

# Mark Bowers

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## Summary

I am passionate about designing and making things that really helps people right in the middle of life. After the recession of 2008, much of the need for freelance artists had disappeared. This is why after 26 years of creating art for paper products and home decor I started Creative Handiworks, LLC. The scope of these projects are minor remodeling, tile installation, woodworking, fabrication and custom cabinets, barn doors and benches. This is a rewarding experience meeting the needs of others with the gifts I'd been given.

The recent news is that since Covid last fall, I am experiencing an allergic reaction to saw dust. So I am exploring other healthier options for work and where I can contribute to the flourishing of others. I am confident that because of who I am, what I do next will be magnificent!

## Experience

### Creative Handiworks, LLC. • Owner, Designer and Craftsman

Aug 2012 - Present (10 years)

The mission of Creative Handiworks is to create custom interior projects that are beautiful and functional while improving the quality of life. By offering design services and the ability to build it, I am able to simplify the process of custom projects. These projects include; Minor remodeling, tile, barn doors, furniture, fireplace surrounds and custom cabinets. I thrive on creativity, problem solving, craftsmanship and satisfied customers.

### Atmell/Kelly Services • Machine Operator (Developer, Coater and UV Bake)

Nov 2010 - Nov 2011

Move product/wafers into area, load and process on equipment according to specifications and move into next area. Document work flow using proprietary software. Perform scheduled checks on equipment to ensure quality and efficiency.

### Mark Bowers Design • Owner, Designer, Illustrator and Lettering Artist

Jan 1999 - July 2010 (10 years)

This position includes Designing and Illustrating a variety of consumer products such as Gift Wrap, Gift Bags, Greeting Cards, Packaging, Framed Art, Figurines and Books. As Owner, it also includes acquiring clients, computer tech., bookkeeping and maintenance. Clients include: Abbey Press, Baudeville, EK Success, Houdini, MediBadge, Paper Magic Group, Positive Promotions, Printery House, Wolferman's and UNICEF.

- Designed and illustrated a best seller in Europe for UNICEF
- Designed and illustrated 15 piece Christmas Village Packaging for sale in Walmart

- Exhibited 3 years at SURTEX (New York Stationery Show) resulting in increased sales and closer relationships.

Current, Inc. • Graphic Designer, Lettering Artist, Acting Lettering Manager,  
Senior Designer/Illustrator  
July 1982 - Dec 1998 (16 years)

- Graphic Designer — Design and produce mechanical artwork for Greeting Cards, Cookbooks, Calendars and Instructions for Paper Sculpture Products.
- Lettering Artist — Create original Hand Lettering and type designs consistent with the artists artwork. Also create original artistic lettering themed designs for products.
- Acting Lettering Manager — Assist or direct Graphic Designers with type design, direct other Lettering Artists while completing other assigned artwork.
- Senior Designer/Illustrator — Design and Illustrate a wide variety of consumer paper products using traditional and digital media.

## Education and Affiliations

Pikes Peak State College

Associates, Commercial Art

1979 - 1982

(I worked full time and freelanced while attending college.)

Consistent regular attendance to ADCD, CAI and AIGA events 1990 - 2010

Attendance to national events includes; Aspen Design Conference, International Calligraphy Symposium, AIGA National Design Conference and The National Illustration Conference

## Skills

Entrepreneurial, Construction and Craftsman Skills include: Research Prospects and Make Contact, Estimates, Negotiate Contracts, Initiate Projects, Identify Areas to Improve, Market Branding, Customer Service, Time Management, Design Assistance, Bookkeeping (MYOB), Framing, Finish Trim, Woodworking, Tile Setting, Texture, Paint, Minor Plumbing & Electrical, Supplies and Small Tools.

Design Studio Skills include: Apple Computers with Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Fontographer, Pages, Numbers, MYOB, Gauche, Watercolor, Pen and Ink.

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