Ray Castellano

Upholsterer

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SUMMARY

Upholsterer with 4 years of reupholstery and commercial upholstery on residential and restaurant furniture in Grand Rapids. Strips, rebuilds and covers sofas, chairs and booths, with spring tying, foam and batting replacement and pattern matching on fabric and leather. Completes 8 to 12 pieces a week to the shop's quality checklist.

SKILLS

- **Reupholstery**
- **Spring Tying**
- **Foam and Batting**
- **Pattern Matching**
- **Fabric Cutting**
- **Walking-Foot Sewing Machine**
- **Pneumatic Staple Gun**
- **Leather Upholstery**
- **Commercial Upholstery**
- **Frame Repair**

EXPERIENCE

Upholsterer

07/2022 - Present

Grand River Custom Upholstery

Grand Rapids, MI

Custom shop serving homeowners, interior designers and restaurants.

- Complete reupholstery on **450+** pieces a year, from dining chairs to sectionals, in fabric, leather and vinyl.
- Rebuild seat decks by hand-tying 8-way springs, replacing webbing and fitting new foam and batting.
- Plan fabric cutting layouts to match stripes and florals, keeping yardage within 5% of the estimate.
- Install booth seating on site for 14 restaurant jobs, working from designer drawings and measurements.

Upholstery Helper

05/2021 - 06/2022

Westside Furniture Restoration

Wyoming, MI

Furniture repair and refinishing shop with a 3-person upholstery bench.

- Stripped old fabric, tacks and staples from 15 to 20 pieces a week to prepare them for reupholstery.
- Sewed welt cord and cushion boxing on an industrial walking-foot sewing machine.
- Operated a pneumatic staple gun and foam saw safely, with no lost-time injuries in 13 months.
- Repaired loose joints and cracked rails on 60+ frames with glue blocks and dowels before covering.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

Ottawa Hills High School

Grand Rapids, MI

06/2020