# **Gabe Puckett**

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## **Experience**

**Silicon Mountain Technologies (SMT)** — UI/UX Designer ( $Jr \rightarrow Mid\text{-}Level$ )

Feb 2022 - Mar 2025

- Led discovery research study with 12+ user interviews identifying critical workflow gaps, then designed a rollup dashboard consolidating 15+ data sources—saving 100+ staff hours weekly for 500+ Space Force personnel
- Participated in 4 discovery studies across government teams, progressing from note-taker to leading synthesis workshops and creating FigJam research frameworks that became team standards
- Built a 40-50 component design system for secure government applications with full documentation, enabling 6
   Space Force developers to implement designs independently without UX handoff
- Improved task success rates by 30% through iterative usability testing and design refinement, directly
  contributing to \$1.2M+ in projected annual savings through reduced errors and streamlined workflows
  (engineering estimates)
- **Developed and taught UX 101 curriculum** training 6 developers in user-centered design principles, and led visual design workshops for 20+ company employees across disciplines
- Presented research findings and design recommendations to government program leadership including colonels, translating technical UX decisions into operational value and mission impact

#### Homies — Founder & Product Designer

2024 - Present

- Increased booking conversion rates by designing an end-to-end booking experience, driving a 21% lift in conversions.
- Accelerated feature deployment with a scalable design library and system architecture, reducing build time by 34%.
- Informed product direction by conducting user research, usability tests, and a JTBD study with short-term rental hosts, generating insights that shaped onboarding flows and booking tools.

### 10K Athletics — Product & UI Designer (Contract)

2025

- Increased efficiency with a **design system** using tokens and variables, reducing design and development time by **25%** (developer reports).
- Improved cross-team consistency by applying atomic design methodology to dashboards, leading to reuse across multiple designers.

#### Casa de la Cruz — Visual & Brand Designer

2023

- Increased direct guest bookings with a conversion-optimized website, resulting in a 20% YoY increase.
- Built brand trust by delivering a cohesive brand and UI system, consistently applied across digital touchpoints.

#### **Education & Skills**

- UX Design Bootcamp, Bethel Tech (2022) · Google UX Design Certificate · Certified ScrumMaster · M.S. Education, Touro College · B.A. History, Wheaton College
- **Skills:** Design Systems User Research Usability Testing Prototyping Interaction Design Flows Visual Design Figma FigJam Webflow Framer Adobe Creative Suite Al-assisted Workflows Cross-Functional Collaboration Stakeholder Alignment