



# Ella Downs

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## Work Experience

### **Project Production Designer**

Sept 2022 - 2025

Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham

- Demonstrated problem-solving by adapting designs to budget, material and spatial constraints.
- Collaborated with diverse teams and individually to develop innovative concepts for sets, props and costumes.
- Proficient in presenting, model and prop creation, technical drawing and meeting deadlines.

### **Art Department Assistant**

March 2024

Confetti Studios - Nottingham

- Collaborated with film students to construct the Confetti Show set
- Gained hands-on experience in set assembly and ensured safety compliance in a fast-paced environment

### **Event Design Display Assistant**

Jul 2023 - Dec 2024

Jo Downs Handmade Glass Limited - Sunningdale

- Designed and created an engaging and visually appealing stand to showcase and sell fused glass products.
- Managed layout and organisation to optimize space and meet market space requirements.

### **Art Department Assistant**

March 2025

Universal Studios - Druids Heath, Birmingham

- Short film 'The pigs underneath'
- Prop resetting between takes
- Prop placement
- General on location duties

### **Props Trainee**

May 2025 (1 Week)

Apple TV - Shinfield Studios, Reading

- Demonstrated reliability and enthusiasm in a fast-paced, high-pressure production environment
- Restored and finished props using techniques such as repainting, touch-ups, and gold leafing to meet production standards
- Unloaded, unpacked, and organized hired and purchased set pieces, ensuring clear labelling and careful handling to support on-set use and accurate return to prop houses

## Additional Work Experience

### **Barista and Waitress**

May 2023 - July 2025

Little Green - West Bridgeford, Nottingham

### **Receptionist**

April 2021 - September 2022

Milanos Pizza - Knaphill, Surrey

I am an enthusiastic Design for Film and TV Graduate from Nottingham Trent University with a passion for creative design, research and bringing concepts to life. Dedicated to storytelling through impactful and visually compelling design with a strong eye for detail and accuracy. I am confident in collaborating with others, effectively pitching ideas and concepts to groups and contributing to dynamic team discussions. My career goal is to be a member of an art department working on successful productions. I am enthusiastic about prop and model making, developed through both academic training and hands-on work experience, but remain open to exploring other areas as I continue to grow and evolve as a designer.

## Education

### **Nottingham Trent University**

BA (Hons) Design for Film and Television -  
Upper Second Class Honors

### **Farnborough Sixth Form, Farnborough, Surrey**

A levels

Art - A\*

Media - Distinction\*

History - B

### **Winston Churchill School, Woking, Surrey**

9 GCSEs achieved including English and Maths

## Technical Proficiencies

- **Graphic Design:** Procreate, Photoshop, Illustrator
- **Video Content:** Premiere Pro
- **Prop Making:** Clay modelling, Sewing, Painting
- **3D Modelling:** Vectorworks, Sketchup, Twinmotion