

## **Ellen Christiansen**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Successfully worked as a Graphic Designer in a team environment
- Advanced proficiency in numerous MAC applications
- Produced final licensing products for multinational corporations
- Developed projects from concept to final production
- Accomplished illustrator in watercolor, gouache, inks, acrylics, oils, colored pencil and marker techniques.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Advanced proficiency on both MAC and PC platforms
- QuarkXPress
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- 3D Studio Max
- Combustion 3
- Adobe After Effects

### **WORK HISTORY**

Present-April 2007

**Package Designer**, Develop and design new packaging  
Dover Publications, Inc., Mineola, New York

Directing research and development of new craft kits  
Manage design presentation - mock-ups and mounting  
Contacting vendors for kit components  
Work closely with department managers and  
Vice President and President of Book Operations

April 2007-July 2006

**Graphic Designer**, Design of kitchen accessories packaging.  
Lifetime Brands, Inc., Westbury, New York

Oversee consistency throughout all line looks  
Work closely with creative director and product managers  
Working on popular brands such as KitchenAid, Farberware, Cuisinart

July 2006-May 2001

**Senior Graphic Designer**, Design of craft and science toy packaging.  
NSI International, Inc., Farmingdale, New York

Oversaw consistency throughout all line looks  
Organized workload for freelance designers  
Prepared concept boards, final production artwork,

mechanical layout, thumbnail sketches, photo retouching, and logo design  
Worked closely with creative director and product managers  
National clients included Toys R Us, Walmart, and Target  
Worked on licensed products such as Simpsons, Scooby Doo,  
and Justice League

May 2001- September 2000

**Sales Associate**, Fine wine and spirits sales.

Bottle Bargains, Northport, New York

Prepared inventory control, point of sale service, and staff training

June 2000-September 1998

**Graphic Designer**, Prepared promotional watch face designs for corporations.  
Pedre Promotional Products, New York, New York

Completed artwork for corporate client presentations

Clean-up of corporate logos for promotional material & pre-production artwork

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

December 2006

Animated Elements, WACK Nickelodeon

\* Animated action words and interstices for upcoming program on Nickelodeon

January 2007

March 2006

Animated NCAA Logo, March Madness

\* Animated logo aired during the NCAA Women's Finals Basketball  
Tournament on ESPN2

## **INTERNSHIP**

June 2005 -August 2005

**Graphic Designer**

Designed over-the-shoulder graphics for weekend broadcasts.

News 12 Long Island, Woodbury, New York

\* Worked closely with producer and reporters under a tight schedule

## **EDUCATION**

Masters Degree of Arts in Communication Arts, December 2006

New York Institute of Technology

Major: Broadcast Graphics

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Columbus College of Art & Design, 1997

Major: Visual Communications & Illustration

Received \$12,000 Scholarship