# kouthar waled.

# designing for people.

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### work.

Future Product Design Intern | WSIB Innovation Lab september 2020 - december 2020

Founding Product Designer | BeBlended Inc., NEXT 36 '20 may 2020 - present

Transformed the hairstylist booking experience by eliminating pain points and designing human-centric solutions for user problems

Leading design strategy and vision, translating the BeBlended mission into a product

Designing information architecture, wire-frames, and high fidelity interactive screens for a delightful hairstylist booking experience in Figma

Led user interviews with 11+ users and curated transformative insights from qualitative/quantitative data, validating user problems

Product Designer & DesignOps Manager | StarterHacks april 2020 - present

Defining product features and user stories for an app assisting relationship building at events

Graphic Designer & Product Manager | Scotiabank may 2020 - present

Designed modern visual assets and created unique branding for internal newsletter in accordance to the Scotiabank design system

Conducted user interviews, identifying trends in user pain-points and goals to identify user needs and define product features

# projects.

Product Designer | ProseApp

july 2020 - present

Designing a plugin to help second language learners improve vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension with a customizable e-reading experience for all types of learners

# education.

#### **University of Waterloo**

september 2018 - december 2022

Bachelor of Computer Science
Human-Computer Interaction
Specialization 3.6/4.0 GPA

### tools.

Figma CSS
Sketch HTML
Photoshop Swift
Illustrator Java

# skills.

UI/UX Design
Human-centric Design
Visual Design
Problem Validating
User Researching
User Interviewing
Information Architecture
Interaction Design

## achievements.

Grace Hopper 2020 Scholar
Rewriting the Code Fellow
DesignBuddies Content Creator

# hobbies.

Illustrating Joke cracking
Swimming Baking