

BEATRIZ CHAVEZ

SOFTGOODS FABRICATION | APPAREL PROTOTYPING

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Hands-on fashion design graduate with experience sewing and repairing technical garments, developing apparel prototypes, evaluating materials, and preparing technical product documentation. Operates industrial sewing machines and interprets patterns, specifications, and construction instructions. Brings a careful eye for fit, finish, repeatability, and safety, supported by a BFA in Fashion Design and cross-functional product development experience. Motivated to build deeper softgoods fabrication skills alongside engineers and designers.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Industrial sewing: single needle, double needle, bartack, chain stitch, overlock | Cut-and-sew and garment alterations | Prototype assembly and construction evaluation | Technical patterns, specifications, and repair instructions | Textile, trim, and material evaluation | Quality inspection and documentation | Technical packages and product specifications | Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop | CLO3D | Excel, Word, Outlook

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed Alterations Specialist | Self-Employed | *Present*

- Provide garment alterations, repairs, and fit adjustments, evaluating fabric behavior and construction to deliver clean, durable finishes.
- Organize client work, fittings, materials, and deadlines while communicating clearly about requested changes and completion timing.

PPE Care Sewer | L.N. Curtis & Sons | *June 2025 – December 2025*

- Repaired, altered, and inspected specialized firefighter PPE, maintaining garment integrity and meeting strict safety and quality requirements.
- Operated single-needle, double-needle, bartack, chain-stitch, and overlock industrial sewing machines on heavy-duty and specialty fabrics.
- Followed technical patterns, repair specifications, and production instructions; checked stitching, construction, and finished quality.
- Prioritized work with teammates to meet production timelines and maintained clear quality documentation.

Alterations Specialist | David's Bridal | *August 2023 – June 2025*

- Performed garment fittings, alterations, repairs, pressing, and finishing while preserving original design and construction.
- Assessed fit, fabric behavior, and construction issues, then applied appropriate alteration methods to achieve a clean finished result.
- Managed multiple garments and deadlines, communicated with clients and teammates, and kept the workspace organized.

Apparel Prototyping Engineer Intern | Contingenci by Good Human LLC | *2023 – 2024*

- Built apparel prototypes through hands-on cutting, bonding, sewing, and assembly, supporting development from concept through physical sample.
- Worked with textiles, foam materials, and trims; evaluated material behavior, construction methods, prototype performance, and manufacturing feasibility.
- Collaborated with designers and development teammates to refine construction against design requirements and document prototype details.

Freelance Fashion Designer, SHEIN X Program | SHEIN | 2023 – 2024

- Developed seasonal apparel concepts through trend, color, and material research and created product development assets using Adobe Illustrator.
- Prepared technical packages, product specifications, and material documentation to communicate design intent and production needs.
- Coordinated multiple development tasks and deadlines with cross-functional stakeholders.

Operations Associate (Contract) | United Business Bank / Robert Half | 2022

- Supported operational projects through report preparation, recordkeeping, Excel tracking, client correspondence, and organized digital and paper files.

Fraud & Claims Operations Specialist II | Wells Fargo | 2015 – 2021

- Handled detailed, high-volume casework with accuracy, confidentiality, and adherence to established procedures; maintained clear records and communicated with customers and internal partners.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Fashion Design | Academy of Art University, SF, CA | May 2023