

# RACHEL STARK

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## DESIGN PROFESSIONAL | FRONTEND ENGINEER

Results-oriented designer with 2+ years of experience translating user and stakeholder needs into beautiful, functional spaces. Dedicated to professional development, pursuing NCIDQ certification starting with the IDFX exam this Fall 2024. Proven leadership skills empowering sales teams to prioritize customer needs and deliver exceptional experiences.

## EDUCATION

**Interaction Design Foundation** | Design for a Better World Course Certificate | 2024

**Flatiron School** | Full Stack Web Development Certificate | 2023

**Grow with Google** | Foundations of User Experience Design Certificate | 2022

**University of Texas at Arlington** | Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, Cum Laude | 2007

## EXPERIENCE

### Freelance Designer

Self-Employed | Keller, Texas | 01/2013 - Current

- Led the planning and execution of 8+ events, from design to vendor coordination and budget management
- Designed, executed, and managed 6+ residential design and remodeling projects from concept to completion
- Developed precise timelines and communicated regularly and openly with clients throughout the process
- Collaborated on corporate holiday decor projects for diverse settings including offices and festive gatherings
- Managed 4 relocations (2 out-of-state), including logistics, budgets, and timelines for smooth family transitions
- User Experience Design and Software Development Student | Stay-at-home Parent | Keller ISD Volunteer

### Sales Manager

Crate & Barrel | Plano, Texas | 09/2011 - 08/2012

- Leveraged design expertise to assist customers in selecting furniture pieces that matched their style and spatial requirements
- Addressed customer concerns through investigations and identified solutions that were mutually advantageous
- Managed and guided the sales team by providing training, sales support, and coaching for upsell opportunities
- Mediated workplace conflicts to cultivate a collaborative and positive team environment

### Design Associate - Interior Design

VLK Architects | Arlington, Texas | 01/2008 - 11/2009

- NCIDQ-eligible | working towards NCIDQ requirements under the guidance of a registered mentor
- Designed functional and engaging interiors for K-12 schools, including athletic facilities and administrative offices
- Presented design proposals, gathered feedback, and implemented design solutions that prioritized clients input
- Designed unique sports logos, patterns, and custom desks for diverse projects, meeting specific stakeholder needs
- Collaborated with architects and builders to maintain design intent throughout construction phases on 11+ projects
- Selected and procured a diverse range of furnishings, finishes, and materials, creating cohesive designs schemes
- Reviewed and drafted product specifications, used AutoCAD and SketchUp to contribute to construction documents
- Performed comprehensive site visits, gathering measurements, detailed photos, and proactively addressing client concerns

### Interior Design Intern

Lauckgroup | Dallas, Texas | 09/2007 - 12/2007

- Composed client presentations, including research, design boards, prints, and mock-ups
- Coordinated with vendors and suppliers to obtain quotes, samples, and product information
- Maintained cataloged project files, including drawings, samples, specifications, and correspondence

### Radiology Administrative Assistant

Arlington Orthopedic Associates | Arlington, Texas | 08/2003 - 10/2007

## SKILLS

**Software** | AutoCAD, SketchUp, Figma, Adobe Photoshop, Google Workspace, Microsoft Suite

**Design** | Space Planning, Color Theory, User-Centered Design, Accessible Design, Sketching, User Research, Furniture Design

**Tech Stack** | Javascript, HTML, CSS, React, Ruby on Rails, SQL, GitHub, Markdown, SQL basics