

Tom Mitchell

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SUMMARY

Experienced woodworker and props fabricator with leadership and practical experience. Passionate about a creative workspace with talented colleagues working together in pursuit of a shared artistic vision.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder | Southwest Teardrop Company

Aug. 2021 – Current

- Owner and operator of a camping trailer manufacturing company in Albuquerque, NM
- Design, fabricate, and execute all aspects of custom teardrops and campervans
- Manage the day-to-day business operations which involve organizing and ordering inventory, Payroll, vendor relations, employee management, and maintaining state compliance
- Involves high attention to detail and the ability to meet tight deadlines
- Featured in local magazines and lauded for craftsmanship and skill

Carpenter | Freelance

Dec. 2020 – Current

- Work in a variety of environments and industries to meet customer needs
Commercial Cabinet Build and Install, Bus and RV Conversions and Maintenance, Captain Morgan Cannon Ball Blast Pop-Up Event – props install and set decoration (2015)

Head Carpenter | Universal Creative

June 2015 – Nov. 2019

- Head Carpenter for Creative Prop Shop which supported Universal Studios Orlando
- Worked with art directors, engineers, executives, and HOD's to conceptualize design vision
- Delegated tasks to other carpenters and oversaw construction and completion of projects
- Complied with strict international shipping laws and oversaw the approval of materials
- Generated material and labor cost estimates and presented for approval
- Ensured safety standards to safeguard all employees working within the team
- Constructed unique props and set dressings for a number of IP's including:
Wizarding World of Harry Potter Beijing (2021), Fast and Furious (2018), The Tonight Show, Skull Island: Reign of Kong (2016), Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure (2019), Volcano Bay (2017), Race Through New York (2017), Halloween Horror Nights

Designer 1

June 2015 – Dec. 2015

- Assisted on Harry Potter Hogsmead/Diagon Alley/Escape from Gringotts, Orlando, FL
- Fabricated props using various materials such as steel, aluminum, veneer, laminate, various woods, everything from solid hardwoods to manufactured ply
- Lead teams during on-site installations with regards to task delegation and safety standards

Carpentry Intern

June 2014 - Aug. 2014

- Worked on Wizarding World of Harry Potter Hollywood/Hogwarts Express, Orlando, FL
- Fabricated various props, including shipping crates, featured on-site for park guests
- Received a full-time offer to return after the completion of degree

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS North Carolina School of the Arts

2011 – 2015

- Degree in Properties Management for Theater
- Recipient of the singular Rising Star Scholarship – awarded for exceptional talent
- Focused on set design, mold-making, furniture building, communication, leadership

CERTIFICATES & SKILLS

CAD/hand drafting • Google Sketchup • Certified Forklift/Genie lift operator • Safety Training • LOTO Certified • Communication • Detail Oriented • Fast Learner • Problem Solver