



Hard Working Dedicated **Passion for Design** Creative Team Player Independent
I Want to Be the Very Best, Like No One Ever Was
Professional Honest Out Going Easy Going **Ambitious** Capable **Dependable**

Hello, my name is **Jamie Rickards** and I currently live in **Quedgeley, Gloucestershire**.
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A little about me

Being a Graphic Designer is something I thoroughly enjoy. I love the huge variation of work you can do and the inspiration you can take from it all. I thrive in a creative environment, especially when working with others in similar roles. I embrace every challenge and pride myself in being able to work independently as well as within a team. I love creating elegant and clean design solutions and am also obsessed with detail using my incredibly sharp eyes to match colours, use spacing consistently and ensure everything I produce is pixel perfect.

My skills

I have an excellent level of skill and familiarity working with all the essential Adobe products including InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop. I have a working understanding of code as well as experience using various Content Management Systems. I also have advanced skills using Microsoft PowerPoint and am very comfortable using Word, Excel & Outlook. I am open to working with either Windows or Mac operating systems, and when not using a screen I like to convey ideas through the use of sketches and crafting physical concepts.

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design
studied at Swansea Metropolitan University

National Diploma in Art & Design
studied at the Royal Forest of Dean College

National Award in Electronic Business
studied at the Royal Forest of Dean College

7 GCSEs Including English & Maths
studied at Whitecross Secondary School

Employment

Lab Technician 2010-2012 (2.5 Years)

While I attended University I was employed at Berwin Industrial Polymers, which is where I developed my work ethic. I worked hard taking all the over time I could get and in the entire 2 and a half years I was there I didn't require a single sick day. I was apparently one of the quickest ever to become fully competent in my role and am told to this day they miss having me.

Freelance Graphic Designer 2011- Now (6 Years)

Since leaving college I have taken on various freelance projects in my spare time. I have completed a wide range of small briefs in the likes of wedding invitations and business cards, as well as larger projects such as branding a couple of small businesses and producing artwork for advertising campaigns. I have even had the occasional opportunity to digitally restore old and damaged photographs.

In-house Graphic Designer 2012-2015 (3 Years)

I was the In-house Graphic Designer for SIG plc, working as part of the UK Branding & Marketing team. I produced various types of artworks for both internal and external marketing materials such as brochures, infographics, web graphics, posters, corporate gifts and interactive documents. As the only designer within the team I was solely responsible for all aspects of my projects, including writing and completing project briefs, communications with my clients and liaising with external resources such as printing agencies.

Graphic Designer 2015-Now (2 Years)

As a Designer I am a key member of the creative team at MRA Marketing. I am responsible for independently completing briefs, supporting the Senior Designer on larger projects, and liaising with the company's Directors to prioritise my workload and manage my time. Since joining MRA I've found that the work I do is significantly more diverse than that of my previous role. I love the huge variety of projects and thrive in an environment working with other creatives.