

Kitchen and Bath Designer, Space Planner

My name is Linda Kruk, and I aspire to work in a design/build studio where client-oriented service and collaboration is the standard. While mine has been a diverse career path, one thing remains constant - my need to create beautiful spaces no matter where I live or work. From managing a furniture store to redesigning a 120-year-old farmhouse, designing and improving spaces is my passion.

For more than 20 years I have always been drawn to making the most of a challenging space, usually within a limited budget and often doing the work myself (tiling, plumbing, electrical, flooring, painting). The hands-on knowledge provides the basis to work with the trades and “speak the language” to get the job done with quality and time constraints in mind. Having “worn the tool belt” makes me a stronger advocate for the client. It is an environment I thrive in.

Positive interpersonal skills, coupled with solid knowledge and open collaboration are my keys to success with each project I have completed. I research until the simplest and best solutions are achieved – which usually means cost savings as well. Over the years I have learned where the pitfalls are likely to occur in a project, and work to insure good planning and communication keeps them to a minimum.

The modeling tools available today make translating a project vision to the client (or vice versa) a much easier task. My digital skills using SketchUp, 2020 and AutoCAD live in my toolbox. The Adobe Suite contains my tools of choice for post-processing designs and presentation layouts.

It would be my pleasure to speak with you personally about a potential employment opportunity – should you see value in my resume and portfolio - which can be found on my website: lskinteriors.com. I hope you will look favorably upon both.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To apply my interior design skills by coupling a profound technical knowledge in systems with hands-on experience in personally redesigning and renovating residential kitchens, baths, living spaces and core systems over the last 20+ years. Being proficient in graphic design and 3D modeling tools, and having a keen eye and innate sense for quality design and space planning provides the professional edge needed to be successful in the industry. Having recently completed the New York Parsons School program in Interior Design demonstrates my drive to stay current in the field. As a former small-business owner, I am keenly aware of the performance level and commitment required to sustain a successful firm, large or small.

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- Creative, elegant, yet simple design aesthetic. Can effectively understand and communicate, based on life experience, client needs and wants.
Customer-centric goal-oriented service is central to my work ethic.
- Skilled Technologist – can run and manage any IT software/systems related to the business process and beyond.
- Tireless, accomplished project manager with an easy collaboration style. Agile multitasker when operating in dynamic, fast-paced environments. Versed in working directly in the field with all contractor specialties: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry, lighting, flooring, insulation, alarm systems, sound systems, appliance installation, etc. General knowledge of building codes.
- Avid researcher – I take the time to read, absorb and apply critical thinking to produce solid, original/unique solutions to complex problems.

EDUCATION

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY - *Interior Design Certificate (Jan-Dec 2014)*

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY - *BA – Music (Classical Guitar Performance)*

SKILLS

- Redesigned and/or rebuilt numerous homes over the last 20+ years. Includes space reconfiguration, appliance and fixture selection, kitchen and bath demolition and installation, “gut” and restore homes both inside and out, unique wall system design, and lighting reconfiguration. I am also a “seasoned” cook who understands the importance of configuring a kitchen space to the needs of a chef and the gathered family.
- Studied Color Theory, Interior Color Rendering using water color, marker and colored pencil, Interior Design, Hand Drafting, Kitchens & Baths Design, Perspective Drawing, Lighting Design, Residential Interior Design including site analysis using conceptual design tools.
- Have collaborated with local resources (artisans and materials) and established business relationships (Knoll, Stark, Kravet, Paul Ferrante and many others) at the A&D, D&D NYDC buildings in New York City, as well as in New Jersey, the Hudson Valley and Connecticut.
- Computer Design Software Proficiency: Fluent with **Adobe Creative Cloud - Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator and Acrobat**. Also versed in use of **AutoCAD** and **SketchUp and 2020**.
- Desktop Applications -Windows OS, Microsoft Office Suite (including Visual Basic, Access, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project)

WORK HISTORY

Freelance Residential Design Consultant – 1990 – Present

Norwalk Zoning Commission - *City of Norwalk, CT - Zoning Commissioner, August 2013 – 2016*

LSA Consulting, LLC - *Wallkill, NY - Owner/Principal, Jan 2003-Jan 2015*

Managing IT Operations for Hudson Valley Hospital Physicians at Orange Regional Medical Center.

Alliance-Managed Business Systems, LLC - *Wallkill, NY - Owner/Principal, Jan 2008 -Aug 2011*

An IT consultancy supporting Remote Networks for Legal, Retail/Warehouse, Manufacturing, Schools and other organizations in the Hudson Valley.

ClearPoint International – *Alexandria, VA - General Manager, Jan 2006 -Oct 2011*

A startup global weather software company for the marine industry.

101Communications, Federal Computer Week - *Arlington, VA - IT Operations/ Marketing Systems Manager, Jan 1997-Nov 2003*

Tradeshow and Events subsidiary of FCW Magazine – catering to the government sector.

Sofa Beds & Such – *Burke, VA – Store Manager/ Top Sales producer*
Pre-2000

New boutique concept store – Levitz Furniture

Queen of Apostles Church - *Alexandria, VA - Capital Campaign Manager*
Pre-2000

Proposed and spearheaded a 3-year campaign which successfully raised \$1.5M dollars to support new building requirements.

ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Marketing and Data-mining - SQL, Crystal Reports, Vovici, (Customer Analytics), Worldmerge (Coloradosoft)
- Website Design and Management -FrontPage, Joomla CMS, HTML
- Database and CRM Management - Salesforce CRM, Goldmine, LexisNexis PCLaw, Scholastic Educational Enterprise Software