



I'm Firat Faik Ikiler

**art director,
specialising in
illustration,
branding and
graphic/web
design.**

I graduated from Hacettepe University, Faculty of Fine Arts Ankara, Turkey where I studied graphic design. Having the experience of working as a designer in several agencies and running my own design studio, I decided to continue my profession as a freelance designer. I love working on both print and interactive design with a particular interest in illustration. Besides my work I am a coffee drinker, FIFA player and newbie in playing drums.

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12.06.1982

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Ankara / Turkey

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Education

Hacettepe University
Faculty Of Fine Arts
Graphic Design
2001 - 2006
Bachelor's Degree
(Evaluated by WES Canada)

Experience

Hypnose Visual Comm.
Graphic Designer
2003 - 2005

I started to work when I was in 3rd years' of school in a small design agency as a part-time designer. I learned that school develops students in artistic based but working in an agency gave me how to use that artistic way to combine with commercial usage in design.

Mineral Visual Comm.
Graphic Designer
2005 - 2006

After part-time experience I decided to move on next level of my career as working full-time. This agency was working with fashion and textile companies because of that I learned a lot of things about photo retouching, designing lookbooks and managing timelines.

Skills

Design Tools

Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign

Web Design Tools

Adobe XD, HTML5, CSS3

Illustration Tools

Procreate, Affinity Designer, Vector Graphics, Sketching, Digital Illustration

Additional Skills

3 Times National Athlete in Dancesport (2009-2013)

I used to be a dancesport athlete for 12 years. During that time I participated many international competitions and worked with the teachers all around the world. This experience provided me with opportunity to travel all around the world and to be a team member working towards a mutual goal.

Languages

Turkish
Native Language

English
Certified by IELTS

DEZ Design Studio
Owner, Art Director, Illustrator
2010 - 2017

After working in a several design agencies and freelance experience me and my business partner decided to establish our own design studio. We create a small crew which is includes 4 members. These 7 years of experience provided me with the skill of directing people, understanding clients and guiding them through their goals and managing a design studio financially. In the meantime I've been working on my development skills in HTML/CSS3 to being a multidisciplinary designer.

Freelancer

Graphic/Web Designer, Illustrator
2018 - ...

In beginning of 2018 I decided to continue my career as a freelance designer. Economic freedom and flexible working hours gave me latitude to choose the right kind of clients and projects to improve my design skills.