get into this work through an Apprenticeship or by looking for work as a trainee upholsterer.

Hours	39 per week
Salary	£18,000+ per year

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VISUAL MERCHANDISER

If you love making things look good and like being creative, this could be perfect for you. Visual merchandisers (also known as window dressers or display assistants) use their design skills to help promote the image, products and services of retail businesses and other organisations. They create eye-catching product displays and store layouts and design to attract customers and encourage them to buy.

To become a visual merchandiser, you would usually either have a background in design or work your way up through the retail industry. You could also gain a higher education qualification in display or merchandising.

A visual merchandiser needs to have a high level of attention to detail. They also need to be able to work to deadlines. The ability to work well as part of a team is also important.



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£12,000+ per year

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WEB DESIGNER

If you are interested in computers and enjoy being creative, this job could be ideal for you. Web designers use their creativity and technical skills to build or redesign websites. They need to be able to picture how a site will look and also understand how it will work.

You do not usually need qualifications to become a web designer. However, most designers have experience in other types of design, or have done training in web design.



Hours	37-40 per week
Salary	£15,000+ per year

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