

YAKSHI ARORA

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Multidisciplinary artist, designer & maker exploring the intersections of costume, craft, art and fashion. I work with patience and precision, using techniques such as corsetry, tailoring, and textile manipulation to transform ideas into tactile, narrative-driven pieces. Curious, adaptable, and collaborative, I bring creativity and originality to every project, always seeking new ways to tell stories through material and design.

SKILLS

Adobe CC Suite
Procreate
Problem Solver
Observant

Corsetry
Tailoring
Textile Manipulation
Laser Cutting

German (A2 level)
Organised
Empathetic
Improviser

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Project

December 2025 - Present

Wedding Dress Designer and Maker

- Currently designing and developing a bespoke wedding dress tailored to the client's vision, measurement, and cultural requirement.
- Conducting ongoing client consultations, fittings, and design refinements throughout the project.
- Creating patterns, toiles, and garment construction samples using couture sewing and hand-finishing technique.
- Managing fabric sourcing, fit development, and production timelines from concept to final outcome.

Hobbs, Covent Garden | London

November 2025 - January 2026

Style Advisor (Christmas Temp)

- Provided personalised styling advice with a strong focus on fit, silhouette, and fabric.
- Supported customers in building complete looks aligned with the Hobbs aesthetic.
- Maintained high visual and presentation standards across the shop floor.
- Worked confidently in a fast-paced, fashion-led retail environment during peak periods.

Anamika Khanna's AK | OK | London Fashion Week 2025

September 2025

Backstage Help

- Assisted the design team and stylist Anna Trevelyan backstage during LFW 2025 for their debut show, supporting styling, fittings, garment maintenance, and model dressing.
- Managed backstage preparations including steaming, garment organisation, quick alterations, and final runway checks to ensure smooth show execution in a fast-paced environment.

XR Network+ and the London College of Fashion

Feb 2025 - March 2025

Stitcher & Embroiderer

- Contributed hand, machine sewing and hand embroidery skills to the Jamini Roy: Dancing Woman project in collaboration with Nissen Richards Studio.
- I supported an MA student's research by realising a costume for a volumetric capture performance, with an informed understanding of the project's cultural significance and the centrality of craft in performance-making.

02 June-FSA

November 2023 - February 2024

Space Designer

- Designed retail environments, including window displays, highlight zones, and spatial installations.
- Developed visual concepts that enhanced brand storytelling and customer engagement.
- Worked with scale, materiality, and layout to create impactful retail experiences.
- Managed projects from concept to execution, maintaining organisation, precision, and attention to detail.

Handicrafts & Carpet Sector Skill Council of India

January 2022 - April 2022

Designer

- Worked as a designer with the HCSSC, under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, as part of my BA graduation project focused on wood, bamboo and cane crafts in Nagaland, North-East India.
- Collaborated directly with artisan communities to develop contemporary handcrafted products rooted in traditional technique.
- Contributed to the upskilling of artisans through design development, material exploration, and knowledge-sharing workshop.
- Presented the project at the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair 2022, highlighting industry engagement, craft innovation, and artisan upliftment initiatives.

EDUCATION

London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London
Masters in Costume Design for Performance

Sept 2024 - Sept 2025

National Institute of Fashion Technology
Bachelors in Fashion & Lifestyle Accessories Design

Aug 2018 - May 2022

JD Institute of Fashion Technology
Certificate in Pattern Making & Garment Manufacturing Technology

Nov 2022 - April 2023

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Volunteered as a Family Crafts Helper at the Royal Ballet and Opera from April 2026 - June 2026. Assisting, supporting and encouraging children aged 3 -10 in craft activities.
 - Volunteered at the Nexus Bridal Runway Global 2026 assisting in backstage prep and dress changes for 4 models.
 - Volunteered with FDCI for the 1st Digital India Couture Week 2020.
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References available upon request.

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