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Work Experience

- **Architectural Designer at Nia Architects, Chicago, USA July 2023 - Present**
 - Designed user-centric layouts for an intergenerational multifamily housing project in Southern Chicago, utilizing Revit to optimize space functionality and accessibility, improving design approval time by 15%. Collaborated with cross-disciplinary teams, including Gensler, on Bally's Chicago, creating code-compliant layouts and used Adobe InDesign to create visually compelling presentations that streamlined stakeholder approvals.
- **Intern at Paul Harding, Chicago, USA May 2022 - August 2022**
 - Conducted user research and on-site assessments for the restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Davenport House, creating documentation and design presentations using Photoshop and InDesign to align with historical preservation and user needs.
 - Designed accessible and intuitive layouts for Anshe Emet Synagogue using Revit, ensuring smooth navigation and usability for diverse user groups.
- **Designer – Freelancing October 2020- July 2021**
 - Designed custom digital invitations using Photoshop, Illustrator, and Sketch, improving brand visibility helping them increase user engagement by 30%.
 - Facilitated collaborative ideation sessions with clients using Miro, streamlining feedback collection and refining design concepts for final delivery.
- **Junior Architect at Rummy Shroff and associates, Mumbai, India January 2021- June 2021**
 - Developed design concepts and layouts for residential projects, focusing on client-centered solutions to enhance functionality and aesthetics.
- **Intern at HOSMAC, Mumbai, India January 2019 – May 2019**
 - Designed user-centered layouts for a 700-bed teaching hospital, collaborating with stakeholders to improve patient workflows and enhance staff efficiency.

Competitions and Workshop

The National Association of Students of Architecture

- Gender Sensitivity (GSEN) TROPHY- 2016 - Design Team (Top 8)
- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) TROPHY- 2015 Software - Technical Team (Top 10)
- Attended a seminar for Hospital Planning and Management, Organized by Cahoon 2019, Theme: Healthcare Quality, Hiranandani Hospital, Powai, India.
- Opened an Etsy Page - Athera By Shreya

Certifications

- Certified Google UX Designer 2024
- DTP + Web designing course
- Introduction to Front-End Development
- Graphic Design - 1 month course
- Project Management Course
- Council of Architecture, India - Licensed Architect 2020

Skills

Sketching | Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator | Figma | Canva | Sketch | Miro | Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Academic Qualification

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Illinois **August 2021-May 2023**
Master of Architecture (advanced standing) Major:
Concentration in Health and well-being

L. S. Raheja School of Architecture, Mumbai, India
Bachelor of Architecture

July 2015-October 2020