Mona Sweeney

UX/UI Designer · Belfast, Northern Ireland

Product designer with a background in textile design and over three years designing complex digital products in the food industry. I specialise in compliance-heavy, high-stakes workflows, building design systems that scale and working closely with developers to get the details right in code. In my current role we're using AI to speed up design system maintenance, from auditing components to having Claude compare Figma designs against what's in production.

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Experience

UX/UI Designer
Jan 2023 to present

Foods Connected · Belfast

- Design compliance, quality and supply chain tools used across the food industry, from research and wireframes through to high-fidelity designs and developer handover.
- Led the end-to-end redesign of Document Manager across four workstreams, delivered on schedule with sign-off in two review passes.
- Ran usability research on Schedule Manager and turned the findings into prioritised design changes for the team's sprints.
- Auditing a decade-old design system across two codebases with an AI-assisted research pipeline, with 20 component audits completed so far.
- Lead designer on an AI document onboarding hackathon project that shipped a working MVP in one day.
- Work closely with developers on the shadcn component library and colour token system.

Textile Designer
May 2018 to Jan 2023

Ulster Weavers · Belfast

Designed prints and patterns for the company's retail range and for individual clients. Led research and trend analysis, managed projects to tight deadlines and facilitated lean meetings.

Freelance Textile Designer
Jan 2018 to May 2018

MatchyMatchy Print Design Studio · London, remote

Pattern design for a London fashion print studio, working with clients entirely online.

Fashion Design Intern
Oct 2015 to Apr 2016

Iris van Herpen · Amsterdam

Created garment patterns and textile samples in a fast-paced couture studio, supporting the development of the collection.

Skills

Figma · Design systems · User research · Usability testing · Prototyping · Wireframing · shadcn · Tailwind · Next.js · Claude · Jira · Miro · Photoshop

Education

BA (Hons) Textile Design, First Class — Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology — 2012 to 2014

FETAC Level 6, Make-up and Costume Design for Film and Theatre — Inchicore College of Further Education — 2007 to 2009

Certifications

Certificate in Working with Developers — UX Design Institute — 2026

Professional Certificate in UI Design — UX Design Institute — 2025

Professional Diploma in UX Design — UX Design Institute — 2022

Awards

Student Designer of the Year, Winner — Vodafone — 2013

Student Craft and Design Awards, Finalist — The Glucksman, Cork — 2014

Milliner of the Year, Finalist — Irish Fashion Innovation Awards — 2015