# Gwen Hollis

## Master Upholsterer

Master upholsterer with 10 years of custom upholstery and contract seating in the High Point furniture market. Cuts and sews covers in leather and patterned fabric, handles spring tying to an 8-way standard and builds prototypes with the design team. Leads a bench of 6 and signs off on quality inspection before every piece ships.


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## Experience

### Master Upholsterer

01/2020 - Present

Piedmont Heritage Furniture — High Point, NC

Custom upholstered furniture maker selling through design showrooms.

- Lead **6** upholsterers producing 35 custom sofas and chairs a week for design showrooms.
- Cut leather upholstery hides with nesting layouts that raised hide yield from 68% to 75%.
- Review every frame and finished piece before shipping, holding workmanship returns below 1%.
- Develop prototype upholstery for 20+ new frames a year with the design team before production.

### Upholsterer

08/2017 - 12/2019

Carolina Contract Seating — Thomasville, NC

Contract seating maker for hotels, restaurants and senior living.

- Upholstered 25 to 30 hotel chairs and banquettes a day to customer specs and flammability standards.
- Hand-tied springs and built seat decks on 1,200+ lounge pieces for a 300-room hotel renovation.
- Trained 4 new hires on staple-gun technique, welt sewing and pattern matching.
- Sewed cushion covers on an industrial sewing machine, meeting a 98% first-pass quality rate.

### Upholstery Apprentice

08/2016 - 07/2017

Davidson Street Upholstery — High Point, NC

Family-run reupholstery shop working for homeowners and antique dealers.

- Stripped and re-webbed 10 to 15 chairs and sofas a week under a senior upholsterer.
- Measured and cut fabric for antique pieces, learning to center motifs and match patterns.
- Finished 200+ pieces with double welt, gimp and nailhead trim by hand.

## Skills

- Custom Upholstery
- Leather Upholstery
- Spring Tying
- Pattern Matching
- Contract Seating
- Industrial Sewing Machine
- Quality Inspection
- Prototype Development
- Team Leadership

## Education

### High School Diploma

06/2015

High Point Central High School

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