

CV

Elina Aalto, designer

15.4.1976

Studies

2000 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki
1998 Bachelor of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki
1995 Baccalaureate, Helsingin suomalainen yhteiskoulu

Product Design

2018-2023 Ongoing collection of home furniture for Wowdsgn, China *
2018 *Usma* series of outdoor furniture for AMATA, Latvia *
2018 *Suso* chair for Belle Maison, Japan*
2017 Series of small furniture for Belle Maison; Japan *
2017 Lighting collection for Wowdsgn, China *
2015 *Aarre* wall jewels for iittala *
2013 *Vakka* storage boxes for iittala *
2013 *Baki* backpack for Mifuko *
2011 Series of bicycle bags for SavetheC *
2011 *Sulka* reflectors for Saintex ***
2010 *Nappi* living room concept for Suomi Soffa ***
2008 *Seinäruusu* ryijy rug for Friends of Finnish Handicrafts
2006 *Better View*, series of perforated blinds for Iuk Box, France

Unique Design Objects

2023 *Ghost Forest*, Designart Tokyo
2023 *Hybrid Twining* for Puhdetyö III exhibition
2022 *Cumula* lights *
2022 Lanterns for Juxtaposing Craft exhibition
2022 *Willow bark lights* for Puhdetyö II exhibition
2019 *Insulae* cabinets, *Faro* lights and *Luoto* candleholders for Puhdetyö exhibition *
2015-2023 *1+1+1* collection of objects for various exhibitions ****
2017 *The Expressive Experimenter*, *The Primitive Illusionist* and *The Soft Non-Conformist* for Rephrasals exhibition *
2012 *Hattara* and *Tassle* lights for Light Sweets exhibition **
2002 Bespoke dining room furniture set for the Finnish Embassy in Moscow

Solo and group exhibitions

2023 *Tauko - Into the Forest*, Designart Tokyo
2023 *1+1+1*, Svartaborg, Husavik
2023 *Puhdetyö III*, Muji Small Gallery, Helsinki
2022 *Juxtaposing Craft*, Östasiatiska Museet, Stockholm
2022 *Puhdetyö II*, MUJI Small Gallery, Helsinki
2022 *Hidden*, Fiskars Design Biennale
2020 *Finnish Glass Lives 8*, The Finnish Glass Museum
2019 *Puhdetyö*, Helsinki Design Week
2019 *Crossovers*, Adorno gallery, London Design Week
2019 *Chart Art Fair & Coming Home III*, Lokal, Helsinki
2019 *Now Nordic*, Reykjavik Art Museum
2018 *Sweet Salone*, Design March, Reykjavik
2017 *Rephrasals / Omformulera*, Form Design Center Malmö
2016-2017 *Roundabout Baltic* touring exhibition; Stalowa Wola, Riga, Tallinn, Malmö, Reykjavik
2016 *Growth*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars
2016 *Objects of Desire*, Designmuseum Helsinki
2016 *1+1+1*, Spark Design Space, Reykjavik
2015 *We Live Here*, Stockholm Design Week
2014 *Licht und Schatten*, Finnish Darkness, Hamburg, Germany
2014 *Beacon - Finnish By Nature*, Milan
2013 *Aalto+Aalto*, Huvila gallery, Helsinki
2012 *Hattara - Light Sweets*, Highlight gallery, Helsinki
2011 *Aalto+Aalto*, Finnish Cultural Institute, Berlin
2011 *Muotoseikkoja*, Wäinö Aaltonen museum, Turku
2010 *Hirameki Design x Finland*, Ozone Design Center, Tokyo, Japani
2009 *Led by Form*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars
2008 *Fennofolk*, Designmuseum, Helsinki
2006-2009 *Sauma Design as Cultural Interface*; Los Angeles, Copenhagen, Stavanger, Helsinki

Curating and Exhibition Concepts

2009 - 2023	<i>Protoshop and Talentshop</i> (2015 >) for Habitare fair *** **
2017	<i>Echoes, 100 Years in Finnish Design and Architecture</i> (member of curatorial team)
2016	<i>New School Helsinki</i> , concept for Taipei WDC2016 *
2015	<i>The Block</i> , a concept for showcasing young design, for Habitare design fair *** **
2015	<i>We Live Here</i> , Finnish and Icelandic design at SDW together with Marika Aro and Hlin Helga Gudlaugsdottir
2012	<i>Everyday Discoveries</i> , for World design Capital Helsinki 2012 *** **
2012	<i>6 Scenes of Beauty</i> for Vantaa City Art Museum *
2002 - 2006	<i>Imu design</i> , a concept showcasing young Finnish design at international fairs *** **

Exhibition architecture

2023	<i>Kevätlaitumelle</i> , HAM Helsinki Art Museum *
2022	<i>Pehmo / Softy</i> , HAM Helsinki Art Museum*
2022	<i>Hidden</i> , Fiskars Design Biennale
2021	<i>Sustainable Colour</i> , Craft Museum Finland & Designmuseum*
2020	<i>Soil Matters</i> , Designmuseum*
2020-2021	<i>In good Hands</i> for Friends of Finnish Handicrafts, Designmuseum, Craft museum Finland, Pohjanmaan museo
2018	<i>Fiskars Summer House</i> , room for Iittala *
2017	<i>Echoes, 100 Years in Finnish Design and Architecture</i> , touring exhibition (Warsaw, Bratislava, Budapest, Prague, Berlin)
2016	<i>New School Helsinki</i> , concept for Taipei WDC2016 *
2016	<i>Wild, Weird & Wonderful</i> , Finnish Design at Milan Design Week *
2015	<i>Century of the Child</i> , Designmuseum Helsinki *
2015	<i>We Live Here</i> , Finnish and Icelandic design at SDW together with Marika Aro and Hlin Helga Gudlaugsdottir
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Spatial Design

2023	Frame, office spaces for arts promotion agency
2019	Exhibition concept for Genelec *
2018-19	Helsinki city visitor info centres for main railway station, Helsinki *
2013	Frame, office spaces for Arts promotion agency *
2013	Tori Quarters, retail spaces
2013	Dog design, office spaces for Graphic design company *
2013	Designmuseum Cafe *****
2012	Aalto University Department of Art *****
2011	Media Factory, Aalto University *****
2011	Nanso, retail concept together *****
2011	Grey Area, office spaces for game developer *****

Awards, personal grants and objects in collection

2020	Faro lights, Finland State Art Collection
2019	1 year artist grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
2017	Product line of the Year for 1+1+1 project, Grapevine Design Awards, Iceland
2015	3 year artist grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2012	1 year artist grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
2011	1 year artist grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2014	IF gold award, Vakka (Iittala)
2011	Ecodesign award, Habitare
2010	Young Designer of the Year *** **
2009	Bryggman scholarship for young interior architect
2007	Environmental Art Piece of the year for Arabia carpet, Arabianranta

Positions of Trust

2012-2023	JFDA, Japan Finland Design Association, Chairman (2012-2020), member of the board (2020 >)
2006-2012	Friends of Finnish Handicrafts, member of the board
1997-2000	Tokyo, University of Art and Design students union, member of the board

Teaching

2018-2021	Furniture Design (BA3), Department of Architecture, Aalto University
2015-2019	Exhibition Design (BA3), Department of Design, Aalto University
2009-2013	Spatial Design, Department of Interior Architecture, University of Art and Design Helsinki
2007	Hotel Helsinki Project, Dept of Applied Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki

- * together with Klaus Aalto (Aalto+Aalto)
- ** together with Klaus Aalto and Tero Kuitunen
- *** together with Saara Renvall
- **** together with Klaus Aalto, Hugdetta & Petra Lilja Design Studio
- ***** together with Marika Aro
- *** ** together with Saara Renvall and Krista Kosonen (Imu)