

Ankita Bhat

Maker and Designer

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Ankita Bhat (b. 2003), a Singapore-born emerging designer, creates work that delves into the beauty of navigating cultural diaspora and intergenerational experiences. She is driven by a passion for developing ethically and naturally sourced surface finishes and loves cooking and gardening.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) / BFA Furniture Design / 2022 - 2026

- + Proficient in Adobe Suite, Rhino, CAD, CNC Technology, metal, and woodwork, drafting for furniture, and sewing with an aptitude for writing, surface finishing, natural derivatives, and culture studies

Raffles Institution / Cambridge GCE A-Levels / 2020 - 2021

- + Art, Advanced Art Theory, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, General Paper, Project Work, Hindi

Raffles Girls' School / Raffles Diploma / 2016 - 2019

Work Experience

Gallery Assistant / Art Outreach Singapore Ltd / Part-time / Oct 2021 - Feb 2022

Creative Facilitator / Playeum Singapore Ltd / Intern / Nov - Dec 2019

- + Assisted children with disabilities in a craft environment and closely shadowed pedagogy experts

On-Campus Work Experience

Teaching Assistant / Part-time / RISD / Aug 2023 - Present

- + Aid professors in preparing class material and critiquing students within the Experimental Foundations Studies and Furniture Departments

Woodshop Monitor / Part-time / RISD / Sept 2024 - Present

- + Assists with the use of machinery to ensure woodshop safety and encourage care of shared space

Residence Life Office Assistant / RISD / Part-time / Jun 2024 - Present

- + Manage front desk, email inquiries and calls, organize digital media, and prepare access cards

Summer Garden Manager / RISD / Part-time / Jun - Aug 2024

- + Held bimonthly garden workshops, maintained watering and weeding schedules, and harvested dye plants and vegetables for community use

Graduation and Commencement Worker / RISD / Part-time / Jun 2024

Exhibitions / Awards

'The Big Fat South Asian Show' / Gelman Gallery RISD Museum / Jan 2025

'Kinning' / Regenerative Earth Collective Show at RISD / May 2024

'Paper Chemistry' / National Hand Paper Makers Conference: Paper Tides / Oct 2023

Honor Role / RISD / 2022 - Present

Evergreen Leadership Award / 2019

Press

Merida Studio / [Studio Collection](#) - featuring my chair *Dobara* / Jan 2025

Leadership Experience / Volunteering

Design and Social Media Co-Lead for ConnectTheDots / Daughters of Tomorrow / 2021

Math, English, and Science Tutor / Raffles Institution x Touch Young Arrows / 2021 - 2022

Vice-Chairperson of Peer Support Board / Raffles Girls' School / 2018 - 2019