

# Jonathan Chiu

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## Education

Minneapolis College of Art & Design | Minneapolis, MN  
BFA in Furniture Design  
Minor in Engaged and Public Arts

Graduated Dec 2020

University of California, San Diego | La Jolla, CA  
Focus in Visual Arts (Studio)

Aug 2014 – Dec 2016

## Work Experience

**Blu Dot Outlet | Minneapolis, MN**  
2024

Mar 2022 – Sep

### ***Furniture Associate***

- Provide insight to the Design and Engineering teams regarding customer feedback and durability of new and existing products including: observations on customer and market trends, common product wear and breaking points, and packaging points of weakness
- Support Trade and Contract team by supplying product specs from either CAD illustrations or photos and measurements of physical items on sales floor
- Refurbish and assemble broken and used furniture to a high-quality state using techniques such as: repairing and gluing wood joints, refinishing surfaces, mending ripped textiles, and sourcing replacement hardware.
- Manage inbound and outbound weekly inventory:
  - Inbound: coordinate with the Warehouse team to schedule 3 - 4 truck deliveries of requested items to restock floor
  - Outbound: schedule deliveries via post and freight truck
- Provide customer service and share product expertise with clients in-person and digitally by answering questions and representing the Blu Dot brand, including: interior design planning, upholstery textile and material performance, and recent trends in furniture design

**Walkabout Outdoor | Minneapolis, MN**

Jan – Dec 2022

### ***Stone Mason***

- Sketched landscaping blueprints and presented project plans to clients on the course of action and comprehensive parameters, with details on final measurements and material layout
- Constructed large-scale outdoor wooden and stone features such as pergolas, stoops, and patios utilizing power-tools, fine hand-tools, and craftsmanship techniques
- Coordinated short-term and long-term projects ranging from a few days to several months with a team of up to 15 workers