

Curriculum vitae

Lena Håkanson
Born 1965
Designer MFA
Member of Sveriges Designers and KHVC (konsthantverkscentrum)



Education in selection

Master of Fine Arts 1998 in product design from HDK- School of Design and Crafts/ Högskolan för design och konsthantverk at University of Gothenburg and UIAH, University of art and design, Helsinki, Finland

I also have education in weaving and sewing.

Works and commissions in selection

Since 1998 I run my own business, non stop design. My main occupation is freelance design, part time teaching and design job for my business.

Freelance design:

As a freelance designer, I mainly work with product- and pattern design. Companies like IKEA, Färg & Form Sweden, Bigso Box, Kardelen, Almedahls, Hemslöjden i Blekinge och Kronoberg (Swedish national handicraft organization) and Karsondas (India) are among my customers.

Design job for non stop design:

Since 2001 I design and make a collection for my company. It consists of hand and digital printed textile like tea towels, tote bags and cushion covers as well as embroidery kits and trays. I sell it through shops in Sweden and directly from my company. I am also do "one-off pieces". I use techniques like hand and digital embroidery, hand printed textile and digital print. Sometimes I exhibit my work, sometimes it is more experimental work.

Teaching:

Senior lecturer in design at the School of Design at Linnaeus University, Växjö since 2008. I teach subjects like pattern- and product design, textile design and screen printing.

I have worked with textile in various kinds of ways all my professional life. Except designing, I have worked at a weaving mill as a weaver, as a seamstress at a tie company and various kind of job at a flag company. I have also worked with Hemslöjden, a national craft organization in Sweden.

Exhibition – solo show

"Jag är lycklig" (I am happy) Smålands museum 2012

Group exhibitions in selection

"Bäst i Sverige" – textil Virserums konsthall 2014.

"Krona och krans" -smycka till fest och bröllop. Touring, curated exhibition, 2007-2012. Arranged by Hemslöjden,

"100 tankar om konsthantverk" Riksställningars and Konsthantverkscentrums touring, curated exhibition, 2005-2008.

"Dukar i taket" Touring exhibition 2005-2009. Curated by Hemslöjden

"Sydosten" Exhibition curated by Kalmar art museum 2004

"Till hands i köket" Tea towel exhibition in Form/Design Center, Malmö 2001

"Svenska former" Touring, curated exhibition that showed Swedish design in Gdansk, Warszawa, Vilnius, Riga, Tallin and Kalmar 1999-2000.

Exhibitor at fairs

Heimtextil-fair in Frankfurt 1999 and 2000

Formex-fair in Stockholm 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010

Stockholm furniture fair 2005, 2006

Scholarships in selection

Erik Langemarks stipendiefond 1994

Karlskrona kommuns kulturutbildningsstipendium 1995

Springerska fonden 1995

Estrid Ericsons Stiftelse 2003, 2007

August Ringnérs stipendiefond 2007

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