

# AKINA TSUTSUMI

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## About ME

Functional & activewear designer with experience in technical garment construction, performance outerwear, and functional fabrics. Skilled in pattern cutting, CLO3D, and Adobe suite, Strong focus on detail precision and consumer-centered design. Background in both fashion and performance sportswear, with projects exploring snow apparel adaptability, Gorpcore aesthetics, and outdoor gear innovation.

### IT Skill:

-Design Software  
Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere Pro  
Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)  
  
-3D & Digital Tools  
CLO3D, Rhino, Cinema 4D, Blender, Reaper  
  
-E-commerce Platforms  
Shopify

### Language:

-Japanese (Native)  
-Mandarin Chinese (Native, Pass HSK Level 6)  
-English (intermediate, IELTS 6.5)  
-Korean (beginner level)

### Hard Skill:

Sportswear & Activewear construction/Pattern Cutting /  
Performance fabrics & material/3D simulation/Material  
Innovation & Experiment/Digital & Dubbed Knit/  
Sampling / Sewing / Spec Sheets / Flat Drawing

## FASHION INDUSTRY WORK EXPERIENCE

### DINGYUNZHANG (CHINA-SHANGHAI): Design Assistant

September2023 - March 2024

- Collaborated with the Creative Director on co-branded design projects with global sportswear leaders, contributing research, sketches, and prototype development for performance-driven sportswear and outerwear.
- Supported sample development process, liaising with pattern makers and material suppliers to ensure prototypes met functional and brand standards.
- Researched outdoor gear construction methods (benchmarking Arc'teryx finishing) to inform seam placements, detail positioning, and garment durability.

### NO NAME(START-UP FASHION BRAND)(CHINA-SHANGHAI): Design Assistant

July 2023- September2023

- Developed CAD technical packs and specifications that enabled smooth communication with factories and accurate prototype execution.
- Explored innovative fabric treatments and special construction details to enhance both function and aesthetics.

### POSTER GIRL (UNITED KINGDOM-LONDON): Design Internship

April 2022- August 2022

- Delivered accurate patterns and fittings that ensured 20+ garments met runway and commercial production standards.
- Created technical drawings and documentation for factory production, supporting the launch of SS23 e-commerce line.

### SEEING Co.,Ltd (JAPAN-TOKYO): Design Internship

July 2020- August 2020

- Created product line sheets and technical specifications used by cross-functional teams to streamline development and merchandising.
- Applied Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop to translate design intent into clear production-ready documents.

## RETAIL WORK & OTHER EXPERIENCE

### **Dr. Mariens SEIBU SOGO(JAPAN-TOKYO): Sales Assistant**

November 2020- December 2020

Customer insight + merchandising + brand knowledge

### **Baroque Japan Limited HENGLONG(CHINA-TIANJIN): Sales Assistant**

April 2019- November 2020

Handled cashiering, styling, and customer consultations

### **SIA SCHOOLE OF INTERNATINAL ART(CHINA-SHANGHAI): Teaching Assistant**

July 2023- September2023

Guided students through portfolio development and fashion school applications

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## MEDIA

### **i-D FASHION**

Featured by i-D in 'MA Fashion Class at 2025 Retuses to Dress Quietly'

### **BFC Graduate Preview 2025**

Selected to represent RCA in the British Fashion Council's digital platform

### **02 WEEK-END**

RCAxIFF perfume collab project reported (2025)

### **FASHION UNITED/ HYPEBEAST/ SHOW studio**

Pubulished and Reported runway

### **VINGT SEPT MAGAZINE**

Reported by the magazine

### **When with you Magazine issue IV**

Magazine cover and collab with the photographer

## AWARDS

### **Cordwainers Footwear Awards (2025)**

The Stuart Weitzman Awards for the Beat MA

### **Shima Seiki Student Competition (2025)**

PRIZED

### **French Fashion Awards 2025 (Sportswear Category)**

PRIZED

### **IFF x RCA Fragrance Project – Shortlisted, 2024**

SHORTLISTED

### **The Rapid Slow Project**

FINALISTED

### **Real Leather. Stay Different Internationla student compitition 2022**

SHORTLISTED