

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I found my way into the automotive field progressively. I took an industrial sewing certificate program in 2014 and gained workforce experience as a production sewer. I saw my trade in sewing as a craft and started to pursue more creative opportunities in the field. My knowledge of various materials and experience in sewing machine operation provided me the eligibility to participate in a self-paced pattern developer apprenticeship offered by my current employer.

Two years later, I am now a pattern developer: prototyping soft trim seat covers from draft, cut, sew, to final presentation for OEM's through manual drafting and computer-aided design software. I am also responsible for engineering releases, quoting, and internal and external communications, critiques, and reviews. I thrive in accelerated environments and am happy to currently have creative freedom in design and development!

To be in the automotive industry means to be a part of something much bigger! It is highly dependent on new ideas and collaboration — and I am eager to contribute. I am currently seeking new opportunities towards advancement within automotive design!

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