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**Costume Shop Manager | Stitcher | Draper | Educator**

Detail-oriented theatrical costume technician with hands-on experience in costume shop operations, patterning support, supervision of student crews, and construction of full costume sets. Brings a strong foundation in theatre arts, production logistics, and equipment maintenance, with a proven ability to lead teams, manage timelines, and uphold high technical standards. Experienced in collaborative creative environments and committed to craftsmanship, efficiency, and teaching emerging theatre artists.

**Key Skills**

Pattern Drafting & Muslin Draping | Costume Construction & Alterations | Theatrical Production Workflows  
Shop & Equipment Upkeep | Stitching (Hand, Machine, Blind-Hem) | Fittings & Garment Adjustments  
Student Training & Supervision | Budget & Material Tracking | Script Analysis for Costume Needs  
Calendar Management & Multi-Department Coordination | Inventory & Storage Organization

**Experience**

**Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead MN**

**May 2012 - August 2013**

**Costume Shop Manager**

Led day-to-day operations to support student skill devel., workflow efficiency, and positive team culture.

- Supervised and trained student stitchers, delegating daily projects and ensuring proper use of shop equipment, tools, and safety procedures.
- Coordinated shop workflows, production timelines, and material needs to support designers and maintain alignment with budgets.
- Maintained costume shop equipment, storage, and workspaces, organizing inventory and ensuring an efficient, safe working environment.
- Managed costume rentals from our inventory to other theaters creating and maintaining exceptional working relationships.
- Collaborated with faculty mentors, designers, and production teams to execute creative visions and deliver high-quality finished garments.

**Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN**

**May 2009 - August 2013**

**Costumer | Sticher | Draper | Dresser**

Drafted and adapted patterns, constructed costume pieces, and executed precise alterations for multiple productions under fast-paced build schedules.

- Worked with a wide range of textiles, dyes, trims, and notions, selecting materials appropriate to each production's design period and performance demands.
- Skilled at utilizing home machines, industrial machines, sergers, blind-hem machines, hand sewing, fabric cutting, pressing, patterning basics, garment fitting.
- Constructed textile based set props and puppets including a set of Avenue Q puppets, collaborating closely with designers to ensure durability, character accuracy, and high-quality craftsmanship.

**Freelance**

**August 2013 - PRESENT**

**Costumer | Sticher | Draper | Dresser**

Utilized creativity and resourcefulness to build and assemble full costume pieces through a combination of draping, pattern modification, new garment construction, and strategic use of existing inventory.

- Managed purchasing, sourcing, and expense tracking to maintain alignment with projection budgets.
- Coordinated production logistics—including timelines, fittings, materials preparation, and fabrication workflows—to ensure all pieces were completed to specification and delivered on deadline.

**Production Credits**

**Minnesota State University Moorhead  
Stitcher/Draper**

2008-2009 Season

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown  
Dog Sees God  
Wonderland  
Compleat Female Stage Beauty

2009-2010 Season

Rent  
Pinocchio  
Hamlet  
Spring's Awakening

2010- 2011 Season

Rocky Horror Show  
The Frog Princess  
The Diviners  
Tartuffe

2011-2012 Season

Cabaret  
Sofie and the Bremen Town Musicians

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2012-2013 Season

The House of Blue Leaves  
Rapunzel and Her Dragon  
Avenue Q  
Mother Courage and Her Children

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Costumer | Sticher | Draper | Dresser**

2009 Season

The Producers  
Back to the 80's  
The Full Monty  
Swing!  
Seussical

2010 Season

Nunsense  
Altar Boys  
All Shook Up  
The Tempest  
The Music Man

2011 Season

Nunsensations  
Zombie Prom  
The Complete Works of W. Shakespeare Abridged  
The 70's Show  
The Sound of Music

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2012 Season

Shout!  
Laughter on the 23rd Floor  
Lucky Stiff  
Arsenic and Old Lace  
My Fair Lady

2013 Season

Lend Me a Tenor  
Same Time Next Year  
My Way  
And The World Goes Round  
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

**Freelance**

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Camp Rock Jr - Trollwood Jr - Fargo, ND  
Jesus Christ Superstar - Chameleon Theater Circle - Burnsville, MN  
The Whale- Theater Underground and Metropolitan State University - Minneapolis, MN  
Everything You Need to Know About Abortion in An Hour or Less - Fulproof Productions- Chicago, IL

**August 2013 - PRESENT**