

### Designing a Path to Foundership

Hosted by: Alexis Divis





# **Expanding your** toolkit

Let curiosity guide you. Explore **new tools** and techniques that can shape your creative growth.











**Beyond Design** 

"My toolbox is forever filling up with the most relevant things. So I feel like I'll be always future ready."

### What is vibe coding?

A software development approach where AI generates code from user written prompts. Instead of writing code manually, users describe what they want and guide the AI through conversational feedback.





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## In this episode, our guest discusses...

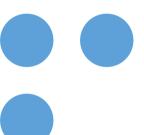
- How staying open and curious has led her to unexpected opportunities in her design journey.
- Why she created **Seasprout** to address seafood waste through regenerative materials.
- How building her own design toolkit has empowered her to remain future-ready.



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#### Meet the host: Alexis Divis

Alexis Divis is a multidisciplinary designer with a BFA in industrial design from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Inspired by her surroundings and fueled by curiosity, Alexis now works on Johnson & Johnson's Experience Design team (XD) and is also a member of their Technology and Leadership Development Program (JJT TLDP). She loves to explore the application of emerging technologies within the field of design and hopes to create more powerful solutions with each and every project.



# Tips for finding opportunities

#### Reach out for casual coffee chats

Start conversations with designers you admire, most people are open to sharing.



#### Learn from others' paths

Explore the journeys people have taken. Their stories can ignite new and unexpected ideas.



### Say yes even if you don't feel fully ready

Growth often happens when you dive in before you're fully prepared, you'll learn by doing.



#### Stay visible with your process

Sharing interests or early experiments can capture



#### Follow rabbit holes

Let one conversation or idea lead you into deeper

# Meet Rhea Thomas

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Rhea is the founder of **Seasprout**, a regenerative material design studio, and serves as a Customer Research Lead at **E.ON Next** within the Growth & Innovation Studio. With a background in industrial design, she holds a dual MA/ MSc in Global Innovation Design.

"Your ideas can become very real, you just need the right support to learn what you need to fill in those

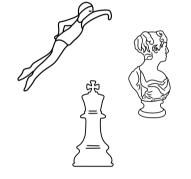


#### **Favourite** designer Neri Oxman



#### **Hobbies**

- Swimming, rowing & playing chess Visiting museums and galleries
- Volunteering Gardening & learning new skills

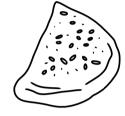






#### **Favourite** food

Eggs in almost any form



#### **Favourite** sports

Watching F1 and competitive rowing





### Recommendations from Rhea



#### What to watch

Chasing Coral (2017) The Social Dilemma (2020)

Design documentaries by Gary Hustwit Helvetica, Objectified, Urbanized and Rams



#### Who to follow

@daisyginsberg @esdevlin @superfluxstudio @theburnoutspodcast

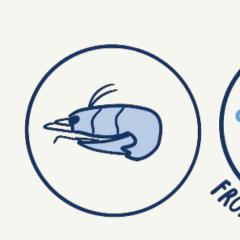


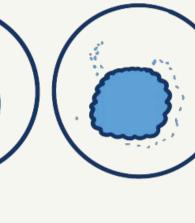
#### What to read

**Design Emergency: Building a Better Future** by: Alice Rawsthorn & Paula Antonelli

# **About Rhea's** Design Studio

Seasprout is a bio-material innovation made from prawn shells sourced from the seafood industry. It offers a sustainable alternative to single-use plastics and can be used across a range of packaging applications.







#### **Regenerative System**

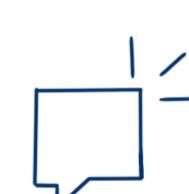
Prevents seafood factory waste from ending up in landfills and waterways.

#### Circular Loop

Material is applied to create circular systems: A plant pot made from this material, acts as fertilizer for the plant.

I come from the coastal town Mangalore, India, where I grew up eating a lot of seafood. While traveling in Japan during my master's programme, I became more observant, I started uncovering problems, or discovering things that I hadn't thought of before.





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