

MERNA SELWANES

Showroom Designer | Residential Interior Design



INTERIOR DESIGNER



Profile

Creative and detail-oriented Showroom Designer | Residential Interior Design with experience in kitchen and bathroom layouts, space planning, and client consultations. Skilled in translating ideas into practical, visually appealing solutions, balancing functionality with design aesthetics. Known for a meticulous, collaborative approach and a passion for creating thoughtful, user-centered interiors. Highly motivated to tackle design challenges and grow in residential interior design.



Employment History

Education

BA Hons Interior Design
University of the West of England,
Bristol
2021 – 2024

Diploma in Art and Design
South Gloucestershire and Stroud
College, Bristol

Level 2
2019 – 2021

Diploma in Art and Design
South Gloucestershire and Stroud
College, Bristol

Level 1
2018 – 2019

Link

[Website](#)

[Portfolio](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)

Present
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2026

B & Q

Showroom Designer | Residential Interior Design

- Consult with clients on kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and storage design, transforming concepts into functional, aesthetically considered plans
- Manage projects from initial consultation through to installation, ensuring a seamless client experience
- Coordinate with internal teams and external installers on schedules, specifications, and deliveries
- Apply clear communication, strong organisational skills, and a collaborative approach in a fast-paced showroom environment

2026
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2025

DX Group, Bristol

Customer service adviser

- Manage enquiries for important accounts, ensuring accuracy and timely resolution
- Maintain strong professional relationships and clear communication with clients
- Coordinate logistics and problem-solve efficiently under pressure
- Demonstrate organisation, attention to detail, and teamwork

2025
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2020

Morrisons, Bristol

Customer Assistant

- Delivered customer service across multiple roles, including tills, self-service, and petrol station support
- Took on additional responsibilities when needed, demonstrating flexibility and adaptability
- Acted as team leader, assisting with staff coordination and operations, and was considered for promotion
- Developed strong communication, organisation, and problem-solving skills in a fast-paced environment

Expertise

AutoCAD, SketchUp, & 3D Rendering

Space Planning & Layout Design

Material Selection & Sustainability Focus

Creative Conceptualization

Hand-drawing & Sketching

Design Software Proficiency

Customer Engagement

Problem-Solving

Active Listening

Team Collaboration

Time Management

Attention to Detail

Artistic Techniques

Visual Storytelling

Creative Problem-Solving

Model making

References

References available upon request

2020
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2019

KFC, Gloucester Road North

Customer Assistant

- Led drive-thru operations during peak times, coordinating orders, payments, and handovers efficiently
- Ensured accuracy in order preparation and maintained high standards of customer service
- Handled customer enquiries and maintained hygiene and safety standards
- Developed strong multitasking, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills in a fast-paced environment



Work Experience

Clio Enterprise

Trainee Interior Design

September 2025 – January 2026

- Currently training in interior design, focusing on space planning and technical drawing
- Skilled in AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp, and V-Ray for creating detailed floor plans, 3D models, and realistic visualisations
- Gaining hands-on experience in translating client needs into functional and aesthetically pleasing interior spaces
- Developing strong technical, problem-solving, and projects

New Designer Exhibitor, Bristol

JULY 2024 – JULY 2024

- Exhibitor for graduation project at the New Designers exhibition, London
- Presented models, material selections, and spatial planning concepts
- Showcased creative and sustainable design solutions to visitors and industry professionals
- Received expert feedback and expanded professional network

Ken Stradling Collection, Bristol

FEBRUARY 2021 – FEBRUARY 2021

- Featured artwork in the Ken Stradling Collection curated exhibition during lockdown
- Collaborated with curators to align work with the gallery's vision
- Showcased creativity and model-making skills, presenting a detailed version of a house project to a wider audience

Aerospace Museum, Bristol

FEBRUARY 2019 – FEBRUARY 2019

- Assisted in promoting and selling student artwork at the Aerospace Art Exhibition
- Presented insights on the connection between art and aerospace innovation to visitors
- Engaged potential buyers, contributed to sales, and supported exhibition setup and maintenance