



# Katerina Krotenko

Artist, Interior architect & designer

*My passion lies across synthesis of arts, crafts, design, and architecture, which allows for a complex expertise in creating built environment and spatial experiences, while my competence in arts' history and styles empowers my vocation to work with heritage contexts and architectural revitalization projects.*

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*I believe that one of the most important requirements of contemporary architecture is sustainable and humanistic approach.*

## Education:

- 2016 - 2020 **Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Helsinki, Finland**  
Master of Arts Programme: Product and Spatial Design / Contemporary Design  
Master thesis in collaboration with KONE company on the topic:  
*Ambient colour : emotive experience*
- 2014 - 2016 **Saint-Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design, Russia**  
Master's degree (with honours) in Design, speciality: Interior Design  
Best graduate of the year of Institute of Design and Arts  
Master thesis topic: *Reminiscence as an up-to-date method of designing interiors in the context of contemporary mix of styles*
- 2014 **Exchange semester in Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Finland**  
International Master in Interior Architectural Design programme
- 2010 - 2014 **Saint-Petersburg State University of Technology and Design, Russia**  
Bachelor's degree in Design, speciality: Environmental/Interior Design
- 2003 - 2010 **Art School, Russia**

## Work experience:

- 2020 Interior Architect at Interior Architecture Office Carola Rytsölä Oy in Helsinki
- 2019 - 2020 Art and architecture tour guide at Aalto University
- 2014 - 2016 Interior Designer at Interior Design Studio DoDesign in Saint-Petersburg
- since 2013 Freelance, independent Interior Designer

context analysis and research  
concept development  
communication with the client  
sketches, collages  
high quality realistic 3D visualization  
spatial and functional planning  
architectural constructions drawings  
material and furniture compilation of the project for its implementation  
field supervision  
service design  
custom-made design of interior objects  
sensorial design, colour and material design

## Personal:

Age: 27  
**Character:** broad-minded, sincere, optimist, enthusiastic, conscientious, perceptive, ambitious, aesthete, visionary.

## Languages:

English (fluent)  
German (intermediate)  
French (basic)  
Finnish (basic)  
Ukrainian (proficiency)  
Russian (native)

## Areas of expertise:

Interior design and architecture; product design, contemporary crafts and material experimentation; history of art, design and architecture; academic painting and drawing, 3D visualisation, graphic design.

## Soft skills:

Attention to details, strong aesthetical sense, profound research, problem-solving, critical design thinking, creative observation, ideas articulation, international communication, active listening, time-management, flexibility, multitasking, patience.

## Software:

3Ds Max, V-ray, Corona renderer, ArchiCAD, AutoCAD, Revit, Rhinoceros; Adobe: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, AfterEffects; Corel Draw; Mac, Windows, Microsoft Office; Web-design: HTML, CSS.  
(ready to adapt to any other software)

April 2021 SaloneSatellite, Salone del Mobile, Milan

### Awards:

October 2019 Third prize at SaloneSatellite, Salone del Mobile.Milano, Moscow

December 2018 First prize in Product Design nomination in ADD awards, Saint-Petersburg

October 2018 First prize in Design Product nomination of the competition  
*Designed and made in Russia, All-Russian Decorative Art Museum, Moscow*

### Selected exhibitions:

#### Product design

October 2019 SaloneSatellite, Salone del Mobile.Milano, Moscow

September 2019 Habitare, Helsinki Design Week

April 2019 Pop-up gallery of Russian contemporary design, All-Russian Decorative Art Museum, Moscow

March 2019 Russian Product Design exhibition at Batimat Russia in Crocus Expo, Moscow

October 2018 *Designed and made in Russia*, Gallery of Russian Design Objects,  
- February 2019 All-Russian Decorative Art Museum, Moscow

August - October 2018 Bloom biannual youth exhibition at Lokal gallery, Helsinki  
Organising independent student exhibition *Emoveo* and panel discussion during Helsinki Design Week, with support of Helsinki Design Museum

February 2018 *Light on White* at Beta Space, Otaniemi  
(+ spatial design, graphic design of posters, and event management)

September 2017 *RED» RED? RED!* - *Crafting Plastic Waste* at Basso pop-up space, Helsinki Design Week  
*Tableware as an expression* at Atski gallery, Helsinki Design Week

#### Fine art

December 2019 *Stampa /3* (curated group exhibition)  
- January 2020

August 2019 *Invisible Treasures* (solo exhibition)

July 2019 *Invisible Treasures* (duo exhibition + event management)

### Publications in design magazines:

Architectural Digest AD, ELLE decoration, etc.