

Kim Kessler

FASHION DESIGNER,
PRODUCTION MANAGER + DIGITAL PUBLISHER

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EXPERIENCE

PRODUCTION MANGER

NATURE USA / BGREENAPPAREL.COM / AUGUST 2010 THRU PRESENT

- Proven ability to manage production through a critical path to achieve tight deadlines
- Experienced w/measuring garments to meet customer technical package specifications.
- Ensure lab dips, strike offs and trim approval are reviewed and commented on so the factories can proceed with salesman samples and production.
- Supervised and partook in the preparation of all sample and production technical packages.
- Conduct daily correspondence with domestic factories, dye house and trim suppliers.
- Maintain inventory for retail and wholesale website for private label.
- Process knitting and converting order once customers purchase order are received.
- Travel to trade shows/festivals to promote private label.

DESIGN CONSULTANT

KNBC GRAPHICS / KNBCGRAPHICS.COM / AUGUST 2004 THRU AUGUST 2010

- Instrumental in obtaining new clients.
- Assisted in the creative direction, logo and brand identity design, web design, corporate collateral products and materials.
- Tend semiautomatic sewing machine with multiple-sewing heads.
- Able to help clients design and produce garments.
- Developed original embroideries, embellishments and prints.

PAYROLL MANAGER

SOCAL FRAMING / FEBRUARY 1999 THRU AUGUST 2010

- Process time records and compile payroll statistics.
- Maintain payroll control records and calculated payrolls.
- Directed preparation of government reports.
- Reviewed payroll to ensure accuracy.
- Respond to written and telephone requests for salary and hire dates.

FASHION DESIGNER, OWNER

KIKI ORIGINALS / KIKIORIGINALS.COM / SEPTEMBER 1997 THRU NOVEMBER 2008

- Managed all business affairs including bookkeeping, marketing, networking and advertising.
- Trained and supervised employees/interns in all aspects of the store and manufacturing including sales, scheduling and sewing.
- Created custom garments, including bridal gowns, bridesmaids, mother of the bride/groom and flower girl dresses to meet customer specifications.
- Expert experience in coordinating fabric and accessories in preparation for final sewing and assembly.
- Recreate heirloom and vintage gowns to make current and wearable.
- Able to sketch designs to create patterns from sketches to proceed for grading.
- Purchased fabric and trim for custom gowns.
- Traveled to trade shows to purchase merchandise essential for the retail selling floor.
- Conduct fittings with customers to ensure the fit of the garment are the look and feel they desire.
- Developed and marketed a group of products and accessories.

STORE MANAGER

EXPRESS / SEPTEMBER 1994 THRU APRIL 1998

- Managed retail store and supervised employees.
- Executed daily operations of goals to ensure productivity.
- Prepared and directed workers preparing merchandise displays and advertising copy.
- Ensured compliance of employees with established security, sales and record keeping procedures and practices.
- Answered customer complaints and inquiries.
- Interviewed, hired and trained employees.

EDUCATION

Fashion Design Certificate
Fashion Merchandising Certificate
Digital Publishing Certificate
Assistant Dressmaking Certificate

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe InDesign
Autocad 2010
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Word
Pattern drafting
Draping
Sketching
Couture alterations including beading

EXPERTISE

Client Relations
Custom Design
Merchandising
Networking
Event Planning

INTERESTS

Current fashion
Travel + local culture
Work/life balance
Gardening
Cooking
Golfing
Boating

PORTFOLIO

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REFERENCES

Available upon request