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OF
CREATIVE
JOB IDEAS

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Welcome to a wealth of creative work ideas!

You have in your hands the most comprehensive list of creative jobs that I know of on the web. I know, because I did quite a bit of research on different websites on various industries related to creative fields, and no one list has all of the items that the lists below have.

With that said, there may be some things that I left out. If so, please don’t hesitate to drop me a line at mike@artistmyth.com and kindly set me straight.

How this list is organized

The purpose of this list is to give you a starting point for researching the different possibilities that are out there. It is to serve as a jumping off point to further research.

This document is mainly two different kinds of lists, separated by two methods of categorization:

- Alphabetical by Profession/Career/Job
• Alphabetical by Industry

Also, the creative jobs listed here have varying degrees of:

• Compensation
• Levels of Creative Freedom
• Independence
• Freelance vs. Salary based
• General vs. Specific

SOME NOTES AND DISCLAIMERS

What do I call a “creative job” or “creative career”? If the job requires you to create value by giving real form to an abstract concept, then it’s generally a creative job. Creativity at work involves aesthetic decisions that you make, drawing on internal, experiential, or emotional energy, in giving form to a product or service.

People have different tolerances about the levels of perceived creativity that’s involved. What some consider creative, others consider to be not creative enough. The keys to finding the right creative job or career are:

1. To know yourself and be aware of what you need, and

2. To know the job’s description.

In many cases, the lines between the various creative jobs are blurred. There is a lot of overlap and different meanings between industries. For example, a “graphic designer” can mean different things within the industry of advertising than it means in publishing. Also, that role exists in not just those two industries, but in just about all industries since it’s so generalized.

Jobs with “Art” in the description usually means they are more creative, “Design” usually means they are more technical, though that’s not a hard and fast rule.

Many descriptions contained the words “Web” or “Online”. I usually folded these into regular descriptions since nearly everything is online now. The exception is in the publishing industry, which is still officially considered “offline”… but there are a number of online jobs there too!

In these lists I did not include:

• support roles within an industry (ex. accountant)
• service industry oriented roles (ex. hair and nails) unless in a creative industry itself (such as hairstylist for a film shoot).
• heavily technical jobs (engineering)
• industrial roles with low perceived levels of creativity (ex. upholsterer, machinist)

**Teachers** for all the roles exist, listed a teacher but it can be assumed that for every one there exists a teaching opportunity for it somewhere.

Art careers where the person is responsible for **buying, selling, evaluating, curating, or criticizing** were somewhat difficult to judge for inclusion in this list… while they directly impact art, they don’t necessarily involve creativity or making art directly. But I went ahead and included many of them, since an artist could transition to those careers if they so desire, and they are around art. (Especially since, by that same criteria, a busy Art Director or Creative Director who no longer uses a brush or tablet could be considered being the same situation.)

A note about **craft, or handicraft art**: there are numerous offshoots listed in the ‘by industry’ section that aren’t in the ‘career/job’ section. This is because there are so many little niches with a relatively tiny career market … and an accomplished crafter often does multiple craft disciplines.

With all that out of the way… enjoy the lists!

**LIST OF CREATIVE JOBS AND CAREERS**

(In Alphabetical Order)

**A**

Actor  
Advertising Director  
Advertising Photographer  
Aerial Photography  
Airbrush Artist  
Animator  
Accessory Designer  
Aerial Photographer  
Anchor  
Animal Trainer  
Antique Restoration  
App Designer
Apparel Designer (more industrial or retail, not fashion world)
Architect
Architectural Illustrator
Arranger
Art Acquisitions Specialist
Art Administrator
Art Appraiser
Art Cirriculum Writer
Art Conservator
Art Consultant
Art Dealer
Art Department Coordinator
Art Director
Art Critic
Art Historian
Art Investor
Art Librarian
Art Professor
Art Reviewer
Art School Director
Art Supplies Retailer
Art Teacher
Art Therapist
Arts Organization Fundraiser
Artist’s Agent (also Agent)
Assistant Director
Audio Mixer
Audio Recordist
Author (see Writer)
Automotive designer
Arts and Cultural Planner

Background Artist
Basket Weaver (see Weaver)
Blacksmithing
Blogger
Board Game Designer
Book Designer
Book Editor
Cake Decorator
Camera Operator
Caricaturist (also Caricature Artist)
Cartoonist
Carver (see Sculptor)
Casting Director
Caterer
Celebrity Photography
Ceramics designer
Chef
Children's Book Illustrator
Choreographer
Cinematographer
Clothing Designer
Colorist
Comic Book Artist
Comic Book Writer
Comic Book Editor
Commercial artist
Community arts worker
Composer
Compositor
Conductor
Concept Artist
Content Strategist
Cooking
Copy Editor
Corporate Communication Specialist
Corporate Entertainer
Corporate Facilitation Artist
Costumer / Costume Maker
Costume Designer
Courtroom Artist
Crafter / Craftsperson
Creative Consultant
Creative Director
Creature Designer
Creative Project Designer
Cruise Ship Entertainer
Culinary Arts
Curator (also Gallery or Museum Curator)

D

Dancer
Design Consultant
Dialect Coach
Digital Project Manager
Director
Director of Photography
Director, Commercials
Director, Feature film
Director, Music Video
Disc Jockey (also Dj)
Display Designer
DJ
Drafter
Dressmaker (also Dress Designer)

E

Editor
Exhibit Designer
Exhibition designer
Engraver
Entertainer
Event Planner
Exhibition Designer

F

Fashion designer
Fashion Buyer
Fashion Consultant
Fashion Designer
Fashion Illustrator
Fashion Merchandiser
Fashion Photographer
Fashion Retailer
Fibre Artist
Fight Choreographer
Film Director
Film Editor
Film Maker
Fine artist
Floral Designer (also Florist)
Foley Sound Artist
Font Designer
Food Product Designer
Food Stylist
Footwear Designer (also Shoe Designer)
Forensic Artist
Found Artist
Front End Developer
Furniture conservator/restorer
Furniture designer

G

Gallery Curator
Gallery Manager
Gallery Owner
Game Designer
Ghostwriter
Glass blower/designer
Golf Course Designer
Graffiti Artist
Graphic designer
Graphic Facilitator
Graphic Novel Author
Greeting Card Illustrator
Hair Stylist
Hair & Makeup Artist
Hairdresser
Handbag Designer
Handcrafter (also Crafter)
Home Decorator (also Interior Decorator)
Home Stager (real estate)

Ice Sculptor
Illustrator
Industrial designer
Infographic Artist
Information Architect
Instructional Designer
Instrument Maker
Interactive Designer
Interior Decorator
Interior and spatial designer

Jewelry designer
Journalist

Kitchen Designer

Landscape Architect
Landscape Designer
Layout Artist
Law Enforcement Sketch Artist
Lighting Designer
Lighting Operator
Logo Designer (see Graphic Designer)
Luthier
Lyricist

M

Macro Photography
Magazine Editor
Magazine Layout Designer
Makeup artist
Marine Photography
Marketing Communicator
Matte Painter
Medical illustrator
Metalsmith
Miniature Model Maker
Modeler (3d)
Modelmaking
Modeling (Fashion)
Mosaic Designer
Motion Capture Artist
Motion Graphic Artist
Multimedia Artist
Museum/gallery conservator
Muralist
Museum Archivist
Museum Curator
Museum Exhibit Design
Music Editor
Music Mixer
Music Producer
Musician

N

Nature Photographer
Needlework
Novelist
Opera Singer

Packaging Designer
Painter
Pastry Chef
Patternmaking (dresses)
Photo Engraver
Photo Retoucher
Photojournalist
Photographer
Photojournalism
Pianist
Picture Editor
Playground Designer
Playwriter (Playwright)
Poet
Police Sketch Artist
Portrait Artist
Potter (see Ceramic Designer)
Press photographer
Printmaker (also Screen Printer)
Producer
Product Designer
Production designer
Promotion Designer
Prop Designer
Prop Maker
Prop Master
Public Relations Specialist

Remixer
Reporter
Re-Recording Mixer
Rotoscope Artist
Scenographer

S

Scientific Photographer
Screenwriter
Screen Printer (see printmaker)
Script Supervisor
Set Construction Supervisor
Set Decorator
Set Designer (see production designer)
Set Painter
Shoe Designer (also Footwear Designer)
Shoe Designer
Sign Writer / Signmaker
Singer
Sketch Artist
Social Media Marketer
Soloist
Sound Assistant
Sound Board Operator
Sound Designer
Sound Editor
Sound Engineer
Sound Recordist
Sous Chef
Spatial Designer (also Interior Designer)
Special Effects Artist
Special Effects Editor
Special Effects Makeup
Special Effects Supervisor
Stained Glass Window Designer
Still Photographer
Stand-Up Comedian
Stationery Designer
Stock Photography
Storyboard Artist
Stylist
Swimming Pool Designer
T

T-Shirt Designer (also Tee Shirt Designer)
Tailor
Talent Agent
Tattoo Artist
Taxidermist
Teacher
Technical Illustrator
Textbook illustrator
Textile designer
Theater Director
Theme Park Designer
Theme Park Entertainer
Title Designer
Toy Designer
Town Planner
Typographer

U

Underwater (also Marine) Photography
User Interface Designer (also UI Designer)
Urban Designer
Urban Planner
User Experience Designer (also UX Designer)

V

Ventriloquist
Video Editor
Videographer
Video Game Designer (see Game Designer)
Visual Communication Designer
Visual Effects Artist
Visual Effects Supervisor
Visual Merchandiser
Vocalist (see Singer)
Voice Over Artist
Voice Talent

W
Wallpaper Designer
Wardrobe Designer
Weaver
Web designer
Wedding Dress Designer
Wedding Photography
Wildlife Photography
Winemaking
Writer
Wood Carver (see Sculptor)

LISTED BY INDUSTRY / CATEGORY

ADVERTISING / MARKETING
Art Directing
Animating
Brand management
Editor
Content Strategy
Copywriting
Creative Directing
Graphic Design
Illustration
Industrial Design
Information Architecture
Information Graphics
Instructional Design
Marketing Communication
Page Layout
Presentation
Printmaking
Production Art
Sign Artist
Storyboard Artist
Technical Writing
Typography
Video Editor

ANTTIQUES

Antique Acquisition
Antique Appraisal
Antique Dealing
Antique Restoration
Antique Specialist

ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Design
Architectural Illustration
Drafting
Golf Course Design
Interior Design / Decorating
Landscape Architecture / Design
Lighting Design
Modelmaking
Playground Design
Product Design
Project Design
Sports Arena Design
Stage / Set Design
Theme Park Design
Town Planning
Urban Design
Urban Planning
BROADCASTING (RADIO / TELEVISION)

Camera Operator
Copywriting
Directing
Editing
Graphic Art
Makeup Artist
Music Directing
News Anchor
News Director
News Reporter
News Writing
Program Directing
Promotions Directing
Reporter
Set Designer
Sound Engineer
Title Designer
Voiceover
Wardrobe
Writer

COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Advertising
Ambient Media
Animation
Copywriting
Creative Direction
Editing
Illustration
Information Architecture
Performing Arts
Professional Writing
Typography
Visual Identity Design
Web Design
CRAFTS / HANDICRAFTS

Assemblage (3d collage)
Banner making
Bead work
Bone Carving
Bookmaking
Calligraphy
Carpentry
Ceramic art
Collage
Crochet
Cross Stitch
Decoupage
Doll making
Dollhouse making
Embossing
Embroidery
Enameling
Floral Design
Fretwork
Glassblowing
Glasswork
Jewelry Design
Knitting
Lace-making
Macrame
Marquetry
Metalwork
Millinery (hat making)
Mosaics
Needlework
Origami
Paper making
Papercraft
Patchwork
Pop-up Books
Pottery
Puppet Making
Quilling
Quilting
Rug making
Saddlemaking
Scale Modeling
Scrapbooking
Sculpture
Sewing
Shoe Making (Cobbler)
Silkscreening
Spinning (textiles)
Stained Glass
Stamping
String Art
T-Shirt Art
Tapestry
Tatting
Toy Making
Weaving
Wood Burning
Wood Carving
Woodworking

EDUCATION

Acting Coach
Art Professor
Art School Director
Art Therapist
Artist In Residence
Arts and Crafts Instructor
Band Instructor
Choir Instructor
Creative Writing Teacher
Drama Teacher
Elementary Art Teacher
High School Art Teacher
Music Professor
Private Art Instructor
Secondary Art Teacher
Shop Teacher
Singing Teacher
Technical Theater Teacher

**FASHION / TEXTILES**

Accessory Design
Alterations
Costume Design
Design
Design Direction
Dressmaking
Embroidery
Fabric Design
Fashion Advising
Fashion Design
Fashion Forecasting
Fashion Journalism
Fashion Purchasing
Fiber Artist
Fit Modeling
Image Consulting
Modeling
Shoe Design
Pattern making
Seamstressing
Styling
Tailoring
Technical design
Textile Design
Wardrobe Consulting

**FILM AND VIDEO**

Aerial Photographer
Animator
Art Department Coordinator
Art Director
Assistant Director
Audio Recordist
Camera Operator
Caterer
Cinematographer
Colorist
Composer
Compositor
Concept Artist
Construction Coordinator
Costume Designer
Costumer
Creature Designer
Director
Director of Photography
Editor
Editorial Assistant
Foley Artist
Food Stylist
Hair Stylist
Lighting Designer
Lighting Supervisor
Makeup Artist
Matte Painter
Motion Capture Artist
Motion Graphics Artist
Music Editor
Picture Editor
Production Designer
Production Sound Mixer
Prop Maker
Prop Master
Re-Recording Mixer
Researcher
Rotoscope Artist
Script Supervisor
Set Construction Supervisor
Set Decorator
Set Painter
Sign Writer
Sound Assistant
Sound Designer
Sound Editor
Sound Engineer
Sound Recorder
Special Effects
Special Effects Editor
Still Photographer
Story Assistant
Story Editor
Storyboard Artist
Title Designer
Video Editor
Visual Effects Artist
Visual Effects Supervisor
Voiceover Actor
Wardrobe Stylist
Writer

**FINE ARTS (VISUAL)**

Airbrush art
Appraisal
Art Dealing
Art Directing
Art History
Artist in Residence
Curating
Gallery Direction
Gallery Owner
Illustration
Murals
Painting
Printmaking
Conservation
Tattoo Art
Textile Art
Sculpting
Weaving
Woodcarving

**GAME DESIGN**

Animation
Art Direction
Board Game Design
Card Game Design
Casino Game Design
Interface Design (also User Interface Design)
Package Design
Role-Playing Game Design
Video Game Design
War Game Design
Writing

ILLUSTRATION

Architectural Illustration
Book Cover Illustration
Greeting Card Illustration
Medical Illustration
Technical Illustration
Textbook Illustration

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Bridge Design
Ceramic Design
Environmental Design
Exhibit Design
Food Product Design
Functional Design (Transportation)
Glass Art
Interaction Design
Jewelmaking
Kite Design
Miniature Modelmaking
Mock Up Art
Mosaic Design
Package Design
Pottery / Ceramic Design
Product Design
Prop Design
Signage Design
Special Effects Design
Sports Equipment Design
Stained Glass Window Design
Toy Design
Transportation Design
User Experience Design
Utensil Design
Weaving
Woodcarving

**INTERIOR DESIGN**

Commercial Interior Design
Corporate Interior Design
Exhibition Design
Furniture Design
Healthcare Interior Design
Home Staging
Hospitality and Recreation
Industrial Facilities
Institutional Interior Design
Interior Decorating
Production Design (Film/TV)
Project Design
Residential Interior Design
Spatial Design
Teaching
Theatre Design
Visual and Spatial Branding
Wallpaper Design

**MUSEUMS / LIBRARIES**

Appraisal
Archival
Art Direction
Art Handling
Cataloging
Curation
Direction
Exhibit Design
Exhibit Specialist
Lecturing
MARKETING / ONLINE MARKETING

Blogging
Copywriting
Content Marketing
Content Strategy
Digital Media Directing
Digital Video Editing
Digital Products
Ebook Cover Illustration
Ebook Design
Graphic Design
Infographics
Logo Design
Motion Graphic Design
Podcast Editing
Sales Page Design
Social Media
Typography
Web Design
Writing

PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATER/DANCE)

Accompaniment
Arranging
Art Direction
Audio Programming
Background Art
Backing Singing
Board Operation
Carpentry
Casting Direction
Choral Direction
Choreography
Club DJ
Composing
Conducting
Costume Design
Creative Services
Dance Instruction
Dancing
Dialect Coaching
Directing
Fight Choreography
Hair Design
Hair & Makeup
Instrument Making
Lighting Design
Luthiering
Lyrics
Makeup
Media Management
Music Direction
Music Editing
Music Journalism
Musical Instrument
New Media
Painting
Photography
Piano
Playwrighting
Presenting
Production Design
Prop Design
Prop Construction
Remixing
Scenography
Scenery Painting
Scene Design
Screenwriting
Set Design
Singing
Songwriting
Sound Design
Sound Engineering
Styling
Talent Agent
Technical Directing
Theater Directing
Vocal Impersonating
Vocals
Voiceovers
Writing

PHOTOGRAPHY

Advertising Photography
Aerial Photography
Celebrity Photography
Fashion Photography
Macro Photography
Medical Photography
Nature Photography
Photo Retouching
Photojournalism
Scientific Photography
Stock Photography
Underwater Photography
Wedding Photography
Wildlife Photography

PUBLISHING (TRADITIONAL OR ONLINE)

Art Direction
Authoring
Book Cover Design
Book Design
Book Illustration
Caricaturist
Cartoonist
Ceramist
Children’s Book Author
Children’s Book Illustrator
Comic Book Art
Comic Book Writing
Copy Editing
Creative Direction
Editing
Graphic Design
Graphic Novel Illustration
Graphic Novel Writing
Magazine Design
Magazine Layout
Curated lists generate a great deal of interest…people love reading “Top Tens” and “Best Of” lists because they get information filtered from others. However, for much the same reason, lists are also quite the controversy bait on the internet, it seems.

I have attempted to gather a few of these lists from well-regarded sites that you may find interesting (especially after reading the massive lists I already gave you). They can be used as a starting point for market research. I have also tried to give lists that offer not just emphasis on pay or growth, but other factors as well (like levels of satisfaction), though those were harder to find.

Finally, I must say that these lists do not reflect my personal views or experiences, and it will be left to the reader to evaluate the truth of them. I would advise not to take them too seriously…just because you desired job isn’t on a list doesn’t mean you shouldn’t pursue it.

From ArtBistro.com
8 Creative Jobs that Pay Over 60K

1. Multimedia Artists and Animators
2. Game Designer
3. Art Director
4. Fashion Designer
5. Senior Interior Designer
6. Architect
7. Senior Graphic Designer
8. Film Director

From BrazenLife.com
“Top 10 Creative Jobs That Pay The Bills”

1. Video Game Designer
2. Makeup Artist
3. Graphic Designer
4. Chef
5. Interior Designer
6. Film Editor
7. Marketing Manager
8. Art Professor
9. Sound Engineer
10. Creative Director

From BrazenCareerist.com
“10 Creative Jobs For Every Personality”

1. For the Constant Connector: Marketer
2. For the Tech Whiz: Video Game Designer
3. For the Hands-On Creator: Makeup Artist
4. For the People Person: Event Planner
5. For the Mover and Shaker: Community Organizer
6. For the Acoustically Inclined: Music Producer
7. For the Outdoor Enthusiast: Landscape Architect
8. For the Trend Ninja: Social Media Manager
9. For the Mad Scientist: R&D Chef
10. For the True Self-Starter: Freelancer

From Time.com
“9 Dream Jobs That Actually Pay”

1. Eyewear Designer
2. Comedian
3. Graphic Novelist
4. Flute Maker
5. Celebrity Impersonator
6. Landscape Artist
7. Balloon Sculptor
8. Nail Artist
9. Yarn Bomber

From Onwardsearch.com
“10 Hottest Digital Creative Jobs”

1. Web Developer
2. Web Designer
3. Information Architect
4. UX Designer
5. Interactive Designer
6. Front End Developer
7. Digital Project Manager
8. Art Director
9. Copywriter
10. Graphic Designer

From CareerBuilder.com
The 5 Most In-Demand Creative Jobs

1. Design and user experience
2. Frontend development
3. Content development
4. Project management
5. Digital marketing

From Huffington Post
10 Art Jobs With The Brightest Futures

1. Museum Technicians and Conservators
2. Curators
3. Interpretors and Translators
4. Landscape Architects
5. Interior Designers
6. Architects (Excludes Naval and Landscape)
7. Writers And Authors
8. Multimedia Artists and Animators
9. Actors
10. Graphic Designers
WHAT DID I MISS?

HELP ME MAKE THIS THE GREATEST LIST OF CREATIVE JOBS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET! DO YOU KNOW OF ANYTHING THAT I MISSED? OR DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER FEEDBACK?

LET ME KNOW AT MIKE@ARTISTMYTH.COM

THANKS FOR READING!