

# karen painter

artist | maker

I am an artist and maker with a particular interest in ceramics, wood and textiles, incorporating light within my work.

Following a successful career as a graphic designer, an ongoing appreciation of contemporary craft has led me to transfer my design skills to making.

Natural properties are fundamental to my pieces; wherever possible, I work with recycled or locally sourced materials. It is important I allow my materials to reveal their qualities without added distraction.

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## qualifications

BA (Hons) Fine Art and Contemporary Arts Practice (currently studying)  
Bristol School of Art, University of Gloucestershire

FDA Design & Materials  
Bristol School of Art, University of Gloucestershire

City & Guilds Textiles  
Bristol Adult Learning

HND Graphic Design and Advertising  
Hounslow Borough College

## awards

The Gane Trust Student Travel Scholarship, 2024  
The Gane Trust Student Recognition Award, 2023

## exhibitions

MAKING IT, Make Southwest, 2025  
Bristol School of Art Degree Show, 2024  
RWA 170 Annual Open Exhibition, 2023

## residencies

Cerdeira, Home for Creativity, Portugal, June 2024

## work experience

2022 to 2024  
Tech Exchange Programme, Clay Shed, Bristol, UK

2002 to 2023  
Self-employed Graphic Designer, Bristol, UK

1994 to 2001  
Art Director, Specialist Publications, Bristol, UK