

# Jessica Claire Montgomery

## Contact Information

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## Professional Summary

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Product Development Manager and Senior Designer with extensive experience in apparel, packaging, and graphics. Proven ability to deliver fashion needs across a wide range of products. Skilled in collaborating with product development teams to execute production, create trend/theme boards, color palettes, and hand/computer sketches. Strong understanding of production, cost structure, and technical packages. Adept at providing clear, accurate, and complete specifications.

## Skills

Adobe Creative Suite  
(Illustrator, Photoshop,  
InDesign CC)

CAD (Ned Graphics, Easy  
Weave, Easy Knit, Coloring  
Repeat)

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word,  
PowerPoint, Lotus Notes,  
Outlook)

Working knowledge of U4ia,  
Kaledo, PDM/PLM

Strong fabric knowledge (cut and  
sew, wovens, sweaters)

Technical fit

Product/brand development

Trend/color/print repeat

Sourcing/negotiation

Textile design

Knitwear expert

## Work Experience

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### Senior Freelance Designer/Product Development Manager

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**Michelle Designs** - *City, State*

*July 2012 - Current*

Worked cross-functionally to build and maintain relationships with product development departments.

Executed product details including construction, color, form, style, fit, graphic application, trim, etc.

Collaborated directly with clients through all stages of development and production.

Designed interior homes for clients including Ballard Designs and Pottery Barn Kids.

Developed packaging for multiple apparel and footwear companies including TJX and Avery Dennison.

Designed graphic t-shirts and pet wear for B Positive Project and Petrageous Designs.

Created children's apparel including sleepwear, sweater sets, rompers, dresses for Baby Togs, Baby Fair, and Zutano.

Published several scholarly articles on textile design and product development in professional journals.

### Apparel Designer/Product Manager

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**TJX Corporation** - *City, State*

*October 2002 - June 2012*

Managed and developed the product development process.

Designed artwork and graphics for men's, ladies', and children's apparel.

Worked with product teams to build and design garments, fit, and costing structure.

Led cross-functional teams including merchants, overseas offices, and management.

Designed 600 unique styles in a 4-month period.

Saved \$30,000 in print development by utilizing artwork prints from other departments.

Monitored production flow and ensured timely delivery.

Provided accurate sketches and technical designs.

Trained and mentored a team of 3 designers and 20 freelance contractors.

Contributed original design concepts that significantly influenced the company's product lines.

## **Senior Designer/Product Manager**

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**May Merchandising Corporation - City, State**

*September 1999 - October 2002*

Merchandised and designed product lines for children's and juniors' cut and sew woven fabrications.

Supervised the sourcing process to achieve the best possible cost.

Managed sourcing and ordering of fabric yardage and trim details.

Created and utilized PDM design sketches and specification pages.

Attended fittings, prototype meetings, and production samples.

Partnered with the team throughout the development cycle.

Completed technical line drawings and built detailed tech packs.

Prepared global price proposals and consulted buyers in competitive situations.

Traveled to overseas offices in Asia up to 24 times a year.

Managed 2 designers and mentored their growth.

## Home Textiles Account Manager

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**AMC/Target Corporation** - *City, State*

*Date*

Managed the development, design, and implementation of home décor, candles, seasonal products, and home textiles.

Worked with overseas factories to sample, negotiate prices, and package line items for sale.

Collaborated with buyers on offshore sourcing and seasonal programs.

Presented and merchandised planograms and seasonal programs.

Managed a team of 4 assistants.

Commanded a high salary relative to industry standards, reflecting expertise and value brought to the company.

## Education

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### **Bachelor of Science in Textile Design**

*Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY*

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