

Isla Thornton

Interior Designer



PROFILE

Interior designer with five years of experience working on residential and boutique hospitality projects in the South West. I've managed schemes from concept to installation for projects ranging from £15,000 single-room makeovers to a £420,000 full townhouse renovation. Comfortable producing mood boards, technical drawings, FF&E schedules, and managing contractor relationships on site. Clients have included private homeowners, a boutique hotel group, and a restaurant chain.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture

University of the West of England (UWE Bristol), Bristol

Sep 2016 – Jun 2019

SKILLS

- Concept Development & Mood Boards
- AutoCAD (2D Technical Drawings)
- SketchUp & V-Ray Rendering
- FF&E Specification & Procurement
- Fabric & Material Selection
- Colour Consultation
- Budget Management & Cost Tracking
- Contractor & Supplier Coordination
- Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop)
- Client Presentations & Proposals

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Italian (conversational)

REFERENCES

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EXPERIENCE

Interior Designer, Todhunter Earle Interiors, Bath

Jan 2023 – Present

Working on high-end residential and boutique hospitality projects across Bath, Bristol, and the Cotswolds.

- Lead designer on a **£420,000 Georgian townhouse renovation** in Bath – 6 rooms across 3 floors, completed on time and 2% under budget
- Designed **12 guest bedrooms** for The Pig near Bath as part of their 2024 refurbishment – project value £185,000
- Manage **4–6 active projects** simultaneously, coordinating with builders, electricians, and specialist suppliers
- Prepare detailed **FF&E schedules** and procurement – sourced from 40+ UK and European suppliers

Junior Interior Designer, Sims Hilditch, Malmesbury

Sep 2020 – Dec 2022

Supported senior designers on country house and London townhouse projects.

- Assisted on **8 residential projects** with combined budgets of £1.2 million
- Produced **technical drawings in AutoCAD** for kitchen, bathroom, and joinery layouts
- Managed the sample library – organised **3,000+ fabric, tile, and paint samples** by supplier and project
- Handled client correspondence and **site visits** for 3 projects during the senior designer's maternity leave

Interior Design Intern, HAM Interiors, Frome

Jan 2020 – Jun 2020

6-month internship at a vintage-focused interiors shop and design studio.

- Assisted with **shop merchandising and visual displays** – the shop was featured in House & Garden magazine during my placement
- Sourced **vintage furniture and lighting** from auctions, dealers, and house clearances for 2 client projects

CERTIFICATIONS

Associate Member – British Institute of Interior Design (BIID), British Institute of Interior Design

Jun 2023

AutoCAD Professional Certification, Autodesk

Mar 2021 – Mar 2024

CDM Awareness for Designers, IOSH

Sep 2023

PROJECTS

Georgian Townhouse Renovation – Bath

Jun 2023 – Sep 2024

Full interior design scheme for a Grade II listed Georgian townhouse.

- Designed **6 rooms across 3 floors** including bespoke joinery, fabric schemes, and lighting plans
- Project budget of **£420,000** – delivered 2% under budget through careful procurement
- Worked with **heritage consultants** to ensure all interventions met listed building consent requirements
- Featured in **Homes & Gardens magazine** (March 2025 issue)

The Pig near Bath – Bedroom Refurbishment

Jan 2024 – Jun 2024

Designed 12 guest bedrooms for the boutique hotel's rolling refurbishment programme.

- Created **4 distinct room schemes** reflecting the hotel's rural, informal aesthetic
- Sourced **vintage and reclaimed pieces** from 8 UK dealers and auction houses
- Total project value of **£185,000** – all rooms completed during the off-season with no guest disruption

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Volunteer – Bath Preservation Trust

Jun 2023

Volunteer guide at No. 1 Royal Crescent museum. Lead tours for 15–20 visitors explaining the Georgian interior schemes and their historical context. Completed 30+ tours in 2024.

Antiques & Vintage Fair Organiser – Frome Independent Market

Mar 2022

Help organise the interiors section of the monthly Frome Independent Market. Coordinate 12–15 vintage furniture and homeware stallholders per market day.