



# ARTICHOKE

*Making History*

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LOCATION: Cheddar, Somerset

COMPANY: Artichoke Ltd

### ABOUT US

Artichoke is a specialist interior design and bespoke joinery practice working on some of the most significant private homes in the UK and abroad. For over thirty years, we have shaped interiors that are deeply rooted in architecture, informed by classical proportion and crafted with the highest level of skill in our Somerset workshops.

Our work spans whole-house design, encompassing fitted furniture, architectural joinery and thoughtfully detailed rooms that feel naturally settled within their setting. Each project is guided by a long-term view with emphasis on material integrity and designs that will serve families for generations.

We are now expanding our creative team and seeking designers with a refined architectural eye, a sensitivity to context and the ability to bring clarity and coherence to complex, multi-room projects.

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

This individual brings a genuine passion for architecture and the vision needed to shape thoughtful interiors - from kitchens and boot rooms to libraries and studies. With a keen eye for detail and a sensitivity to proportion and context, their purpose is to develop the design brief into a fully resolved concept for Artichoke's fitted furniture and architectural joinery projects.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Research & Development**

- Cultivate broad and meaningful inspiration to build the design narrative and aesthetic direction for each project.
- Draw on the natural world, architecture, materials, decorative finishes, art, music and wider cultural references.

#### **Brief Development**

- Build on space planning and volumetric studies developed during the pre-commissioning phase.



- Develop room and furniture layouts based on sound ergonomic principles, creating logical, well-ordered and well-proportioned spaces.
- Ensure practical storage solutions are prioritised and that appliances and equipment locations are well considered and fit for purpose.
- Observe all relevant fire, mechanical and electrical requirements.

## **Furniture & Joinery Detailing**

- Develop furniture and joinery moulding strategies for all assigned projects.
- Ensure scale and proportion are balanced, well considered and consistent across the scheme.
- Resolve details so that every element respects the architecture and material context of the building.

## **Joinery Specifications**

- Nominate and specify appropriate and in-budget appliances and equipment, ironmongery, lighting, worksurfaces, sanitary ware, and interior and exterior materials and finishes that meet the client's brief.
- Record these clearly and keep them updated on project specification forms that are visible and accessible to colleagues.

## **Artichoke Design Outputs**

- Develop consistent, standardised Artichoke design information in the form of concept design drawing packages that correlate with the joinery specification documents.
- Evolve the design in response to client feedback and with input from the Creative Director and Design Director to a level where Artichoke can confidently contract against it.

## **Specialist Items**

- Oversee specialist subcontracted items such as metalwork, upholstery, ceramics, glass and decorative artists.
- Ensure the form and function of these elements meet the client's brief and align with the creative vision for the interior.

## **Creative Oversight**

- Maintain consistent oversight of the design development beyond the contracting stage.



- Monitor and review design changes arising from production or other factors to ensure the integrity of Artichoke's design language is maintained.

## **Collaboration & Teamwork**

- Communicate clearly and concisely with all internal and external stakeholders.
- Produce, or help produce, well-articulated documents for clients in line with Artichoke's brand values and identity.
- Lead by example in behaviour and dress for all internal and external meetings.
- Prepare and issue all necessary project information in good time for project milestones and handover meetings, ensuring the quality of work is consistent and delivered within agreed deadlines.

## **Time Management**

- Consult with key stakeholders at the outset to agree a realistic number of hours for concept design and brief development.
- Ensure design hours remain within agreed budgets and that work is completed in good time for required project milestones and handovers.

## **MEASURES OF SUCCESS**

- Consistent and outstanding design solutions that meet, and where appropriate exceed, the particulars of the client's brief while representing Artichoke's brand values and identity.
- Projects running smoothly, with Technical Designers and Production receiving clearly defined Artichoke design outputs in good time.
- Work completed consistently within agreed timeframes.
- Design solutions and specifications remaining within agreed project budgets.
- Clients feeling delighted with all aspects of the room designs.
- Strong, constructive relationships with colleagues and external stakeholders, including architects and interior designers.
- Referrals and repeat business generated through successful creative design solutions, contributing to industry recognition and accolades for Artichoke's work.

## **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

- A collaborative designer who works well within a multidisciplinary team.



- Thoughtful, measured and able to approach design challenges with clarity.
- Adaptable and proactive, with a willingness to deepen knowledge of materials, craftsmanship and architectural context.
- Strong attention to detail and a commitment to producing work of lasting quality.
- Professional and composed in all interactions, representing Artichoke's values with integrity.

## DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Proficient in AutoCAD and SketchUp, with some experience in 3D rendering.
- Relevant experience in Architecture would be an advantage.

## REPORTING LINE

Reports to: Lead Creative Designer

## HOW TO APPLY

If your skills and outlook align with our approach to carefully considered, architecturally grounded design, we invite you to send your CV and cover letter to [fox@artichoke.co.uk](mailto:fox@artichoke.co.uk).