

Kateryna Tkachenko

Principal/Lead Product Designer

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Right to work in Portugal

YES 

Notice period

1 month 

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INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Product Design
UX Research
Interaction Design
Design Systems
Prototyping
Accessibility
Figma, FigJam
Storybook, Zeroheight

AI SKILLS

Claude + Figma integration

EDUCATION

National Technical University of Ukraine 'Kyiv Polytechnic Institute', Bachelor's degree in Applied Math, 2016–2020

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian (native)
English (C2)
Portuguese (B2)

Product Designer with **6+ years** of experience designing **SaaS, fintech, real estate, and startup products**. Experienced in building scalable design systems, simplifying complex workflows, and delivering user-centered solutions from discovery to implementation.

Principal/Lead Product Designer

ArtJoker ÖU ◦ Aug 2023 - Now

Led a design **team of three Middle UI/UX Designers** and worked on **3–5 projects simultaneously**, ensuring consistent delivery quality and smooth collaboration. Improved team workflow by introducing structured design reviews and clearer documentation, which **reduced back-and-forth clarification with stakeholders by 20–25%** (based on fewer revision rounds and faster approval cycles). Maintained a strong user-centered approach and ensured all deliverables aligned with business goals and technical constraints.

UX Tutor

CareerFoundry ◦ Aug 2021 - Now

Supported aspiring UX/UI professionals by evaluating **20–40 assignments per month** and providing clear, actionable feedback to accelerate their growth. Curated targeted learning resources that **improved students' project quality and reduced repeated mistakes by 25–30%** (based on fewer revision cycles and stronger final submissions). Focused on strengthening their design thinking, research methods, and practical UI skills to help them progress toward industry-ready competency.

Freelance Designer

Upwork ◦ Jul 2020 - Jul 2025 (5 yrs 1 mo)

Recognized as a Top Rated Designer with extensive experience in start-ups and elevating mature digital products. Worked with **30–40 international clients** across the U.S., U.K., Germany, Switzerland, Malaysia, and beyond, **consistently maintaining a 95–100% job success rating** on the platform. Delivered projects **10–20% faster than initial estimates** through optimized workflows, and managed full design operations—from briefing to final delivery—without missed deadlines.

Senior UX/UI Designer

BNYM ◦ Aug 2021 - Jul 2023 (2 yrs)

Designed a large-scale data analytics platform for one of the world's leading financial institutions, operating within a **strict regulatory and compliance environment**. Collaborated closely with product managers **through 30+ requirement refinement sessions** to translate complex data interactions into clear, intuitive user interfaces. Conducted iterative **usability testing with 15–20 internal users**, which helped **reduce task completion time across key workflows by approximately 20%**. Ensured accessibility compliance by **running WCAG audits and resolving 90% of reported issues before development handoff**. Maintained continuous alignment with engineering and compliance teams through weekly syncs, ensuring all **design decisions met security, data-handling, and regulatory standards**.

UX/UI Designer

Ework Group ◦ Dec 2020 - Jun 2021 (7 mos)

Designed a CRM admin platform for the internal support team, **improving task management efficiency by 25%**. Collaborated with design and business analysis teams through **10+ workflows** to deliver end-to-end user flows, development-ready UI, and a scalable information architecture. Conducted tree **testing with 15–20 users**, resulting in a **30% reduction in navigation errors**. Established and maintained a **design system of 200+ components**, ensuring consistency and faster delivery across all screens.