

# Tess Smigel

## Stop Motion Fabricator:

Specializing in Scaled Set and Prop Design



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## Education

**Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)** Savannah, GA, Expected graduation date: 6/2026

- Production Design BFA candidate
- Dean's List

## Software

- Dragonframe
- Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
- Google Workspace
- Microsoft Office
- SketchUp
- AutoCAD

## Skills

- Carpentry
- Scaled metal work
- Sculpting
- Mold making
- Resin casting
- Sewing

## Creative Experience

**Moticos** — SCAD Thesis Film

*Set & Prop Fabricator*

2026

Additional Roles: Set Dresser, Set Rigger

- Constructed sets and props, made technical drawings, and rigged set elements that interacted with the puppets

**God Dam** — SCAD Thesis Film (2025)

*Set & Prop Fabricator*

2025

- Constructed sets and props, made technical drawings and made puppet facial assets

**Loving Me** — SCAD Student Film (2024)

*Set & Prop Fabricator, Set Dresser*

2024

- Constructed sets and props, made technical drawings, and created scaled practical lights

## Work Experience

**Student Shop Monitor (Work-Study)**

2024 – Present

Savannah College of Art and Design | Savannah, GA

- Assist students with stop-motion fabrication tools, materials, and construction techniques
- Monitor shop safety and maintain equipment
- Support scaled prop, and set fabrication, puppet construction and rigging for students projects

**Bee Educator**

12/2023 - 1/2025

Savannah Bee Co. | Savannah, GA

- Retail associate educating customers on honey, mead, and other honey bee-related products
- Provided customer service, assisted with product selection, handled transactions and collaborate with coworkers to maintain the stores

**After School Program Assistant**

2020 – 2022

Washington Montessori Public Charter School | Washington, NC

- Supervised groups of 30–70 children ages 3–16
- Maintained an organized, collaborative activity environment

**Owner / Jewelry Designer**

2019 – 2022

The Sassy Flower | Washington, NC

- Designed and produced original handmade jewelry and Managed sales at the Harbor District Market