

ABIGAIL KLAUER

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EDUCATION

Iowa State University, Bachelors of Science

Major in Apparel, Merchandise, and Design | Minor in Entrepreneurship

Accademia Italiana University

Semester Abroad

Ames, IA

May 2025

Florence, Italy

September 2023 - December 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FIGUE

Manhattan, NY

Assistant Designer, Women's RTW

June 2025 - December 2025

- Supported Design and Product Development teams from initial concept and sketch through pre-production and production.
- Created and maintained detailed tech packs and BOMs for all bodies, including construction details using RLM.
- Designed print color-ups, embroidery layouts, and artwork placements; communicated approvals and revisions directly with factories.
- Collaborated on seasonal design direction, including color palette development, trim and embroidery research, and new body development.
- Commented on lab dips, strike-offs, and embroidery trials, ensuring alignment with brand standards and seasonal vision.
- Acted as primary point of contact with factories for design-related decisions managing approvals and development timelines.
- Attended fittings, documented feedback, updated sketches, and BOMs in partnership with Technical Design.
- Partnered cross-functionally with Merchandising and Production to maintain design integrity while meeting business and timeline goals.
- Maintained seasonal line plans and color libraries (digital and physical) to ensure consistency across categories.

Steve Madden LTD

Manhattan, NY

Women's Apparel Design Intern

June 2024 - August 2024

- Collaborated with the Design team to create and refine sketches in Adobe Illustrator for F/W 25 and S/S 25 collections.
- Developed and maintained design boards and line sheets to support seasonal concept development.
- Supported product development from concept through production, including tech pack updates using RLM.
- Assisted with photoshoot preparation, styling support, and visual presentation coordination.

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

The Fashion Show ISU — Design Committee Director

Ames, IA | November 2023 - May 2024

- Oversaw and managed 60+ designers, coordinating garment submissions, fittings, and judging processes.
- Directed backstage operations during The Fashion Show, maintaining timelines and garment care standards.

November 2024- May 2025

National Retail Federation — Club Member

Ames, IA | September 2023 - May 2025

Fashion Illustration Course 178 — Teaching Assistant

Ames, IA | January 2022 - May 2022

TREND Magazine — Committee Member

Ames, IA | August 2021- May 2023

HONORS & AWARDS

The Evelyn and Richard Shibles Fashion Show Senior Collection, First Place Scholarship

April 2025

ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition, New Business Idea, First Place

March 2025

The Fashion Show Mounted Exhibit Technical Design, First Place Scholarship

April 2024 & 2025

Lora & Russ Talbot Merchandising Case Study Scholarship (Sole Recipient)

April 2023

Cotton Incorporated Fashion Illustration Competition, Second Place Scholarship

December 2022

SKILLS

- Technical Drawing
- Garment Development
- Draping
- Sewing
- Pattern Making
- Fashion Illustration
- PLM & RLM Training
- Photography
- Browzwear
- Modaris
- Microsoft Office (Excel, Powerpoint, Word, Teams)
- Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom)