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SUMMARY

Product development professional with over 5 years of experience supporting sourcing, costing, and pre-production processes. Proficient in Yunique PLM and Excel-based reporting, with strong organizational skills in sample tracking, fabric and trim management, and data integrity. Known for effective cross-functional collaboration, attention to detail, and a proactive approach to process improvement. Open to travel and eager to contribute to a high-performing sourcing and product development team.

EXPERIENCE

Dick's Sporting Goods – Retail Sales Associate Apparel

Pittsburgh, PA | 2025 – Current

The Walt Disney Company – Costumer, Special Events and Creative Costuming

Lake Buena Vista, FL | 2010 – 2017

Costumer, Special Events, Filming & Conventions (2014 – 2017)

- Coordinated with domestic and international vendors to source fabrics and deliver entertainment costumes under strict timelines.
- Led a team of 15 assistants in creative direction and logistical coordination for high-visibility events.

Costume CAM Specialist, Creative Costuming (2012 – 2014)

- Led team to optimize the production and documentation for over 100,000 garments by standardizing line drawings, tech packs, nomenclature, and holding my team to high quality standards.
- Conceptualized new standards for technical design, artwork development, photo documentation, and global database management for migrating, cleaning, and maintaining all garment data in PLM.
- Facilitated vendor meetings to source fabrics aligning with creative direction and business needs.
- Managed a 5,000-volume vendor fabric and trim library to support design decisions.
- Facilitated vendor meetings and managed all follow-up correspondence.

Creative Costuming Intern (2011 – 2012)

- Supported the sample-to-final product development process for performance ensembles.
- Managed digital flats and tech pack sketches; maintained costume documentation for internal databases.
- Created and maintained filing systems for production documentation.

Firecracker Fabrics – Sales & Inventory Associate

Pittsburgh, PA | 2023 – 2025

- Supported purchasing and inventory management with hands-on experience in fabric sourcing.
- Provided customer education on textiles and sewing techniques, ensuring positive in-store experiences.

EDUCATION

Kent State University – Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design (cum laude)

Kent, OH | Garment design, construction, fashion business, technology (emphasis on technical design).

- Semester abroad in Florence, Italy studying Italian language and design.
- Studied the business of fashion at the university's academic center in New York's garment district.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Yunique PLM | Microsoft Suite | Adobe Creative Suite | Canva | Google Suite | OpenAI