



# Rigger/ Stage Design

**A set designer is in charge of designing and creating the sets that appear in films and television programmes as well as theatre. The role involves working with directors, producers, costume designers and other members of staff.**

## **Skills:**

- Stamina
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm
- Determination
- Perseverance
- Imagination
- Adaptability
- Working well under pressure
- Good spatial

## **Areas of work:**

- Reading scripts
- Producing plans, drawings and models of sets
- Preparing estimates of set costs
- Managing budgets
- Viewing possible outside broadcast sites
- Planning
- Attending rehearsals/film takes
- Meeting with and commissioning set construction companies.

- Typical employers of set designers
- Theatres
- Film and video production companies
- Terrestrial, satellite, digital, cable and independent television companies
- Advertising agencies
- Music video production companies
- Experienced designers (particularly film set designers) commonly work on a self-employed/freelance basis.

## **Income**

Salaries for set designers range between £15,000 and £20,000 a year. However, most set designers work freelance. Charging a fee, which varies depending on the work and their reputation.



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