



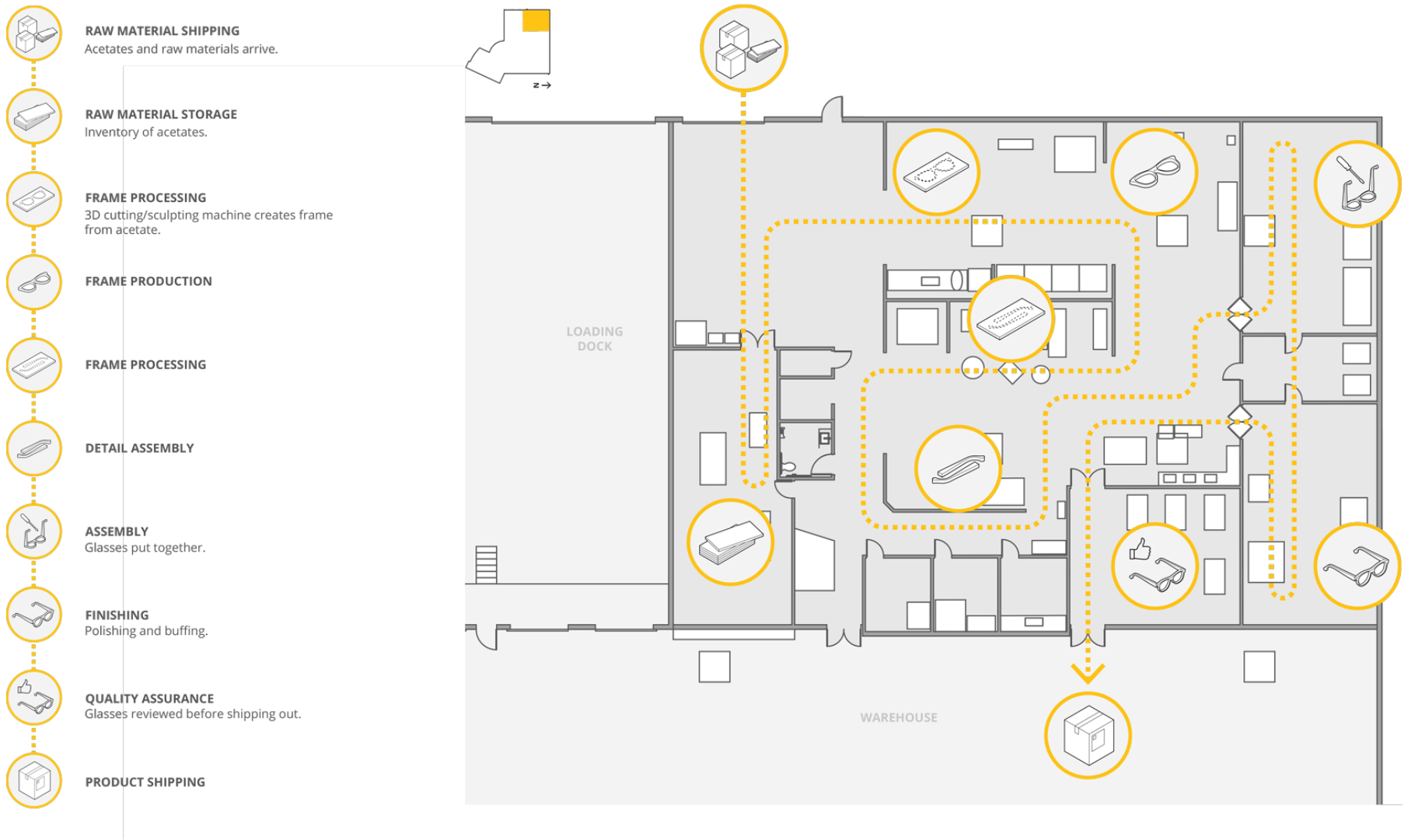
EYEWEAR FACTORY

Project Size: 8,500 SF

Location: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Type: Light Manufacturing

The overwhelming majority of eyewear products are manufactured in China, and most designer eyewear components originate in China and are assembled in the country of the designer. By contrast, this new factory space in the northwest suburbs of Illinois makes frames locally from beginning to end. The design of the space needed to be similarly unique.



CONCEPT

Our concept took the very process-driven making of eyewear and physically mapped that process on the existing space plan. The client was instrumental in explaining the most efficient flow for eyeglass production.



ABOUT US

Hammersley Architecture is a design- and service- forward architecture firm founded in 2008. With deep roots in Chicago, the firm's work for private, public and institutional clients focuses on quality design, user experience, technical quality, and code compliance. Located in the Fine Arts Building on Chicago's Michigan Avenue, Hammersley Architecture's portfolio includes a wide range of project types, from corporate interior renovations to ground-up construction; as well as a variety of project roles, from lead design architect to architect of record for the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago. Whatever the project type or need, the firm is committed to it's client's success and creating a superior built project.

Firm principal Brian Hammersley is registered in the City of Chicago as a self-certified architect, one of only 200 architects city wide who can provide local and national code compliance review for project permitting. This self-certification process circumvents the city's standard plan review, and can shorten the permitting process to as little as two to four weeks. In this capacity, Brian has worked with dozens of national and international architecture firms on large-scale projects in some of the most iconic buildings in the city to provide expert review and guidance for those seeking permits in the city. These project programs range from corporate spaces, residential projects, to manufacturing facilities, to large-scale retail stores located both in the city's central business district and the city's central shopping district on Michigan Avenue. Project sizes have ranged from 3,000 sf to 40,000 sf on multiple floors for corporate and retail clients throughout the city.

Brian Hammersley is the principal and founder of Hammersley Architecture. With more than 20 years of architectural experience, Brian leads the firm's design and research work and oversees the firm's daily operations. Raised among Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpieces in Oak Park, Illinois, Brian has been a lifelong student of the built environment and the practical and poetic relationships between architecture and well-being. Today, his work blends design sensibility, technical excellence, and client needs.

Brian has previously held adjunct teaching positions at IIT's School of Architecture and UIUC's Graduate School of Architecture; he holds a Master in Architecture from the University of Florida and a BS in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign School of Architecture. Brian lives with his wife and two daughters in Oak Park, Il.