

Karen Bala

Architect +
UX Designer

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Who am I

Architect. UX designer. Ceramicist. Paddleboarder. Cardio fanatic.

I love projects with a purpose, those that marry business strategy with user value. I love bringing joy and pleasure to people's lives through design. And I love being part of a business' success story.

Education

Career Foundry / UX and Front End Dev for Designers certificates

February 2021 - January 2022, Berlin, Germany

University of Florida / Masters of Architecture

1995 - 1997, Gainesville, FL USA

Path to Dream Job

Oxman / Creative Director

September 2028 - PRESENT, USA

Work across every stage of the project lifecycle to ensure that the concepts and design decisions are sensitive to both the needs of users and clients' businesses. Work across interdisciplinary teams to align business goals, products, and end-users.

The Spark

frog design / UX Lead Designer

January 2025 - July 2028, USA

Create the core scaffolding and guidelines (architecture, user flows, navigation models, etc) that shape how people interact with products, and collaborate closely with Visual Designers and Design Technologists to bring these to life in the final product.

XYZ Architects / Director of Design + jr UX Designer

March 2021 - December 2024, USA

Integrate UX design principles with the client's project. Select projects will go through the entire design thinking process with the goal of aligning their physical space to their end user's goals for their space. Communicate with the client every step of the design thinking process and over-communicate with internal teams to move projects forward.

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