



CV

Olia Kolesnyk

Visual Storyteller · Motion Designer · Filmmaker

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Skills

- 2D Animation
- Motion Graphics
- Visual Storytelling
- Illustration
- Concept Design
- Character Design
- Storyboarding
- Video Editing
- Stop-motion
- Sculpture
- Art Direction

Software

- After Effects
- Premiere
- Toon Boom Harmony
- Animate
- Photoshop
- Procreate
- Blender (basic skills)
- DaVinci Resolve
- Indesign

I am a Ukrainian multimedia artist based in Germany, working across animation, illustration, and documentary storytelling.

My work focuses on emotional resonance and depth, using multimedia techniques to tell personal and meaningful stories.

Education

MA Expanded Media

Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences, Germany | 2021–2025

- Final project: *Hedgehog Windows* — animated documentary
- Thesis «Neurodivergent Windows: Animated documentary series about lived experiences of neurodivergent adults»
Accepted for publication in Springer's BestMasters series, 2025

BA Fine Arts

*Kiev National University of Construction and Architecture, Ukraine
| 2013–2017*

- Thesis: Interior design concept for an eating disorders recovery center, including a sculpture installation about the recovery path.

Professional Experience

2D Animation Intern

Sinai Animation Studio, Germany | Apr 2023 – Aug 2023

- Designed characters, storyboards, and animatics
- Animated smooth 2D scenes in frame-by-frame style using traditional techniques and Adobe Animate

Languages

- Ukrainian: Native
- Russian: Fluent
- English: Fluent
- German: Good (B2)

Passions & Inspirations

- Neurodiversity research
- Psychology (Narrative Therapy, RO-DBT, ACT)
- Motivational Interviewing
- Argentine tango
- Paragliding & surfing
- Miniature sculpture
- Cooking & baking
- Bonsai

Illustrator (Children's books)

Upwork, Remote | Mar 2019 – Sep 2021

- Illustrated a children's book series on emotional intelligence and mindfulness (Singapore)
- Delivered cover design, layout concepts, and visual storytelling assets

Creative Designer (Interior & Visual Media)

Rhythms of Life, Ukraine | Jun 2019 – Jul 2021

- Developed interior design for a thematic hotel
- Participated in site visits, client meetings, and material selection
- Designed infographics, posters, short animations, and brand visuals

Ceramic Artist & Visual Designer

Makhno Architects, Ukraine | Jul 2017 – May 2019

- Created handmade ceramic decor objects for interior projects
- Designed patterns, textures, and illustrations to accompany product lines

Creative Projects & Collaborations

2D Animation – Documentary

The Divergent Gift: Unboxing Autism, upcoming release, US-based | Jul 2024 - Aug 2024

- Animated a segment for a feature-length documentary – international project on autism

Sculptures: Miniatures & Public Installation

"Search it!" art project, Ukraine | Mar 2018 – Jan 2019

- Designed and sculpted 4 bronze miniatures, permanently installed in central Kyiv
- Story-driven, focused on emotional storytelling through character sculpture

Illustrated my own children's book

"Hedgehog Vasya and the Tree of Happiness", Ukraine | Sep 2019 - Mar 2021

- Wrote and illustrated a children's picture book about emotional growth, intuition, and the search for inner joy