

JEREMY HUFFER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Multidisciplinary creative professional with 15+ years of experience in **fashion design, event décor, textile development, floral design, styling, and creative instruction**. Known for blending artistic vision with technical expertise to produce immersive events, elevated visual design, and high-quality custom garments. Skilled in client collaboration, concept development, fabrication, sewing, patternmaking, floral creation, and full-scale event production. International background with fluency in **English and Swedish** and conversational **Hebrew and Spanish**.

CORE SKILLS

- Event Design & Production
 - Custom Fabrication & Rigging
 - Floral Design & Department Leadership
 - Fashion Design & Garment Construction
 - Textile Sourcing & Development
 - Styling & Visual Merchandising
 - Buying, Merchandise Flow & Planning
 - Client Consultations & Creative Direction
 - Instruction: Sewing & Hebrew Language
 - Software: Photoshop, InDesign, NedGraphics, Canva, Teleflora, MS Office
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Decor Event Specialist

Lively Productions — Denver, CO

Mar 2022 – Present - Develop detailed design proposals aligned with client vision, event themes, and budgets.

- Create innovative décor concepts to enhance guest experience and visual impact.
- Lead on-site setup and breakdown for seamless event execution.
- Produce custom event elements including sewn décor, linens, and accent pieces.
- Design and assemble floral and non-floral centerpieces.
- Draft floor plans, manage spatial layout, and execute rigging, hanging, and painted installations.

- Source fabrics, linens, tableware, and décor materials to meet aesthetic and functional needs.
- Troubleshoot challenges in fast-paced event environments with strong creative problem-solving.

Creative Designer

Catering by Design — Denver, CO

Mar 2022 – Jun 2024 - Conduct design consultations and develop mood boards, style sheets, and visual direction.

- Lead the Floral Department, overseeing concept creation, production, labor management, and purchasing budgets.
- Produce bridal, tabletop, and specialty floral designs for luxury events.
- Document and assemble décor kits for on-site event teams, ensuring accurate execution.
- Research industry trends and integrate fresh concepts into design presentations.
- Create cost sheets and supporting documentation for all creative elements.

Assistant Buyer

The Met — St. Armands Circle, Sarasota, FL

Oct 2019 – Feb 2022 - Assisted with buying, merchandise planning, and flow of goods.

- Organized trunk shows and market week events.
- Managed purchase orders, confirmations, and updates.
- Created floor sets and window displays to support brand identity.

Floral Designer & Teacher

Port Charlotte Florist — Port Charlotte, FL

Mar 2018 – Oct 2019 - Designed floral arrangements for weddings, events, and fundraisers.

- Supported planning, setup, and breakdown of special events.
- Provided instruction on floral techniques and design styles.

Private Sewing Instructor

New York, NY

2011 – 2018 - Taught students from beginner to advanced levels in hand sewing, machine sewing, patternmaking, and garment construction.

- Tailored lesson plans to individual goals, skill levels, and creative interests.
- Held sessions in client homes and a fully-equipped design studio.

Private Hebrew Tutor

Sarasota, FL

Mar 2024 – Jun 2024 - Delivered one-on-one lessons for young learners, teaching foundational vocabulary and conversational skills.

- Created engaging lesson plans using songs, games, stories, and visual aids.
- Collaborated with parents to reinforce learning at home.

Fashion Designer, Studio Manager & In-House Coordinator

Elise Overland — Manhattan, NY

Jan 2008 – Sep 2011 - Developed and directed seasonal collections.

- Produced patterns, tech packs, and specifications.
- Sourced fabrics, trims, notions, vendors, patternmakers, and leather suppliers.
- Supported runway shows, photoshoots, and model castings.
- Managed interns, tailors, and patternmakers.

Silk Department Manager & Warehouse Coordinator

Mood Fabrics — Manhattan, NY

Sep 2011 – May 2013 - Sourced and priced textiles for NYC and LA locations.

- Maintained inventory flow and vendor relations.
- Designed for celebrity clients including Sarah Jessica Parker, Katie Holmes, and Damon Dash.
- Assisted on multiple seasons of *Project Runway* and *Project Runway All Stars*.

Stylist & Tailor

Uli Herzner & Barcis Productions — Manhattan, NY

2015 – 2018 - Supported photoshoots and commercials with wardrobe styling and garment tailoring.

- Organized merchandise and props for efficient set operations.

Fashion Week Photography Assistant

Dan Lecca — Manhattan, NY

2010 - Edited Fashion Week runway shows and assisted with photoshoot production.

Fashion Intern

Yigal Azrouel & Cynthia Rowley — Manhattan, NY

Oct 2011 – Apr 2012 - Supported designers with sourcing, textile development, dyeing, and sample production.

- Assisted backstage during Fashion Week.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts — Fashion Design & Marketing

International Academy of Design & Technology, Tampa, FL

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Swedish (Fluent)

- Hebrew (Conversational)
 - Spanish (Conversational)
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Born in the U.S., raised in Sweden; lived three years in Israel.
- Passionate about art as a tool for expression, healing, and community creativity.