



Kate Knight

Freelance Knitwear Cashmere Designer

Bordeaux, France

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Languages

English (Fluent)

French (Work Proficiency)

About

Kate Knight is a knitwear designer who specialises in recycled and sustainable cashmere and cashmere blends. Currently she lives just outside of Bordeaux, France after living and working in New York City, London and the Swiss Alps. Kate has designed knitwear for brands such as Nordstrom, The White Company, Lands' End, Barney's and Whistles. She has taught every age group from 7 year olds to PhD students and industry professionals and loves to build connections with factories, yarn agents, brands, fellow freelancers and designers. Today, Kate is passionate about design and building communities and helping to educate people on knitwear design.

BRANDS WORKED WITH

- Aiglon College
- Barrow Hills School
- Denner Cashmere
- DZ Group New York
- DZ Group Uk
- Silver Dragon
- the Cashmere Designer
- Tricot Industries Pvt Ltd
- University of Leeds

Experience

● Freelance Knitwear Designer

the Cashmere Designer | Jul 2021 - Now

Working with brands and factories as a knitwear designer and consultant specialising in collections of cashmere knitwear for womenswear, accessories, dogs and babywear. Expert knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop for detailed, industry standard tech packs in MS Excel or Google Sheets. Detailed and extensive knowledge of sustainable and recycled yarns, knitting stitches and processes. Clients include: Nearly New Cashmere, Conjetta Designs, Mila Christina New York, Moran and Motherway and NuCheval.



● Art & Design Teacher + Houseparent

Aiglon College | Aug 2015 - Jun 2021

Taught years 5-13 Art and Design, iGCSE and IB. Led and managed critical paths for a team of 60.

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Tricot Industries Pvt Ltd | Jan 2014 - Feb 2019

Designed new start-up cashmere brand for women's and men's contemporary market. Concept boards, sketching, technical design and fitting advice.



● Art & Design Teacher

Barrow Hills School | Apr 2012 - Jun 2015

Taught Design Technology and Art including vacuum forming, resistant materials (wood), painting, textiles, ceramics, digital photography and sculpture.



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Denner Cashmere | Sep 2010 - Apr 2012

Designed collections for a luxury, cashmere brand based in London. Responsible for design and fit of collections for women and men as well as accessories. Worked closely with the factory to make sure that photo shoot samples and bulk deliveries arrived on time.

● Knitwear Designer/ Account Manager

Silver Dragon | Mar 2010 - Aug 2010

Headed up a new upmarket division of Jo Y Jo, a major knitwear supplier to the High Street and Supermarkets. Sourced cashmere factories and

designed cashmere ranges to sell to High Street customers such as Jigsaw, The White Company, Jaeger and L K Bennett.



- **Knitwear Consultant**

University of Leeds | Jul 2008 - Jun 2015

Taught industry professionals from companies such as Ted Baker, The White Stuff, ASOS, George at ASDA and Peacocks modules in technical knitted structures, common fit issues, knitwear finishing and quality assurance.

- **Knitwear Designer**

DZ Group Uk | May 2008 - Mar 2010

Start-up UK office of DZ Group- a knitwear supplier based in Shanghai and Beijing, specializing in cashmere sweaters and accessories. Clients included: Whistles, The White Company, Jigsaw, Jaeger, Paul Smith and LK Bennett. Provided creative and technical design on a bespoke basis for UK clients. Ensured daily communication with teams to guarantee smooth development.

- **Knitwear Designer**

DZ Group New York | Aug 2005 - Apr 2008

US Clients included: Lands' End, Nordstrom, Macy's, Barney's, Brooks Brothers, Ann Taylor, Penguin, Orvis and Express.

- **Freelance Knitwear Designer**

| Jun 2005 - Jul 2005



- **Knitting Lecturer**

University of Leeds | Sep 2001 - Jun 2004

Taught knitting and design to BA, MA and PhD students.