



MIKAELA GARDNER

Toy Designer

EDUCATION

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA. (2021 - 2026)

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design

KEY SKILLS

Technical Tools

Blender, Modo, Rhino, AutoCAD, ZBrush, SolidWorks, Office, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Acrobat, Twinmotion, Vizcom

Analog Tools

Sketching, rendering, 3D modeling, design thinking, user centered design, research & development, model making, trend awareness, environmental and sustainability awareness

EXPERIENCE

Cadillac Sponsored Project, "Veltris" (Spring 2025)

- Designed and developed a Cadillac-sponsored 2040 "glamper" kitchen/dining experience from concept sketches to 3D models
- Produced high-quality renders and animated walkthroughs in Twinmotion for full interior visualization
- Coordinated team assets, integrated final model, and applied CMF for presentation deliverables

Lab Technician PPG Industries (2023)

Mixed, sprayed, and tested paint samples from formulations, ensuring accuracy and timely reporting

Color Lab Administrator PPG Industries (2020-2022)

Maintained GRID database, organized 100,000+ color panels, and supported project workflows

External Lab Technician Nestle R&D (2019-2020)

Executed lab trials and product evaluations, managing data, sample analysis, and lab organization

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Student Representative (Fall 2022-May 2026)

Academy of Art University, Industrial Design

- Acted as a liaison between students and faculty, conveying student feedback and concerns
- Participated in meetings to help shape policies and initiatives to enhance the student experience

Peer Mentor (March 2024- May 2026)

Academy of Art University

- Provided academic and personal support to students, offering guidance on academic success, time and stress management, networking, events, and campus resources
- Organized and participated in study sessions with dedicated topics to students

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References available upon request