



carina gardner™

Carina started Carina Gardner, Inc. in January 2008. She designs specifically for the crafting and textile industries. Her most well-known mediums are 100% cotton fabrics, scrapbooking paper, and sewing patterns. She started CG Design Firm as a division of Carina Gardner, Inc. to help accommodate the need for more designers for Carta Bella Paper Company, a scrapbooking company she helped start in 2012.

Carina currently designs fabric for Riley Blake and digital scrapbooking products for JessicaSprague.com. Carina is also the Creative Director of Carta Bella Paper Company. Her design firm, CG Design, is an exclusive group of designers who creates for Carta Bella and other big box entities. Carina's line of sewing patterns debuted April 2011 and is manufactured by Carina Gardner, Inc. These patterns can be found in quilt shops throughout the US and internationally. She also teaches online classes specifically for designers at JessicaSprague.com.

In February 2012, she was named on Utah Business Magazine's "Forty Under 40" list of Utah's rising stars.

Carina has a B.A. from BYU in Marketing Communications. With the intent of going into advertising, she switched gears for her M.A. and a Ph.D. degree in Design from the University of Minnesota. While finishing her graduate degrees, she taught Graphic Design Foundations, Typography, Design Theory, Visual Art History, and Packaging Design at the University of Minnesota. She left academics in 2008 to design full-time.

Creativity is an integral part of Carina's life. She has always loved working with her hands—creating beautiful things out of fabric and paper. As a child she would break the needle on her mom's sewing machine making Barbie dresses, hide in the closet writing plays, and doodle to her heart's content. As an adult, she tries very hard to include beauty in her life whether with her children, in her designs, or in her home.

Carina currently lives in Salt Lake City, with her husband who is an attorney, and her three children.