



ARTIST JOBS

WHAT IS AN ARTIST ?

It would be cliché to say artists know how to draw, especially since it's much more than that. Artists are creative and talented people who can tell stories through various mediums. They explore opportunities to show people how to view the world in a different way.

JOB TYPES * (SEE MORE BELOW)

CAKE DECORATOR

MAKEUP ARTIST

PAINTER

CONSERVATOR/ ART RESTORER

SCULPTOR

ILLUSTRATOR

CARTOONIST

WHAT WILL I DO?

From "Happy Birthday, Dad" to "It's a girl!" Cake Decorators bring life and customization to cakes for customers in search of celebratory sweets. You'll need a strong handle on the aesthetic appeals of pastries and be able to work with icing, fondant, and decorations. You may not be the Cake Boss, but your work will be present at important events throughout your city.

Makeup Artists, whether working as freelancers or under one company, need to make sure of one thing: that their client is satisfied and feeling confident. Your work may show up on a runway, in a theatrical performance, at a wedding, at the prom, or on the red carpet. That being said, you need to have a great understanding of colors, shadows, and how bone structure and skin texture affect makeup looks on each individual client.

Painters are a large group with smaller, more specific sub-groups. Whether you're an artist who paints realistic portraits or an exterior painter who works in houses and other buildings, a steady hand and keen eye for color theory is needed. You'll need to be comfortable talking to clients and selling yourself as well as your work - so you better brush up on that self-confidence.

As an Art Restorer, your job is to bring art, whether it be worn by sitting in the same spot for many, many years or tarnished by an accident, back to its full, original glory. You'll need to have stamina, a steady hand, and a large skill set regarding chemicals, X-rays, microscopes, and other laboratory equipment.

Sculptors aren't just people who make the old statues you see in museums, they make models of cars, houses, or anything else you can think of. As a Sculptor, you have the creative ability to mold your ideas into their fully realized forms, so get to sketching your ideas out and be sure to have an understanding of design programs.

Illustrators are so versatile they can work in almost any industry. Your job will be to create stories through your illustrations both digital and traditional. Illustrators can mold colors and lines and bring to page art and characters through watercolors, charcoal, digital animation-- anything you can think of that creates. They're found in the fashion industry, the greeting card industry, the government, big tech start-ups - all you have to do is pick one and get to illustrating.

Creating visual stories isn't just for actors - it can be for Cartoonists, too. Your job is to make visually appealing characters to further the plot of their own greater stories. You can write the stories yourself, be commissioned and use someone else's story, or just draw with no words. No matter which way you choose, make sure to sharpen your pencil and ready your pens - because it's time to get to drawing.

SALARY \$29,357

\$38,822

\$41,399

\$44,880

\$47,106

\$47,473

\$62,170

WILL I ENJOY IT?

While most kids spent time outside playing, you spent your time in the kitchen practicing your piping techniques.

You had a bunch of play makeup sets when you were little and gave your entire household makeovers... at least twice a day.

Art was your favorite class in school and you even snuck out of other classes early just to go back to the art room.

When you spilled coffee on your sister's art project, you were quickly able to soak it up and transfer the piece to a new sheet of paper that looked just as good as the old one.

If you took your Play-Doh creations way too seriously as a kid, this is the job for you.

All of your notes and tests and pretty much any piece of paper you were given throughout school were always covered in doodles.

You had a comic strip in your school newspaper that gained quite the fanbase.

WHERE CAN I TRAIN OR LEARN?

Formal training or on-the-job training
Certificate from a Pastry Arts Program.

Montclair State University
Santa Monica College
Milwaukee Area Technical College

Elmhurst College
Walla Walla University
Kansas City Art Institute

Augsburg University
Arcadia University
Kansas City Art Institute

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Virginia Commonwealth University
Rhode Island School of Design

Elmhurst College
Arcadia University
Kansas City Art Institute

Laguna College of Art and Design
SAE Expression College
California Institute of the Arts

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Publix Super Markets
The Four Seasons Hotel
Sandals Resorts

Sephora
M.A.C. Cosmetics
Estee Lauder Companies

Many painters are self-employed and work with either art galleries or museums.

American Museum of Natural History
Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
Carnegie Museum of Art

Apple
Ford Motor Company
Harley-Davidson

United States Army
Rockstar Games
AT&T

Cartoon Network
Disney
Nickelodeon

* OTHER POSSIBLE ARTIST JOBS: Musician, Chef, Pastry Chef, Police Sketch Artist.

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