

DIPLOMA in PERMACULTURE DESIGN System 5.0
ASSESSMENT of INDIVIDUAL DESIGN PROJECTS
with feedback to the apprentice



Diploma Apprentice's name: **Nim Robins**

Date first registered for Diploma accreditation: July 2011

Date of feedback for accreditation: Dec 2012

Names of assessment tutor(s): Richard Perkins

PROJECT TITLE:	Organic Clothing Company	
Date started: Jan 2012	Date completed: May 2012	Implemented: yes / no No

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
1. Demonstrating design skills		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Use of an appropriate design framework, and reference to permaculture ethics and principles.	Very deep exploration of design process, excellent. Great reference to PC principles, etc, throughout, really nice	
Use of a range of design methods which suit the needs of the situation.	Reflection, research, analysis through different methods. Really well documented	
Use of a diversity of design tools, techniques and processes.	Mindmapping, journaling, different analysis tools. Great research and documented resources. Nice videos, diagrams, journaling and mindmapping- excellent	
The design is intelligible, coherent and effective (ie. it met the needs of the client).	Yes, theres a lot in here! I think you have clearly benefitted from the internal learning and design process research of previous PR's!	Do you evaluate how your understanding and grasp of the design process is developing, this feels like you have grown dramatically in this regard...

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How the design shows competence in practice and learning are progressing.	Exemplary, you are applying this really well, and I see a marked development with this PR.	
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
2. Applying permaculture to own life		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Outline of changes needed to enhance personal and household sustainability.	Deep introspection into ethics and values. Analysis and design feels really far reaching, and exposes how easily greenwashing can dumb consumer ability to respond!	
Explanation of how the implementation of design happened.	Nice journaling and process. Feels like any actual implementation would be a whole extra design after all this!	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Obviously a very useful learning journey in itself, and as you note, this is the foundation for something that goes well beyond the diploma	Could almost be a design on how to approach the business, the actual physical design may well be a later development and involve another separate design. This is very useful work, as I said once before, I think it is the story behind all this work/ thinking/ approach that will make this enterprise sing...
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:		
3. Applying permaculture to your work and projects (complete if relevant to the design and use the 12 areas checklist)		
	What's gone well?	What could have been done differently?
Which of the 12 areas of application the design uses.	Business Design, Project establishment/ management	
Appropriateness of the design solution(s) to the activity	Incredible research and development for small ethical business establishment. I feel impressed and grateful to witness this approach	
Evaluation of success of the design.	Great self reflection and appraisal of the situation. Nice to be able to step back and see this all in perspective!	

	Nice updates over time...	
COMPLEMENTARY CRITERIA:		
1. Dissemination The process of sharing your work with others.	This you do very well, this PR is a shining example in my mind	
2. Community Building The active process of developing supportive social networks.	Clearly you are doing this in relation to the business through active networking/ research etc... Also evidenced in your activity on our forum/ peer reviews, etc	
3. Symmetry The process of reciprocating support received from other permaculture individuals and networks.	Evidenced in peer reviews, links, etc	
4. Evaluation and Costings The effectiveness of the design is described, and the overall costs are included in that.	Could give some clear ideas about the finances, costings, etc of what you are imagining with this enterprise. Having a clear business plan is going to be important and will also be vital in getting support for start up perhaps?	
Comments about project format, general or specific issues		
Any issues not covered above?		

Ready for presentation?	<p>Yes. Despite this project not being actioned, this is a fantastic piece of work. A clear and thorough foundation to establishing an ethical/ regenerative enterprise. Very nice.</p> <p>Your development and clarity regarding the design process is a pleasure to follow.</p>
What are the apprentice's next steps?	

Name(s) of Permaculture Association Accredited Diploma Tutor

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signed: _____RICHARD PERKINS_____

Date: _____19/12/2012_____