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Summary

- Creative, detail-oriented and driven Senior Technical Developer with over 15 years of experience in garment construction, fit development, and product creation across athletic, contemporary, and woven categories.
- Deliver consistency and precision in fit and construction from concept through final approval, partnering with design and cross-functional teams to fulfill the creative vision.
- Strong manufacturing knowledge with proactive, collaborative communication to overseas vendors and suppliers, ensuring clear and comprehensive instructions for accurate sample development.
- Skilled in tech pack development, spec writing, grading, size run validation, and leading fittings with structured, organized communication.
- Strong interpersonal skills with proven ability to lead, teach, train, and mentor team members.
- Software proficiency: Gerber YuniquePLM, PTC FlexPLM, Browzwear VStitcher (3D garment simulation), TUKAcad, Procreate, Adobe Illustrator, and MS Office.

Experience

Senior Technical Developer — Women's Yoga & Play

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- Own end-to-end technical development from proto through final approval, managing style ownership against GTM calendar milestones.
- Lead cross-functional fittings with design, product development, and vendor partners, ensuring construction and fit align with design aesthetic and functional end-use intent.
- Write clear, structured fit and construction comments to overseas vendors, enabling accurate sample development and minimizing revision rounds.
- Partner with pattern engineering on grading, base size validation, and size run review across the full size range.
- Mentor junior Technical Developers and Technical Development Associates through hands-on fit room training and vendor communication coaching.
- Proactively manage sample tracking and critical path milestones, coordinating with cross-functional partners to keep styles on time.
- Conducted on-site vendor visits across Turkey, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Taiwan to align on fit, construction, and production standards in person.
- Maintain data integrity across FlexPLM and working trackers to support accurate buy-ready reporting.

Technical Developer — Engineered Knits

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- Managed technical development for engineered knit styles, developing specs, leading fittings, and communicating construction feedback to vendors.
- Partnered with design and product development teams to align on construction approach and design intent at each proto round.

Senior Fit Technician — Team Lead

Bootlegger · Sep 2019 – Oct 2020 · Vancouver, BC

- Led Fit Team in product development, creating and maintaining Bootlegger's fit standards, pattern blocks, and grading rules across product categories.
- Trained, mentored, and coached the Fit team to elevate technical and soft skills; assessed performance through development plans and annual reviews.

- Led PLM development and delivered implementation training to fit and cross-functional team members.
- Managed workload distribution and scheduling to ensure the team met all production calendar deadlines.

Fit Technician

Bootlegger · Sep 2017 – Sep 2019 · Vancouver, BC

- Developed construction, fit, and style details to achieve desired design samples through clear communication with overseas vendors.
- Maintained approved blocks for each commodity to ensure consistency in fit; ensured quality standards met Manufacturing Standards Specifications.

Fit Technician

Mondetta Clothing · Feb 2016 – Jul 2017 · Winnipeg, MB

- Created technical specifications from designer sketches using PDM/PLM; developed and maintained fit standards, grade rules, and tolerances across ladies, men's, and juniors categories.
- Led fit sessions and communicated fit and construction corrections to Asian vendors using photos, fit sketches, comments, measurements, and patterns.
- Developed technical size spec library for new PLM system implementation.

Senior Product Developer / Product Developer

Eladeya · Dec 2009 – Feb 2014 · Belarus

- Responsible for conceptualization, design, and development of full Spring-Summer and Fall-Winter women's collections.
- Built fully realized tech packs with technical drawings for commercialization; created fit sketches to guide vendors in correcting fit issues.

Education

State Technological University, Belarus

Bachelor's Degree, Design and Technology of the Garment · 2009 – 2013

State Technological College, Belarus

Bachelor's Degree, Tailor · 2004 – 2009

Courses & Certifications

- Mastering Communications as a Leader — LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- The Three Pillars of Effective Communication — LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- Project Management Foundations & Project Management Foundations: Teams — LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- VStitcher 101 Foundations — Certificate of Completion
- Ideation 2019 — Gerber Technology, New York, NY
- The Art of Leadership 2019 — Conference, Vancouver, BC