

# Set designer

Set designers design and create the settings for commercials, television, theatre and films.

Average salary (a year)



Variable

Typical hours (a week)



40 to 42  
variable

You could work



freelance / self-employed

managing your own hours

## Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of the fine arts
- design skills and knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

## Day-to-day tasks

As a set designer, you could:

- study scripts, discuss ideas with the director and research details
- communicate ideas to costume, make-up, props and lighting designers
- work out problems like lighting and scene changes
- sketch design ideas to produce a storyboard and create designs within budget
- build and take photos of scale models

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