



ART ROUTES

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

Careers

Many (although not all) careers related to art and design require higher education qualifications. They include:

- Advertising account manager
- Advertising art director
- Animator
- Antiques dealer
- Architect
- Art gallery curator
- Art therapist
- Arts administrator
- Arts education officer
- Auctioneer / valuer
- Audio visual technician
- Cinematographer
- Community arts worker
- Costume designer
- Conservator
- Design engineer
- Exhibition designer
- Fashion buyer
- Fashion designer
- Fashion retailer
- Film producer
- Fine artist
- Furniture designer
- Gallery education officer
- Gallery assistant
- Games designer
- Graphic designer
- Illustrator
- Interior designer
- Jewellery designer
- Landscape designer
- Medical Illustrator
- Museum education officer
- photographer
- Product Designer
- Set Designer
- Silversmith
- Teacher/lecturer
- Textile designer
- User Interface (UI) designer
- Visual effects (VFX) producer
- Web designer

Some of the creative industries are also developing apprenticeships.

SKILLS

Studying art and design can help you develop wider skills, such as:

- Attention to detail
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- IT
- Organising / planning
- Practical
- Presentation
- Problem solving
- Research
- Teamwork
- Time management
- Using tools and equipment
- Visual / spatial awareness
- Working independently

These skills are needed for many jobs at different levels and with a range of entry routes, including apprenticeships and further education. Here's a selection:

- Architectural technician
- Beauty therapist
- Body piercer
- Cake decorator / confectioner
- Carpenter / joiner
- Chef
- Civil engineering technician
- Digital marketing manager
- Display assistant
- Engraver
- Florist
- Furniture maker
- Hairdresser
- Image consultant
- Machine printer
- Make-up artist
- Marketing manager / assistant
- Nail technician
- Painter & decorator
- Plasterer
- Public relations officer
- Retail buyer
- Retail display worker
- Retail jeweler
- Signwriter
- Tattooist

DID YOU KNOW?

James Dyson, the inventor and founder of the Dyson Company, studied furniture and interior design before moving into engineering.

Florence Welch and Jarvis Cocker are also former art / design students.

ROUTES

It's important to back up art and design with other subjects. English and maths are required for most careers and, depending on the job, you may also need sciences and sometimes a language or history.

Many creative careers don't follow a conventional path. Freelancing and short contracts are common and you will need to build up a good network of contacts in order to spot opportunities.

Change happens quickly in the creative industries so keep your IT skills up to date. You also need good business sense – artists have to make a living!

If you're looking into higher education, take care with your research as courses can vary e.g. some are more practical than others. Some courses want you to follow an 18+ Art Foundation Course first. Many will want to see a selection of your work (called a portfolio).

FIND OUT MORE

For more job ideas, visit nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople then follow links to 'Aged 13-19' and 'Do something you're good at'.

If you're thinking about higher education, visit: www.prospects.ac.uk to see what art and design graduates have done after their degree.

Other websites:

artscouncil.org.uk

ccskills.org.uk

screenskills.com/

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

sheffieldfutures.org.uk

ucasprogress.com

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