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#### studies

2004-2008 University of Art and Design Helsinki / Applied art and design / Master of Arts  
1999-2003 Lahti Polytechnic / Design Institute / Interior architecture and furniture design / Designer AMK  
1998-1999 Hämeenlinna Polytechnic / Wetterhoff / Glass Design  
1997-1998 Liminka Art School  
1994-1997 Kalajoki secondary school / secondary school graduate

#### work experience

2012 Textile design for Woodnotes Finland  
2011 Lapponia Jewelry / Guest Designer 2011  
2009- Founder and product designer PASPAS Finland  
2009- Applied art and design, furniture-, interior and exhibition design / Mari Isopahkala Design  
2006 Freelancer design / Tmi Mari Isopahkala  
2006-2008 Design Forum Finland / design sales staff  
2005 Muoto magazine / Interior design journalist  
2003-2004 Interior design agency Tuula Hägerström Oy / interior architect  
2001-2002 Topi Kalustaja Oy / Topi-Keittiö / exhibition design / kitchen design / fair displaying  
2000 Architect's office Jorma Paloranta Oy / practical training / interior design  
1997-1999 Iso-Pahkala Pottery studio / sales staff / ceramic work

#### design projects

2012 SCULTED light concept / Mari Isopahkala Design  
FATTY art glass series / Mari Isopahkala Design  
REST textile design concept / Woodnotes  
CUT crystal glass range / Mari Isopahkala Design

2011 KURKI led light / Mari Isopahkala Design  
JAM led vitrine light / Mari Isopahkala Design  
WINTER PEARL jewelry set / Lapponia Guest Designer 2011(FIN)

2010 PISARA jewelry set / The Next Episode competition / Lapponia Jewelry  
SÄRMÄ & KULMA kitchen door models / Topi-Keittiöt Oy (FIN)

2009- Carpet design for PASPAS Finland and ABC Carpets N.Y (U.S)  
2009 BOXBOX ja KUUBI -carpets / PASPAS Finland  
MARI glass range / Habitat Ltd (UK)  
MURU textiles / Mari Isopahkala Design  
GREENHOUSE glass light / Mari Isopahkala Design

2008- Product-, interior- and exhibition design for Topi-Keittiöt

- 2008 NUPPU glass range / Mari Isopahkala Design  
EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Mari Isopahkala Design
- 2007 Logo design project/Valtra (FIN)
- 2006 FURING ring / Mari Isopahkala Design  
FLOWER RADIANCE - light / Mari Isopahkala Design  
READY STAINED GLASS -martini glass / Bombay Sapphire (ENG)  
TILKKU -textiles / Mari Isopahkala Design
- 2005 Interior design / Advertising agency BBDO Helsinki Oy (FIN)  
JOINED cutlery concept / Mari Isopahkala Design  
RUGS hammock / Mari Isopahkala Design

#### exhibitions

- 2012 SCULPTED LIGHT - light series / SCULPTED LIGHT / Highlight Light Gallery / Helsinki  
NUPPU glasses, ALTAI crystal glasses / YHTEINEN PÖYTÄ /The City Hall of Helsinki / Empire hall / Helsinki  
ALTAI crystal glasses , BOXBOX carpet, WINTER PEARL jewelry set / LOLO & RORO / Aalto University School of Art and Design / 10-year anniversary exhibition / Helsinki  
ALTAI crystal glasses, NUPPU glass set FURING reindeer fru rungs / NOVA Nordic Designer 2012 / PUB / Stockholm  
ALTAI crystal glasses, NUPPU glass set, JAM light , KURKI light , GREENHOUSE light, JOINED cutleries, FURING rings, PISARA jewelry set, EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT lights, MURU carpet / "FORMS" ART BY. Mari Isopahkala / Solo exhibition / Lapponia flag store / Helsinki  
CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, NUPPU glass series, WINTER PEARL jewelry set / Glass Etc. / Finnish Glass Museum / Riihimäki  
GREENHOUSE light / Poliform / Salone del Mobile / Eurocucina / Milan  
REST textile concept / Woodnotes Finland / Salone del Mobile / Milan  
CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, Samaa sukua - Eri maata / Tähdellistä / Marikiska shop / Helsinki  
CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, Samaa sukua - Eri maata / Välimerkki / Galleria Köln Im Studio / Helsinki
- 2011 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT lights / Red December / Liminal Köln Gallery / Helsinki  
BOXBOX carpet, GREENHOUSE light, JAM light / Skandimania / Liminal Köln Gallery / Helsinki  
GREENHOUSE light / Poliform Spa / Milano  
KURKI light / SCENARIOS / Meatpacking District Design '11 / New York  
KURKI -led light / GREENHOUSE lights / JAM vitrine light / Salone Internazionale del mobile / Salone Satellite / Milano  
MARI glass range / GREENHOUSE lights / FURING - reindeer fur rings / 140 AVOIN / Design Museum / Helsinki
- 2010 MURU-carpet / SOMEDEMOS / Gallery Täky / Lappeenranta  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: 50 years anniversary Gala / Sipuli restaurant / Helsinki  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Public exhibition at a Bank / Linz / Austria  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Jeweller Adam Olten / Switzerland  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Jeweller Abeler / Wupepental / Germany  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Dutch Finninsh Embassy evening / Haag  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Finnish embassy / Tokio  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Bella Jewellery Fair /Copenhagen/ Denmark  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: The Nex Episode / Inhorgenta fair / Munchen  
PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Public exhibition / Takashimaya warehouse/ Japan  
MARI glass range / GREENHOUSE lights / Finnish glass lives 6 / Riihimäki Glass Museum  
BOXBOX carpet / STRAIGHTFORWARD / Meatpacking District Design '10 / New York
- 2009 Light installation / EMIT THE LIGHT / Forces of light festival / Esplanad park stage / Helsinki  
BOXBOX carpet, KUUBI carpet, BAMBI chairs / SOMEDEMOS /Design Forum Finland / Helsinki  
BOXBOX carpet / SOMEDEMOS /Habitare Ahead! / Helsinki  
MURU -textile collection / SOMEDEMOS / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki  
MURU carpet / SOMEDEMOS / Habitare Ahead! / Helsinki  
MARI glass range / Led by Form / Fiskars  
EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Favex / MIPCOM-TV 2009 / Cannes  
GREENHOUSE light / FURING reindeer fur rings / I-DECO / Istanbul
- 2008 NUPPU glass series / TALENT08 / Designhuis / Eindhoven  
EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / FAVEX / MIPCOM 2008 / Cannes  
GREENHOUSE -light / ESINE08 / Design Migration group / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki  
EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / JOINED -cutleries / Olomuoto fair / Lahti  
NUPPU glass series / Fennofolk - New Nordic Oddity / Design Museum / Helsinki  
NUPPU glass series / MoA 08 / Media Center Lume / Helsinki  
NUPPU glass series / ESINE08 / Design migration group / Salone Internazionale del mobile / Salone Satellite / Milan
- 2007 FURING - reindeer fur rings / "Poron jäljillä" / Finnish Craft Museum / Jyväskylä
- 2006 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Helsinki Biennale / Mymälä 2 / Helsinki  
FURING - reindeer fur rings / JOINED - cutlery / Tilkku - table cloth / Helsinki International / Korjaamo / Helsinki  
SAUNABUS EXPANDED SPACES / DesignMai / Berlin  
SAUNABUS IN MEMORIAL / Helsinki Cable Factory / Helsinki Design Week  
JOINED - cutleries / Imu Design / Kulture Center / Oslo  
FLOWER RADIANCE - light / ESINE06 / Design Migration group / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki

FLOWER RADIANCE - light / ESINE06 / Design Migration group / Ambiente Fair / Frankfurt  
 READY STAINED GLASS -martini glass / Bombay Sapphire designer glass competition 2006 / Prague  
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / Open Space 06 / London Design Festival / London  
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / Arte-Mano / Winterthur / Switzerland

- 2005 JOINED - cutleries/ Imu Design - the golden years / Design Museum / Helsinki  
 RUGS - hammock / JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / VOIMAT -summer exhibition / Fiskars  
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / 30ForSale / Gallery Norsu / Helsinki  
 JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / Salone del Mobile / Gallery Entrata Libera / Milan  
 JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / International Furniture Fair Cologne
- 2004 THE HARVEST FESTIVAL / Helsinki-Paris project / Fiskars  
 2002 ROLLO - soft furniture / HR - 35 / Lahti Design Institute
- 2001 METRO - wood furniture / Puiseva / Häme Galleria / Lahti  
 KENNO - light / Lahti Design Institute

#### grants and prices

- 2012 Award Nova Nordic Designer 2012 Award  
 Grant: Arts Council /3-year artistic work 2013-2015  
 Grant: Culture Council of Kalevala Jewelry / product design  
 Grant: Arts Council / exhibition design  
 Grant : AVEK / product development  
 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation /product design  
 Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2012  
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- 2011 Award: Best Designer / Muoto Award 2011 / Finland  
 Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2011  
 Grant: Uudenmaa foundation / for the exhibition  
 Stipendium art residence New York / Finnish cultural institute  
 Grant: Finnish cultural foundation / for the exhibition  
 Grant: Arts Council / product design
- 2010 Grant: Arts Council / product design  
 Grant: Oskar Öflund foundation/ Light products  
 Lapponia Next Episode - Jewelry competition: 1st price  
 Stipendium art residence Mazzano Romano / Väinö Tanner foundation  
 Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2010
- 2008 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation for the light serie  
 Grant: KESKO for the NUPPU glass serie  
 Grant: Arts council for the NUPPU glass serie
- 2007 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation to the group Isopahkala/Raivio for the light prototypes
- 2006 Bombay Sapphire designer glass competition 2006 / Czech Final
- 2005 International Furniture Fair Cologne / Future Point 05 design competition / 1st price best product design / New Dining Luxury -group
- 2003 Palaset Scene 2003 design competition / tuubi - multipurpose furniture to the small apartments / honorable mention

#### products and retailers

ALTAI - crystal glasses series / AERO (FIN) / Meubles&cie (CH)  
 REST textiles / Woodnotes (FIN)  
 BOXBOX carpets / Catalina (FIN)  
 WINTER PEARL Guest designer -jewelry set / Lapponia Jewelry (FIN)  
 BOXBOX carpets / ABC carpets / New York (U.S)  
 KUUBI carpets / Skanno (FIN)  
 BOXBOX & KUUBIcarpets / PASPAS Finland (FIN)  
 SÄRMÄ & KULMA kitchen models / Topi-Keittiöt (FIN)  
 MARI - glass range / Habitat Ltd (UK)

**publication**

2012 Finnish Design Yearbook '12-13 / Boxbox carpet concept  
 2010 Finnish glass lives 6 / Finnish glass museum / MARI glass range  
 2010 Finnish Design Yearbook '08-09 / MARI glass range, PISARA jewelry set, MURU textile series  
 2010 Leather Jewelry, 30 contemporary projects by Nathalie Mornu / FURING reindeer fur ring  
 2005 Thirty For Sale by Jeremiah Tesolin and University of Art and Design Helsinki / FURING reindeer fur ring

**selected press**

2012 Sköna Hem / Sweden  
 Plaza Interiöre / Sweden  
 Deko / Finland  
 2011 Optio / Finland  
 Art & Design / Finland  
 Design Boom / International design blog  
 Abitare / Italy  
 Domus / Italy  
 A Casa / Italy  
 Glamour / Spain  
 Design Sponge / Australia  
 Wohnreue / Switzerland  
 Atrium / Switzerland  
 L.A. Times / U.S.A  
 Welcome to Finland / Finland  
 2010 Elle / Japan  
 Interior Design / U.S.A  
 Washington Post / U.S.A  
 2008 Wallpaper\* / United Kingdom  
 2007 Icon / Sweden  
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