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Dedicated and results-oriented fashion professional with a remarkable track record in intricate garment craftsmanship, creative leadership, and cross-cultural communication. Displays a foundation of hands-on experience spanning high-end atelier work, dynamic international engagement, and visionary cultural enrichment, consistently demonstrating an unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional results. Adept at melding innovation and tradition, possesses the skills to elevate design concepts while nurturing collaborative relationships across diverse environments.

PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Fashion Illustration
- Technical flats & Floats
- Garment Construction & Fitting
- Shaping & cutting
- Crochet
- Draping
- Machine Knitting
- Hand Embroidery / Beading
- Pattern Making
- Technical Documentation
- Tech Packs, BOM, Spec sheet (POM)
- Create presentation / mood boards
- Adobe Creative Suite, Photoshop
- CAD Software, Kaledo
- PLM
- Microsoft Office Suite, Excel
- Procreate
- Clo 3D

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fleet Street

Junior Designer for Nine West & Frye Women's Outerwear, mar 2023

- Promoted from Assistant Designer based on performance and ability to manage increased responsibilities.
- Led design development for key collections, taking ownership of the creative process from initial concept to final approval.
- Played a central role in factory communications, ensuring accurate execution of designs and timely sample deliveries.
- Expanded involvement in fittings and prototype reviews, collaborating with technical designers to refine fit and construction.
- Strengthened design integrity by independently overseeing lap dips, strike-offs, and other critical pre-production steps.
- Took the lead in creating detailed technical packages (TPs) and CADs, ensuring clarity for manufacturing partners.
- Managed updates to line sheets and maintained alignment with business goals through close coordination with the CEO and design director.
- Spearheaded the creation of presentation materials for routine and milestone meetings, improving workflow and communication.
- Built on success with Nine West by expanding design influence to include Frye Women's Outerwear collections.

Fleet Street

Assistant Designer for Nine West & Frye Women's Outerwear, Nov 2023 – Mar 2023

- Collaborated with the design team to create brand-aligned, commercially viable designs that supported the overall business strategy.
- Worked closely with the design director to create mood boards and conduct in-depth fabric research.
- Developed detailed design sketches and prototypes, providing clear specifications for construction.
- Established and organized the sample room, ensuring efficient workflows and accessibility.
- Created flat sketches, CAD images, and technical packages (TPs) to support the design team's vision.
- Conducted lap dips for the Fall 2024 and Fall 2025 collections, ensuring design integrity and alignment with brand standards.
- Coordinated with manufacturing partners in China daily to ensure smooth sample development.
- Managed updates to Design Line Sheets (LS), maintaining accurate and current product information.
- Coordinated routine and milestone meetings by preparing line presentation boards and selecting relevant product samples.
- Worked closely with the CEO to provide updates and present collections, ensuring alignment with overall business goals.
- Worked closely with the tech design team on prototype fit and execution, participating in fittings and follow-up processes.
- Organized and tracked development samples, ensuring timely delivery to key stakeholders.
- Initially focused on the Nine West, but due to positive feedback on my work, expanded responsibilities to include Frye.
- Participated in routine team meetings and partner alignment sessions to enhance communication and collaboration.
- Adapted designs based on feedback, implementing necessary changes for final approval.

Renee Cafaro Atelier

Freelance Designer/ Patternmaker, Sept 2023 – 2024 Oct

- Solely focused on creating exclusive plus-size designs, catering to a niche market.
- Showcased exceptional patternmaking expertise, ensuring precision and quality in every design.
- Managed diverse projects involving intricate hand sewing, intricate beading, and exquisite embroidery work.
- Adapted and refined patterns in accordance with the designer's creative vision.
- Collaborated closely with the designer to contribute to the development of innovative design concepts.
- Spearheaded the creation of custom garments from the ground up, catering to VIP clients with personalized fashion solutions.

Vori Mose

Assistant Technical Designer, Aug 2023 – Oct 2023

- Collaborated with overseas factories to facilitate garment production, demonstrating effective communication skills.
- Proficiently generated comprehensive tech packs from scratch, ensuring clarity and precision for factory teams.
- Provided detailed fit comments, enabling factories to understand design intricacies from sketches.
- Produced meticulous spec sheets, including sketches and flats, and conducted garment measurements and grading.
- Implemented efficient file organization, categorizing materials by season for easy retrieval and management.
- Conducted client fittings, ensuring alignment with design expectations and specifications.
- Evaluated the commercial readiness of product fit, utility, trim application, and engineering.

Oscar De La Renta

Atelier Intern, Jan 2023 – June 2023

- Demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship by executing intricate hand-sewing and delicate embroidery on high-end garments, resulting in impeccable quality and meticulous attention to detail.
- Showcased resourcefulness and organizational skills by efficiently managing material procurement from diverse locations within the garment district, ensuring a steady supply of zippers, buttons, trims, and fabrics.
- Elevated expertise and earned trust within the team, contributing to the creation of VIP garments worn by renowned celebrities including Taylor Swift (Eras Tour), Beyoncé, and Doja Cat for the Met Gala.
- Leveraged collaboration with seasoned professionals to absorb valuable insights and refine craftsmanship techniques, contributing to continuous skill enhancement.

Globally Connected & Cultural Fellow at FIT

Moderator/Editor, Jan 2020 – May 2023

- Orchestrated interactive discussion series with FIT's Office of International Programs, exploring diverse topics.
- Crafted impactful content and partnered with OIP and FIT faculty to shape narratives.
- Led conversations on traditional textiles, online exchanges, social impact, and color-culture in India.
- Pioneered virtual events connecting global audiences, fostering cross-cultural perspectives.
- Expertly facilitated discussions, driving engagement and insightful dialogues.
- Distinguished for visionary contributions to the program and college community.
- Bridged cultural gaps and fostered inclusivity through communication.
- Enriched the academic experience by delivering captivating talks under the "Cultural Fellows in the Classroom" initiative, contributing to an enhanced curriculum.
- Showcased exceptional teamwork and interpersonal prowess while cultivating synergies with faculty, staff, and student clubs, setting a precedent for collaborative excellence.

VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

Worked with brands like Marc Jacobs, Proenza Schouler, Dennis basso, South Asian New York Fashion Week

Volunteered as Fitting Assistant - Assisted fitting garments in preparation for the runway show, organized garments and accessories on racks, communicated between stylists and assistants.

EDUCATION

Fashion Institute of Technology - New York, NY

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Special Occasion | Sept 2021 – Aug 2023 (*Dean's List, GPA 3.7*)

Associate in applied science - Fashion Design | Jan 2019 – Dec 2021 (*Dean's List, GPA: 3.6*)

Dream Zone - Lucknow, India

Diploma in Fashion Design | Aug 2017 – Aug 2018 (*GPA: 4.0*)