



EDUCATION Rhode Island School of Design, RISD Providence, RI
2007-09 Master of Industrial Design

Yestermorrow Design/Build School Warren, VT
2008 Certificate in sustainable building and design

Murray State University, MSU Murray, KY
2001-06 Bachelor of Fine Art: Furniture Design, cum laude

DESIGN

2011- Present: Let's Just Make That!, Providence, RI, Present
Expanding into multi-media, I have created a blog, Let's Just Make That!, where through videos, I show people how to build projects & make repairs around the house.
See <http://www.letsjustmakethat.blogspot.com>

2009- Present: jbrownDesign, Providence, RI, Present
Freelance Designer
This work ranges from product design, package & display design and graphic layout, branding, mock ups, sign painting & interior design. Clients include DCI (Décor Craft Inc), Kowalli, Providence Inner City Arts Roots Café, Superior Global Transportation.

2009-2011: Lead Product Designer, Little Kids Inc. (LKI)
Working in the Research & Design department of LKI, I was responsible for the design aspects of toy creation from concept to shelf, specifically ideation, drawings, model revisions, color selections, & styling. Duties included communicating & collaborating with marketing & sales as well as over-seeing our projects in China.

2006-07: Home Depot, Specialist in Millwork
Gained an intimate knowledge of residential building products & their functions. Successful in elevating store appeal by taking over signage & displays resulting in a promotion to manage my own department raising sales 50% & reducing the weekly return rate. Also conducted Saturday kid's building workshops.

TEACHING

2012-Current: Play-well TEKnologies, Massachusetts, Lego Engineer
This engineering educational outreach organization introduces kids, K-5th grade to engineering, architecture & physics.

2009-10: Community Works Rhode Island (CWRI), Freelance Design Consultant
Working with a local non-profit that puts low-income families in environmentally sustainable housing, I designed a curriculum and product for the teenage occupants of these units to teach them about sustainability, health, & environmentalism.

2011: Entrepreneurship Mindshare Weekend, RISD
This presentation was about the process of striking out on your own and what that means in this economy.

SPEAKING

2009: Commencement Speaker
Nominated by my classmates and chosen by a graduation committee to deliver the graduation speech on behalf of my fellow graduate students.
See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRwCCI9BLds>

2008: A Better World by Design, Emcee
Wrote the opening & closing speech & coordinated guests for a conference that brought together designers, engineers, architects, & economists to discuss how design & technology can improve the global crisis & push the limits of user-centric & affordable design.
See <http://www.Abetterworldbydesign.com>



Jessica Brown holds an MID from the RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN where she specialized in sustainable design. She is a designer, painter, furniture maker, finish carpenter and all around Renaissance woman who can work with just about any material that crosses her path including wood, metal, plastics, textiles, and clay. She currently focuses on projects to help renters and homeowners design and build projects around the house as well as teaches others how to greenovate their home. In addition to residential design, she has taken on small commercial projects and her own work has been showcased by HGTV's Vern Yip, published in Crit Magazine, and has work in a permanent collection in Milwaukee Art Museum.

While still in college, she worked at a finished carpentry shop where her duties including loading large pieces of wood onto racks, fabricating, finishing, and installing kitchens into client homes. There she was the only female but quickly showed that she would be treated as an equal. At the Rhode Island School of Design, she led a summer crew of workers to design, cut, weld, and install a storage system for the woodshop tool room and shelves for the faculty offices. Throughout her leadership roles, she has seen the value of clear communication, teamwork, respect, and good craftsmanship.

Recently, she was the lead product designer for Little Kids, Inc., a local toy design company in Seekonk, MA. Currently, she is the host/designer/producer of a nascent blog series called, "Let's Just Make That!" a DIY show that empowers regular people to become makers. As the host of Let's Just Make That!, she instructs people with simple step-by-step instructions, encourages the reuse of materials, and uses easily accessible tools to show viewers how to create the projects that they desire and make the repairs that they need. The range of materials and techniques demonstrated include woodworking, laser cutting, sewing, electrical work, spackling, and gardening.

Not only is she an artist and designer, but she is also a musician where she has performed in front of audiences of over 400. While in graduate school, she had the honor of being the emcee at the first ever Better World By Design conference with its international audience of designers, architects, doctors, and professors. She was also nominated by her peers to give the graduation speech at her commencement, a highly honored and coveted position. She has proven time and again with her outgoing personality and quick wit that she is comfortable on stage and in front of a camera. While continuing to grow her blog, Jessica is doing freelance industrial design projects under JessicabrownDesign and is working on a start-up that provides sustainable transportation options to the city of Providence.