

Job Vacancy : Interior Designer — Mid /Senior Level

Location: Forest Gate, East London

Employment type: Permanent, full-time

Start date: September/October 2026

Salary: £45,000–£50,000 per annum, depending on experience

Working pattern: Hybrid, with one to two days per week in the studio, alongside project-related site visits

Deorling is an East London interior design studio specialising in characterful heritage residential interiors. Our work combines traditional detailing with modern living, with an emphasis on thoughtful design, made-to-last craftsmanship, bespoke carpentry and carefully sourced antiques.

We are growing and looking for a Mid–Senior Interior Designer to join our small, collaborative team. This role would suit someone who loves heritage buildings, values the craft of restoration and has the project-management experience to deliver complex residential schemes from concept through to installation. As the studio grows, there will be clear opportunities to take on greater responsibility, help shape the way we work and progress into a broader leadership role.

About you

You are an experienced designer who cares deeply about interiors and enjoys taking a project from its first sketch to final installation. You are confident managing several live residential projects, coordinating multiple parties and maintaining calm, clear communication with clients. You will bring:

- At least five years' professional interior-design experience, ideally within high-end residential and heritage properties
- Proven experience managing project programmes, budgets, consultants and client communications
- Strong experience designing bespoke furniture and producing detailed carpentry and joinery drawings
- Excellent technical ability across drawing packages, schedules, specifications and project documentation
- Experience coordinating contractors, consultants, suppliers and specialist makers
- A good understanding of procurement, with an established knowledge of suppliers, artisans and sourcing
- Clear, calm and personable written and verbal communication
- A proactive, collaborative approach and exceptional attention to detail
- The ability to manage competing priorities across several projects
- Willingness to travel to UK project sites and, occasionally, internationally

Skills and software

Essential: Strong Vectorworks proficiency, including well-structured 2D drawing files and coordinated technical packages

Desirable: SketchUp or equivalent 3D software, Enscape or comparable rendering software, Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, Microsoft 365, particularly Word, Excel and Outlook, Antique sourcing, Styling and photoshoot experience

The role

You will lead several residential projects typically four to five at different stages from concept through to completion. Your responsibilities will include:

- Developing thoughtful concepts and design packages that reflect Deorling's aesthetic
- Producing coordinated drawing sets and detailed bespoke carpentry packages for kitchens, bathrooms, wardrobes and architectural joinery
- Designing custom furniture and working with specialist makers through development and production
- Creating and maintaining project programmes, budgets, schedules and action lists
- Leading procurement, including quotations, purchase orders, order tracking and supplier coordination
- Coordinating contractors, consultants, suppliers and craftspeople
- Conducting site visits, design reviews and snagging to ensure the design intent is delivered to a high standard
- Leading client presentations and providing regular, professional project updates
- Supporting the styling and photography of completed projects
- Guiding graduate placements and supporting the development of junior team members
- Helping improve studio systems and processes as the business grows

What we offer

- A creative, collaborative studio culture in which your ideas can directly influence the work
- Twenty-one days' annual leave plus bank holidays
- Your birthday off
- A matched workplace pension: you can contribute up to 5% of your salary, and Deorling will match your contribution up to 5%
- Flexible hybrid working, with one to two studio days per week
- The opportunity to work on heritage projects alongside skilled craftspeople and specialist suppliers
- Exposure to antique sourcing, bespoke furniture and detailed architectural joinery
- Clear career progression and the opportunity to assume greater leadership responsibility as Deorling grows

How to apply

Please send your CV, portfolio—either as a PDF or web link—and a brief cover letter to info@deorlingstudio.com, using the subject line Mid–Senior Interior Designer. In your application, please tell us:

- Why you would like to work with Deorling
- How your experience aligns with our values of heritage, craftsmanship and timeless design
- Your salary expectations
- Your availability or notice period

Your portfolio should include at least two relevant projects:

- A heritage or high-end residential project demonstrating strong design and technical detailing
- A project showing your personal role in management and delivery, including bespoke carpentry drawings and procurement. Please make your individual contribution to each project clear.

Equal opportunities Deorling is an equal-opportunities employer. We value diversity and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds. If you require reasonable adjustments during the application or interview process, please let us know.