Patricia Okonkwo

TECHNICAL DESIGN MANAGER

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SUMMARY

Technical design manager with 11 years in intimates and sleepwear, leading a team of 5 technical designers. Owns fit, grading, patternmaking standards and garment construction for 300 styles a year, and rebuilt a bra sizing program that cut size-related returns by 18%.

SKILLS

Patternmaking • Garment Construction • Fit • Grading • Intimate Apparel • Gerber AccuMark • PLM • Tech Packs

Attention to Detail • Highly Organized

EXPERIENCE

Technical Design Manager 01/2021 - Present

Peachtree Brands Group Atlanta, GA

Intimates and sleepwear company selling to 4 national retailers and its own site.

- Lead a team of **5** technical designers covering bras, panties, shapewear and sleepwear.
- Standardize grading, construction and measurement rules across 6 product classes, documented in PLM.
- Direct weekly fit sessions on live models for 300 styles a year, with 85% approved by the second sample.
- Cut size-related returns 18% in 2 years by rebuilding bra cup grading and band specs.

Senior Technical Designer 03/2017 - 12/2020

Midtown Intimates Atlanta, GA

Private-label intimates maker for department stores.

- Managed specs and approvals for 120 bra and shapewear styles a year with 4 overseas vendors.
- Revised patterns and grade rules in Gerber AccuMark for 30 core bra blocks.
- Trained 3 junior technical designers on cup and wire fit and points of measure.
- Evaluated vendor quality reports and cut pre-production rejects by 20%.

Technical Designer 06/2015 - 02/2017

Buckhead Apparel Sourcing Atlanta, GA

Sourcing agent for women's sleepwear and loungewear.

- Built tech packs for 80 sleepwear and loungewear styles a year, including grade rules and construction details.
- Measured proto samples and wrote comments for 3 Asian factories within 48 hours of each fitting.
- Supported weekly fit sessions by marking corrections to patterns and specs for the senior technical designer.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2015

Auburn University Auburn, AL

Apparel Design and Production Management