

Ben Kirkby

Furniture & Product Designer

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Employment

- Present ○ Furniture and Product Design Consultant at Ben Kirkby Limited and Shanghai Ben Kirkby Design Co Ltd
- Specialising in the design and development of furniture and lighting for retail, working with retailers including Made.com and John Lewis.
- Providing design and development consultation to international brands such as Stellar Works, and Ariake from hands on technical guidance to hands on development.
- Design, brand and product strategy for Stellar Works and factories looking to strengthen their product offering within specific market areas.
- Nov 2012 ○
- June 2018 ○ Product Development Manager at Stellar Works
Leading the development of all new collections from design proposal to production ready pieces. Working closely with the Stellar Works international roster of designers including Neri&Hu to ensure all products were developed and launched to a strict schedule.
- Sept 2016 ○
- Mar 2015 ○ Furniture Designer at Solent Home & Garden
Design and development of new and existing garden furniture ranges for UK retailers. Trend research and design insight to aid creation of internal design briefs.
- Mar 2014 ○
- Dec 2012 ○ Furniture Design Intern at Plant & Moss Ltd
Design and development of new products, from concept through to sourcing local materials and suppliers for manufacture.
- Aug 2012 ○

Education

- 2012 ○ Masters Degree in Product Design
Design Products MDes First Class Honours
Furniture Design Major
- 2008 ○ De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

Personal Profile

I am a highly driven designer with a strong background in designing and developing furniture and lighting for retail clients in UK and across the globe.

Key Skills

Furniture and lighting design for retail
Primary and secondary market research
Trend analysis and interpretation
Product development from concept to technical definition
CAD modelling and rendering
Graphic communication of products
Technical drawing
Materials and process selection
Team leadership

Strong knowledge of the following software:

Solidworks
Autodesk Fusion 360
Keyshot
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe InDesign
Microsoft Office

Basic knowledge of the following software:

Rhino 3D
AutoCAD
Autodesk Alias Automotive

Additional Information

- Masters project featured in Deco magazine (September 2012)
- Masters project featured in Furniture Design: An introduction to development, materials and manufacturing by Stuart Lawson (2013)
- Nominated for Design Guildmark Award for John Lewis Croft Islay outdoor furniture range (2015)

