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PERSONAL PROFILE

A dedicated lingerie enthusiast, passionate about garment construction, silhouette development, and conceptual design. As a resourceful, independent, and detail-oriented student, I am eager to apply my technical skills and collaborative spirit to contribute fresh ideas within the contour industry.

TESTIMONIAL

‘Katie is a natural communicator who possesses warmth and approachability, attributes welcome in a studio environment. Throughout her time with us, she displayed commitment and skill, as well as an acute attention to detail. She is a dedicated fast learner, and a valued addition.’

(Joshua James Small, Creative Director & Sustainable Womenswear Designer)

CURRENT EDUCATION

October 2023 - Present | DeMontfort University | Contour Fashion BA (Hons) Degree

1st Year Modules:		2nd Year Modules:	
Contour Introduction	(75%)	Technical Inquiry	(68%)
Contour Creative	(74%)	Contour Futures	(66%)
Contour Consolidation	(79%)	Contour Exploration and Communication	(71%)
Contour Collaborations	(84%)	Contour Consolidation	(63%)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Design Internship | Joshua James Small, Swindon | December 2021 - February 2022

- Enabled me to gain further knowledge and understanding on pattern cutting, garment construction, textile processes and beadwork.
- Working with Joshua illuminated how sustainability can be practically established in the studio, using donated deadstock materials and economical pattern cutting.
- Gained hands-on experience in collection development and the day-to-day business operations.

Bridal Stylist | Trousseaux Bridal Shop, Swindon | June 2021 - November 2022

- Advanced from supporting appointments to independently managing them.
- Collaborated with clients to develop personalised specifications aligned with their needs and expectations.
- Utilised my innate creative abilities to support the appointments with experimental processes to ensure the customer was satisfied.
- Gained experience in styling and content creation through modelling across social media platforms.
- Attended three bridal shows in Harrogate and London as both buyer and model, gaining further insight into buyer-seller dynamics and fashion industry practices.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Team Member | Waitrose, Swindon | July 2024 – Present

- Provided attentive and friendly customer service while accurately handling transactions and managing the cash till in a busy retail environment.

Waitress | Miller & Carter Steakhouse, Swindon | August 2022 – September 2024

- Delivered high-quality service in a fast-paced environment by building strong relationships with local customers and resolving issues professionally.
- Efficiently managed multiple tables simultaneously, sharpening multitasking, time management, and problem-solving skills.

KEY SKILLS

Technical Skills	Transferable Skills
• Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign and Fresco CAD skills • Lectra Modaris • Trend analysis skills • Accurate pattern-cutting • Excellent sewing skills, including problematic fabrics like stretch, lace and mesh • Creating Tech Packs, including bill of materials, method of manufacture, wire charts and size spec	• Project management and inclusive leadership skills • Analytical, detail-oriented, and organised • Approachable, results-oriented, responsible and flexible • Collaboration and problem-solving skills • Strategic thinker with excellent communication • Creative and experimental mindset

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Second place in 2nd year Contour Consolidation module for my final garment designed for the MET Gala, judged by an industry panel from Marks & Spencer, Next and Tatu Couture.
- Second place in 1st year Contour Creative module for Sweaty Betty External Client Project to design a sportswear collection for A/W 2024/25.
- Third place in 1st year Contour Consolidation module for Sweaty Betty External Client Project to construct one sportswear outfit designed in the previous module.
- Attended the 2023 and 2024 graduate fashion show backstage to aid models in changing outfits. This allowed me to gain an insight into the dynamics of a fashion show and highlighted the need for organisation and quick pace decisions.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

New College Swindon | August 2021 - June 2023

- Textiles & Fashion (A), Business (B), Psychology (B)

The Ridgeway School Swindon | September 2016 - May 2021

- Fine Art (9), Mathematics (8), Biology (8), Chemistry (8), Geography (8), English (7), Physics (7), Spanish (7)
- Served as a Sports Leader to encourage the participation in sports by creating inclusive and fun activities while presenting an enthusiastic and positive mindset

INTERESTS AND PASSIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending fashion museums and exhibitions• Thrifting and altering vintage clothing• Reading books and magazines about the fashion industry and the leading designers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports including netball, pickleball and beach volleyball• Sketching and painting |
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References available upon request.