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KEYQUALIFICATIONS

• Adobe Office Suite • Trend Forecasting • Microsoft Office/Excel • Written & Oral Communication

• Exceptional Typing Skills • PLM Software Experience• CENTRIC Software • Tech Pack Skills

EDUCATION

FIDM/ Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising September 2014

San Francisco, CA

Associate of Arts Degree: Fashion Design

Courses include: • Business of Fashion • Draping Techniques • Industry Pattern Drafting

• Industry Sewing • Computer Aided Patternmaking • Computer Aided Fashion Design

EXPERIENCE

Senior Technical Designer at FAM Brands October 2024 – Present

Greater Los Angeles Area

- Lead the technical design process for women's bottoms, including pants, shorts, and denim. Ensure all designs meet the brand's standards for fit, construction, and functionality.
- Develop and maintain technical packages, including specifications, construction details, and measurement charts. Oversee fittings, make pattern corrections, and ensure the fit is consistent with the brand's aesthetic and quality standards.
- Work closely with designers, product developers, and factories to translate design concepts into accurate and production-ready samples. Provide technical guidance to cross-functional teams to ensure a seamless product development process.
- Establish and enforce quality standards for fabrics, trims, and construction techniques. Conduct thorough garment inspections to ensure product consistency and quality.
- Identify opportunities for process optimization and cost reduction without compromising quality. Implement best practices to enhance product development efficiency.

- Maintain accurate and organized records of all technical design activities. Prepare detailed reports on fit sessions, sample evaluations, and production issues for continuous improvement.

Senior Technical Designer at Forever 21 August 2022 – September 2024

Greater Los Angeles Area

- Compile information on all garment components including fit, fabric, construction, stitch, and trim into fit comment document
- Accurately measure garments to identify any fit issues
- Execute fit comments in a timely manner to ensure fit process stays in line with production and action timelines
- Provide call outs and critiques during the fittings to verify that all issues are identified
- Issue grading guidelines to vendors after fit approval to ensure quality is kept consistent for the entirety of the production phase
- Approve samples to proceed to the production phase after a thorough evaluation of fit, measurement, pattern shaping, hanger appeal, and functionality
- Assist in the hiring of fit models as needed after a thorough evaluation of body structure and measurements
- Discuss with Buyers and Production Coordinators any issues, corrections, and/or recommendations to garments

Technical Designer at GUESS? Inc. October 2019-May 2022

Greater Los Angeles Area

- Work with Designers to develop the fit and specification for the prototype samples.
- Conduct fit sessions on live models, review overall fit, and confirm all details of the garment.
- Arrange fit schedule with fit model and send sample list to production manager for priority status.
- Support Tech Design Manager with fit meeting preparation by arranging samples and returning samples when the fit is completed.
- Attend fittings, accurately write detailed notes regarding measurements and changes, communicate discrepancies with fit & fabric.
- Establish specifications and construction requirements for each garment type as per GUESS standards.
- Call out potential concerns up front, evaluating and communicating issues as they occur.
- Review and revise spec sheets to confirm their accuracy.
- Measure, fit and evaluate construction on samples with written documentation, visual images and technical sketches as needed.
- Organize workflow within the department based on delivery and production time and action calendar.
- Ensure consistency of the fit, specification, quality and construction of the product are up to GUESS? standards.
- Communicate fit revisions and comments to vendors in a technical package format.
- Develop and use standard blocks for each product category.