

GABRIELLE BROWN * CV

TECHNICAL DESIGNER

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WHO I AM

I'm a technical designer and crafty maker, experienced in men's, women's, and junior's RTW apparel, including extended size ranges. I have experience leading projects, teams, fittings, conducting fit symposiums, comparison shopping and sizing research. I'm a communicator, team builder, and problem solver, well-versed in fit issues, pattern corrections, and grading. I love draping, sewing, handwork, and nerding out over historical fashion, cool interior constructions, and the new hotness.

WHERE I'VE WORKED

STAR ISLAND XO * DENVER, CO

APRIL 2017 - PRESENT

Owner

Consulting services for apparel manufacturers and related professionals, ranging from fit issues, body shapes, sizing and inclusion, functionality and construction, and innovation. Clients based in New York, Denver, and Los Angeles.

JCPENNEY * NEW YORK CITY, NY

APRIL 2013 - AUGUST 2016

Senior Technical Designer > Technical Design Manager

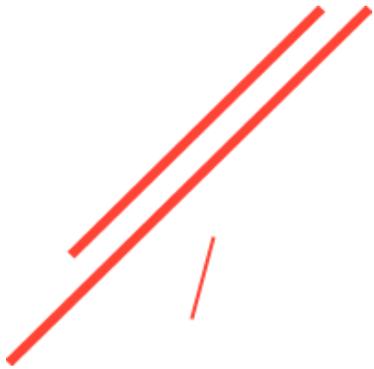
Men's & Women's Apparel: Liz Claiborne, a.n.a, Decree, Belle + Sky, Boutique +, Claiborne, J. Ferrar, St. John's Bay, Island Shores. Led a team of eight to ten full-time technical designers (all levels) and seasonal freelancers to liaise with four global offices and large overseas supplier matrix to create and maintain quality product in fit and construction. All ready-to-wear categories and specialty size ranges for above brands. Worked with various cross-functional groups to create product, problem solve, and regularly present findings and developments to leadership, with a focus on quality and speed-to-market. Created and led quarterly product trainings for Vendor Certification program in the JCPenney supplier matrix. Yearly operating budgets for staffing fit and presentation models based on weekly schedules by brand and category, day to day office expenses and personnel. Reorganization decision-making based on skill sets, capabilities, and external group needs. Reported to Senior Directors in New York and Texas offices, with travel in between.

KOHL'S * NEW YORK CITY, NY

MAY 2012 - APRIL 2013

Technical Designer

Princess Vera Wang - Junior's ready-to-wear, all apparel categories. Managed fittings, comparison shops, design



hand-offs, comments and pattern corrections for the Princess Vera Wang brand license. Communicated with cross-functional teams and suppliers to facilitate on-time approvals and deliveries. Created new hire training and onboarding materials for US Technical Design group. Reported to Technical Design Manager.

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH * COLUMBUS, OH

OCTOBER 2010 - MAY 2012

Technical Designer

Female Graphic Tees - Managed department with three direct reports. Led all fit sessions, communicated comments and created patterns for volume-driving business of multi-million unit orders. Ensured product fit and construction consistency across global supplier matrix splits per style, ensuring on time deliveries. Taught new hire training groups functions of Technical Design and processes. Reported to Technical Design Manager.

dELiA*s * NEW YORK CITY, NY

NOVEMBER 2008 - OCTOBER 2010

Technical Designer

Junior's wovens, dresses, and outerwear. Owned product categories- created style sketches, techpacks, specs and grading. Communicated comments and pattern corrections for approximately 200 styles per season. Communicated with cross-functional teams and suppliers to facilitate on-time approvals and deliveries for both direct-to-consumer and retail businesses. Reported to Technical Design Director.

THINGS I MAKE WORK

Adobe, Asana, Accumark, Flex PLM, Gerber, Google, Microsoft, Slack, WebPDM

WHAT I DO

Collaborate, listen, learn. Teach, organize, communicate. Observe, hindsight, forward-think. Ruminates and problem-solve. Try, experiment, finalize. Fit, present, lead. Drape, pattern, sew.

Fit Series:

<https://thesewcialists.com/category/ask-the-sewcialists/gabbys-fitting-series/>

WHERE I TRAINED

Pratt Institute * 2000-2004 * Fashion Design

References and further work history available upon request.