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Cristian Zuzunaga is a Bristol-based artist and designer born and raised in Barcelona (b. 1978). The child of a Catalan mother and a Peruvian father, his multicultural background instilled in him a strong sense of curiosity, a desire to explore the world and look at ways in which to define it and find one's place within it.

Originally studying biology, he was fascinated by the microscope and the way in which it enables us to magnify an object and to break it down into its smallest parts. Though the biological studies did not last, the practice of magnifying did and to this day, breaking down patterns and images into their infinitesimal components remains at the core of his practice. Each pixel connects with its surroundings, just as we connect with ours.

In 2010 Cristian founded his eponymous brand Zuzunaga, designing joyful, timeless and gender neutral products that capture the dynamic nature of modern life.

SELECTED PROJECTS ,
COLLABORATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Mentor at *The Crucible Project*, an entrepreneurship programme for DeMonfort University, UK.
- 2021 **Zuzunaga** brand launches in Chile.
- 2020 **Zuzunaga** brand launches in Peru.
- 2019 Collaboration with **Madatelier**. Designs and paints a 15m mural in Hackney, London.
Collaboration with **Camper**. Designs a limited-edition shoe in the *Art by category*
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- 2017 **IMM** Cologne | Launch of Zuzunaga furniture collection.
- 2016 **Origen** solo exhibition at *Galeria Lucia de la Puente*. Lima, Peru.
Collaboration with **Kvadrat**. Designs two new curtain collections.
London Design Week | Textile Exhibition at **Skandium**.
- 2015 **BD Barcelona Design**. Designs the *Dreams* cabinet in three colourways for Design meets Art category.

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- 2014 **Collaboration with *Metalarte*** *Art by* category. Designs pattern for award winning *Alta Costura* lamp.
Zuzunaga exhibition at *A+R Store* in Los Angeles during Design Week.
Arkitektura solo show in San Francisco.
- 2013 **Domaine de Boisbucbet & Vitra** Summer workshop in collaboration with *Teixidors*.
Collaboration with ***Campaign for Wool*** and ***Brintons***, designs 33m runner exhibited at Somerset House, London.
YCN at 72 Rivington Street, London. ***Brick Installation***.
SO SOTTSSASS at ***Darkroom*** London.
- 2012 **Zuzunaga** launches first collection at ***Ventura Lambrate***, Milano Salone del Mobile.
Designs three new curtain collections for ***Kvadrat*** (ongoing collaboration).
Designs a colour collection for ***Danskina*** to mark its 25th Anniversary.
Volta 8 at Art Basel, Volta show for emerging artists.
Outside In group exhibition. Ventura Lambrate, Milano. Curated & designed space.
- 2011 **Faberge Egg Hunt & Elephant Trust** Charity event in London. Commissioned to design a one-off egg which was sold at an auction. Artist included: *Peter Blake, Zaha Hadid, Chapman Brothers, Marc Quinn* among others.
Gravity solo show at ***EB&Flow*** Gallery in Shoreditch, London.
Fraternal Twins group exhibition at ***Moss gallery*** New York.
Since Tomorrow group exhibition at ***EB&Flow Gallery*** Shoreditch.
- 2010 Cristian launches his eponymous fashion and homewares brand **Zuzunaga**.
Designs the ***Digit*** rug collection for ***Nanimarquina***, Salone del Mobile, Milan.
Special commission for ***Hüstens***, Handmade Exhibition, Salone del Mobile, Milan.
Launch of ***Skyline*** curtain collection for ***Kvadrat at Orgatec***, Cologne.

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- 2010 *Handmade* group exhibition organised by *Wallpapermagazine* | *Brioni House* in Milano.
Work in Progress solo show | 15th - 20th June, solo exhibition | Barcelona.
100% Design | Presentation of *Kvadrat's* collection of fabrics & cushions | *Kvadrat*.
Showroom in London.
Orgatec | **Furniture Fair Biennale** in Cologne | Presentation of the collection of curtains designed for *Kvadrat*.
Tokyo Design Fair | Presentation of *Zuzunaga* as a brand | collaboration with *ICEX, Spanish Embassy*.
- 2009 Special commission for *Tate Gallery*. Designs a print and produced a silk scarf and bag for the *Color Chart* exhibition at Tate Liverpool.
Imagination Exclusive print design to upholster *Christophe Delcourt sofa collection*, launched at *Maison et Objet* and presented at *Rive Gauche, Le Bon Marche* in Paris.
Significant Colour group exhibition | Shows 2 fabric panels *Aurea and Amplification* | *Aram Gallery* in London.
QUADRATSQUARE | Presentation of bespoke shirts | Collaboration with designer *Peter Maxwell Smith*.
Color Patch solo show curated by *Elizabeth Leriche* | Trends Exhibition at *Maison et Objet*.
- 2008 Collaboration with *Ligne Roset*. Designs an exclusive print to upholster the Iconic Togo sofa to mark the 150th Anniversary of the brand. Installation at Miami *ArtBasel*.
Mytopanton group exhibition | *Hessen Design* in Germany | 3 outfits from QUADRAT fashion collection was on display.
Fashion V Sport Exhibition at the *Victoria & Albert Museum (V&A)* London | An outfit from *QUADRAT* fashion collection is on display.
- 2007 On graduating from *Royal College of Art*, selected to take part at the *Fashion V Sport* exhibition at *Victoria and Albert Museum*.

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SELECTED AWARDS

- 2016 Finalist for ***AD Award*** in the Best Designer of the year category.
- 2015 Finalist for ***Elle Decoration*** UK in the Best British Pattern category.
- 2014 ***Wallpaper**** Award for Best Pixelation.
- 2012 ***ICFF*** New York, 1st Prize for Textiles, Handwoven collection.
- 2010 ***Elle Decoration International*** Design Award Best Fabric Design, *Skyline collection Kvadrat*.
Nominated as best foreign designer in Denmark.
- 2007 Finalist for ***Adobe Awards*** in the Digital Illustration category.
Augustus Martin Award for best use of print. Awarded at the RCA Degree show.
Nominated for the ***Conran Foundation Awards***

EDUCATION

- 2021 – 2023
Higher Education Mosaic Studies London School of Mosaic.
- 2005 – 2007
MA Communication Art & Design Royal College of Art.
- 2001 – 2005
BA (Distinction) GMD Typo/Graphic Design LCC.
- 2001 – 2002
Foundation Art & Design LCP / LCC.