



M'tima Hamilton

Designing a CrossBody Bag for Mastectomy Patients

Inspired by her mother's experience with breast cancer, M'tima recognized the challenges many mastectomy patients face when searching for a bag that fits comfortably over their chest post-surgery and how this affects their confidence. Her project began with in-depth research, including surveys with mastectomy patients on their experience with bags and the importance of healthcare advocacy for women. Working alongside the founder of Fabric Incubator, M'tima gained hands-on experience in design and developed a specialized crossbody bag pattern. She compiled her research into an educational website and video to raise awareness. To further share her message, M'tima partnered with Impact One Breast Cancer Foundation to distribute postcards and other educational resources in Hope Boxes, which provide essential items to women undergoing breast cancer treatment. A Girl Scout for 13 years, M'tima plans to study Media Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Design and would like to become a UX/UI designer.

