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DART APPAREL LLC

JESSIE LEUKUMA

APPAREL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTOR

I'm a passionate expert in the apparel industry, confident in leading projects and delivering end-to-end apparel development with high expectations. Combining my degree in fashion design, growing up in a sewing machine dealership, and my work experiences; I am able to deliver quality services and products within the competitive apparel market.

What makes me stand out from others within the apparel industry is my strong background in small, medium, and large companies. Working in each gave me unique skills and experiences, and helped me learn the challenges of doing business on 3 different scales. This has given me the ability to design, develop, manufacture, and sell almost any good, on any scale, while maintaining a clear vision and realistic path to success.

On a personal note I love to champion new projects and challenges and thrive within creative and fast paced environments. I love efficiencies and best practices, which has allowed me to effectively manage competing priorities on short time-lines.

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EDUCATION

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY - PORTLAND, OR
MBA - Finance / 2017 - (On Hold - 9 Credits)

THE ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF ART - CHICAGO, IL
BFA - Fashion Design / 2010 - 2013
*Half Tuition Scholarship 2010, Presidents List 2010-2013,
Driehaus Award for Designer Excellence - Second Place 2010*

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY - HANCOCK, MI
Dual-Enrollment Fine Arts Courses / 2009 - 2010

INTERNATIONAL HUSQVARNA VIKING SEWING CONVENTIONS
2006-2010
*1ST Place in H.V. Sewing Competition 2005, 2nd Place in H.V. Sewing Competition 2006,
Feature Article in Craft Trends 2007, H.V. Sew Young Sew Fun - Episode Guest 2006*

WORK EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL DEVELOPER - SPORTSWEAR, TRAINING, NIKE LAB & YOUNG ATHLETES
NIKE / 2015 - 2018
Technical Fit & Construction, Computer Pattern-Making, Technical Design, Extended Sizing, Grading, Marker-Making, Category Blocks, Sourcing, Construction Libraries, Travel
Doernbecher Freestyle XIII - 2016

PRODUCT DEVELOPER - MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S
STIO / 2014- 2015
Conceptual Design, Technical Design, Pattern-making, Product & Trim Development, Technical Fit & Construction, Grading, Sourcing, Product Line Management, Knitwear, Material Development, Library Creation, Travel
Bras for a Cause Fashion Show - 2015, Habitat for Humanity - 2014

TECHNICAL DESIGNER/DESIGNER - MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S
KLIM / 2013- 2014
Conceptual Design, Technical Design, Technical Fit & Construction, Pattern-Making, Product Development, Grading, Sourcing, Library Creation, Travel

PRODUCTION & HIRING MANAGER
MIA TAVOLA / 2010 - 2013
Interior Design & Development, Floor Production, Pattern-Making, Embroidery, Costing

FREELANCE SEAMSTRESS
DESIGNS...DESIGNS / 2010
Interior Design, Floor Production & Installation of Draperies, Duvets, Pillows, Dust Skirts, etc...
Pine Mountain Music - Fitting & Alterations - 2009-2010

EXPERTISE

COMPUTER SKILLS

ADOBE:
Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign

COMPUTER PATTERN-MAKING:
Optitex, Gerber Accumark

MICROSOFT OFFICE:
Word, Excel, Powerpoint

WEB-TOOLS:
WebPDM, Centric, PPS, Wrike, Basecamp

KALEDO:
Weave, Print, Knit

INDUSTRY SKILLS

Computer Pattern-Making
Grading, Global Sizing, Extended Sizing
Fit and Construction Expert
Technical Design & Development
Product & Trim Development
Factory Sourcing & Material/Trim Sourcing
Conceptual Design & Trend Research
Color Palette Design
Fashion Illustration & Graphite Drawings
Marker-Making
Costing & FOB Negotiation
Product Line Management
Domestic & International Travel