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WEB PRESENCE

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EMPLOYMENT

November 2011 – Present Contract Accessory Designer

Work on a contract basis with Accessory companies such as Minkee Blue, GreenFrog Art, Pouchee, and KarGo to design & develop product.

August 2009-November 2011 Full-time Contract Accessory Design, Chico's

Design and develop embellished Handbags and belts
Research trends through magazines and services
Correspond with overseas vendors
Collaborate with Production and Merchants

2008-2009 Seasonal cosmetic bag design, Worldwide Dreams

Created cosmetic bag collections
Designed textiles and hardware

2006-2009 Seasonal diaper bag designer, Skip Hop

Designed top selling diaper bag
Worked with owners on a on-call basis to develop new styles

2007 Freelance handbag designer, New York & CO

Designed handbag collection for Fall line

2007 Contract Production Artist, Victoria's Secret

Rendered new hardware and gift-with-purchase bags
Developed specs and production packages

2006- 2007 Freelance handbag designer, Aeropostale

Worked with the Design Director to develop each line

2006 Contract handbag designer, Lulu Handbags

Designed new styles
Sourced piece goods and trim

2005-2006 Full-time freelance Accessory Designer, Old Navy

Reported to the Design Director of Boy's division
Created the boy's & men's accessory line
Attended merchant, production, and vendor meetings, and fittings

2000-2005 Full-time CAD Artist, Ralph Lauren

EDUCATION

2008-2009 Associate's Degree in Accessory Design, Fashion Institute of Technology
1992-1996 Bachelor's Degree in Textiles, Fashion Institute of Technology