

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 rice and gardening.

Education

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

- + Skills: Adobe Suite, Rhino, AutoCAD, CNC Technology, Metalwork, TIG welding, Machine tools, Bent lamination, steam bending, drafting for furniture, sewing, felting, writing, surface finishing, natural derivatives, dyes, material science, culture studies, 3D printing, soldering, wiring for lighting components, laser cutting, communication, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving, tutoring

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

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

Work Experience

Interior Design Intern / Emily Lindberg Design / June 2025 - Present

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

Paper Circularity Research Assistant / Loop Lab, RISD Nature Lab / June 2025 - Present

- + Aiding in the research for and creation of paper and starch composites made from paper waste streams at RISD in a pilot program, "Loop Lab", to create free and replicable paper products to students with their material lifecycles in mind

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

[‘Grateful Dudd’](#) / Jonald Dudd NYC / May 2025

‘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

Sight Unseen - [13 Group Shows We Loved at New York Design Week 2025](#)

Jonald Dudd - [2025](#)

VISIONS Magazine - Spring 2025 Issue

RISD News and Events - [RISD Furniture Design Students Seek Inspiration for Final Lighting Design Projects](#)

Merida Studio - [The Studio Series](#) (Dobara Bell Chair pictured with studio collection of rugs)
[VISIONS Magazine](#) Fall 2024 Edition - featuring Dhuaan / Dec 2024

Regenerative Earth Collective, RISD - [Kinning Garden Show, 2024](#)

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