Mai Nguyen

Seamstress

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Summary

Seamstress with 5 years of alterations on bridal, formal and everyday garments in Houston. Handles hemming, taking in, letting out and zipper replacement on industrial sewing machines and by hand, finishing 45 to 60 garments a week on time for fittings. Pins and marks changes with the customer and explains options and prices clearly.

Experience

Seamstress

Bellaire Bridal & Alterations — Houston, TX — 04/2023 - Present

Bridal shop with in-house alterations for gowns, bridesmaid and formal dresses.

- Customize **250+** bridal gowns a year, including bustles, hems through multiple layers and bodice fitting.
- Conduct 3-step fitting appointments, handling fitting and pinning and noting each change on the work ticket.
- Repair beadwork and lace appliqué with hand sewing that matches the original pattern with no visible seams.
- Plan 20+ weekly fittings around wedding dates so 98% of gowns are ready a week early.

Alterations Seamstress

Westheimer Cleaners & Tailoring — Houston, TX — 02/2021 - 03/2023

Dry cleaner with an in-house alterations counter serving 150 customers a week.

- Completed 50 alterations a week, from pant hems and sleeve shortening to taking in side seams.
- Operated industrial straight-stitch, serger and blind-hem machines and kept them oiled and threaded.
- Quoted prices and turnaround times at the counter, raising alteration add-ons on cleaning orders by 15%.
- Followed pattern reading guides to rebuild torn pockets and waistbands on work uniforms for 6 local businesses.

Education

Certificate of Technology

Houston Community College

Fashion Design

Houston, TX

12/2020

Skills

Alterations	Hemming	Bridal Alterations	Hand Sewing
Industrial Sewing Machines	Serger	Fitting and Pinning	Zipper Replacement
Pattern Reading	Attention to Detail		