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# EDUCATION

#### Maine College of Art

Bachelor of Fine Arts Illustration with Honors 2015-2019

## PORTFOLIO

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# EXTRAS

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# SAM MYRDEK +

### ART DIRECTOR + ILLUSTRATOR + DESIGNER

# EXPERIENCE

#### The VIA Agency - Portland, Maine (2020-Present) Art Director

Dove head first into concepting, visualizing, and executing creative campaigns for national brands. Rapidly learned and adapted to quickly become an integral member of the creative team. Playing a key role in concepting, client presentations, and productions.

Clients Include: Lowe's, Klondike, Golden Corral, Save A Lot, Digital Credit Union

#### Little Something Co. (2021-Present) Co-Founder

A COVID side hustle turned wildly successful stationary and goods company. Design, create, and market unique products both direct-to-consumer and wholesale.

Clients Include: L.L.Bean, Canopy by Hilton Portland Waterfront, GoGo Refill, Roots at Ledgemere, Maine College of Art, National Resources Council of Maine, Toad&Co Freeport

## Freelance (2017-Present)

#### Designer and Illustrator

Obtaining and fostering relationships with clients offering branding, surface design, and custom illustrations.

Clients Include: Austin Street Brewery, North Atlantic Candle Co., Hydroviv, 360 Farm, Maine College of Art

## VIA Internship (2019-2020)

#### **Creative Intern**

Collaborated with a team of 12 interns to create a fresh brand identity and strategy for a local family-owned jewelery store. Simultaneously jumping in to assist on client and pitch work, becoming an indispensable asset to the agency. *Clients Include: Springer's Jewelers, Golden Corral, Lowe's* 

#### Hugh McCormick Design Co. (Summer 2018) Design Intern

Strengthened design skills and produced client work. Explored multiple forms of design from packaging to mural painting. Clients Include: Austin Street Brewery, King's Head Pub, Mami Japanese Street Food, Yes Brewing, Active Beer Geek