

# ELISSA XIAOTONG WANG

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## PROFILE

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- Studying for an **MA** in Knitted Textiles at the Royal College of Art
- Graduate Diploma in Fashion Management from the London College of Fashion with **Merit**
- **BA** in Fashion Design Knitwear from Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology
- Internships at Fashion Design Studios in the UK and USA; part time jobs in the UK and China
- Bilingual in Mandarin and English

## EDUCATION

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**2018 – 2020**

**Royal College of Art, London**

*MA Knitted Textiles*

Key modules: Dubied Knitting, Domestic Knitting, Design Knit, Shima Knitting, Gallery Context Project, Embroidery Machine, Laser Cut, Silicon and Resin Making

Dissertation: Seeing with Hands: The Relationship between Touch and Galleries

**2018**

**The London School of Makeup**

*Foundation & Creative Makeup Course*

**2017 – 2018**

**London College of Fashion**

*Graduate Diploma Fashion Management with Merit*

Key modules: Fashion Context, Fashion Communication, Fashion Organisation.

Dissertation: A Comparative Study of Beijing Millennials' Purchase Behaviour between Independent Designer and Luxury Brands to Determine their Preferences

**2013 – 2017**

**Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology**

*BA (Hons) Fashion Design Knitwear*

Key modules: Fashion Illustration, Knitting, Sewing, Draping, Sketching, Pattern & Cutting

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**October 2019 – Present Selfridges& Co/ Burberry, London**

*Sales associate*

- Help customer with different requires, sharing products knowledge and brand story with customer. I am improving customer service, collaboration, problem solving and communication skills.

**Jun 2019 – September 2019 Kepler Studio, London**

*Intern - Studio Assistant*

- Working with designer on samples of a orange jumper; responsible for making samples
- Independently making a knitted stripe dress which will be sale in Selfridge

I am enhancing attention to detail, independent and teamwork, sewing and knitting skills **Jun 2019 – September 2019** **Four Seasons Recruitment, London**

*Part-time Luxury Brand Sales Assistant*

- Greeting customers in branches of Brooks Brothers and Tory Burch; assisting them with enquiries, replenishing stock and keeping the store tidy and welcoming

**Jul – Aug 2015** **Karen Studio, Atlanta, USA**

*Intern – Designers Assistant*

- Assisting the designer with pattern design, translating the patterns from Japanese to English
- Sewing some sample dresses, using patchwork technique. Hand-stitching and embroidering the finished garments for decoration.

I developed communication, attention to detail and sewing skills.

**Jul – Aug 2015** **Mister Migs, Atlanta**

*Intern – Designers Assistant*

- Assisting in preparing for a pet clothing show, including helping with fabric choices and fitting sessions with dogs.
- Independently making a pattern for, cutting and sewing an outfit for one of the walkers in the show.

I learnt organisation, time management

**2014 – 2015** **Beijing Liangxiang No. 3 Primary School**

*Part-time Art Teacher*

- Preparing for classes, teaching charcoal and children's drawing.

I gained organisation, time management, presentation and communication skills.

**2015 – 2016** **Starbucks, Beijing**

*Part-time Barista*

- Greeting customers, taking orders, making coffee and tea, taking payment, resolving any customer complaints and ensuring hygiene standards were met and maintained.

## **IT AND OTHER SKILLS**

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- Proficient with Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Shima Knitting and Design Knit
- Certified IMA Makeup Artist

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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- Volunteered to show students and tutors from Detao Academy in China around the RCA.
- Took part in an overseas voluntary internship programme in the USA in 2015.
- Enjoys tennis, jogging and going to the gym; plays the guitar.
- Interested in traditional crafts; e.g. Japanese mud dyeing, Chinese tie dyeing, knitting and crochet.
- Likes reading about Art History and Philosophy
- Portfolio can be found at <https://www.elissaxtwang.com/>