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Skills

- Team leader, hardworking, collaborative, motivated, detail oriented
- Able to multi-task and be efficient in a fast paced and changing work environment
- Proficient in Microsoft Office- Excel, Word, and Power Point
- Proficient in PLM systems
- Extensive knowledge in textile science, sewing, and flat pattern drafting and draping

Work Experience

Gap Inc, New York, NY

Manager Raw Materials/Fabric R&D -Male Gender Knits & Sweaters

March 2018- Present

- Responsible for all fabric development in Knits & Sweaters for Men, Lounge, Boy, Toddler Boy, & Infant Boy
- Evaluate test reports and advise risk assessments of fabrics based on their style and end use
- Explore and develop sustainable options of existing core fabrics to reach company sustainability goals
- Research fabric trends and source with mills and vendors to present newness and trend to design teams
- Partner with cross functional teams to leverage existing fabric qualities across GAP family of brands
- Attend Premier Vision, TexWorld, & SpinExpo in New York annually
- Develop metric to reduce over development and fabric waste

Macy's Merchandising Group, New York, NY

Manager Raw Materials/Fabric R&D - INC

August 2009- February 2018

- Responsible for all fabric development- Knits, Wovens & Sweaters
- Managed team of direct reports supporting 6 private label brands
- Provided solutions for production issues
- Negotiated and leveraged fabric orders across MMG brands to reduce fabric cost and increase margin
- Maintained and filed fabric records, updated fabric details and pricing in PLM systems and Excel
- Resolved fabric related PLM issues and provided PLM fabric training
- Attended Premier Vision & TexWorld in Paris/New York and Intertextile in Shanghai annually
- Traveled to overseas offices, vendors, and mills to source newness in textiles- Taiwan, Korea & India
- Fabric trend forecasting- partner with trend offices to present current fabric and fashion trends
- Taught textile classes to Macy's employees
- Developed a vendor/mill database for efficient and accurate fabric sourcing
- Member of Career Development Committee- assists associates with career pathing at Macys

Liz Claiborne INC, New York, NY

Assistant Fabric R&D - Wovens

August 2007- August 2009

- Responsible for all woven fabric development
- Maintained and organized fabric library
- Scheduled mill appointments
- Maintained and updated fabric records in TPS systems

Other Work Experience –

Summers 2004-2007

- **Booz Allen Hamilton** – Managed Law Department records
- **Valytics LLC**- Data Analyst

Education

B.A in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design, 2007

University Of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

- ***Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List***
- Study Abroad- University of Westminster, London & Lorenzo De Medici, Florence
- Awarded 2nd place in TMD Spring Splash Fashion Show

Attended Cotton University Workshops, Cotton Inc - Knit, Woven & Sweaters

****References available upon request****