

Hello!

My name is Maria Ragone and I'm located in Detroit, Michigan!

I recently joined SDI as a Faculty member and I have worked in various industries throughout my career. I moved from soft-goods engineering to home fashions and textiles, to furniture design and woodworking, to fashion accessories, to automotive seating engineering. And, finally I worked in sales as well! I have also owned my own design business. I began instructing college level courses in 2021 about model making and woodworking.

I hold a BFA in Fine Art and a Bachelor of Science degree in textiles. I have completed numerous job-related software trainings and DFMEA trainings. I also have three published children's books.

In my personal life I love making furniture and acquire a new tool every chance I can. I also designed and made all my kitchen and bathroom cabinets and countertops. My favorite project has been a vertical wall hanging chessboard. In my spare time I enjoy playing sand or court volleyball. You can also see me on the dance floor cutting a rug with various ballroom dancing styles such as East and West Coast Swing, Cha-cha and Hustle. I also enjoy working on various business projects, web development and my project-based blog.

Lastly, I want to let you know that I'm here for you to help you further your education. I will do my best to help you through your questions and your journey in this class. Please feel free to reach out and let me know what I can do help you here at SDI.

See you soon,

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