




KAREN YAO

KNITWEAR DESIGNER

 (415)866-0656
 KARENCHUHUYAO@GMAIL.COM
 HTTP://KARENYAO.COM

PROFILE ● MEN'S AND WOMEN'S KNITWEAR DESIGNER

EDUCATION ● ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
BACHELORS DEGREE IN FINE ART/ FASHION DESIGN
AUGUST 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2014

SOFTWARE ● - ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR, ADOBE PHOTOSHOP, ADOBE INDESIGN, MICROSOFT EXCEL, AND PLM SOFTWARE

LANGUAGES ● - ENGLISH - CANTONESE - MANDARIN

EXPERIENCES ● SENIOR KNITWEAR DESIGNER

3.1 PHILLIP LIM | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2021 - PRESENT

- DESIGN ALL ASPECT OF WOMEN'S KNITWEAR COLLECTION. FROM CREATIVE RESEARCH, YARN RESOURCE, STITCH DEVELOPMENT, PROTOTYPE TO FINAL SHOWROOM SAMPLE
- SUPERVISE JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS, INCLUDE ASSISTANT DESIGNER, TECHNICAL DESIGNERS AND INTERNS
- DEVELOP HAND SKETCHES, TECHNICAL DRAWINGS, 3D DRAPING AND PRESENT TO CREATIVE DIRECTOR
- COLLABORATE WITH MERCHANDISING, PRODUCTION AND TECHNICAL DESIGN TO ACHIEVE PRODUCT EXECUTION AND MAINTAIN DESIGN INTEGRITY
- DIRECT AND OVERSEE ALL TECHNICAL PROTOTYPE FITTINGS, SMS, AND PPS FITTINGS WITH TECHNICAL DESIGNER
- DEVELOPE ILLUSTRATOR ARTWORKS FOR JACQUARDS, INTARSIAS, LACE PLACEMENTS, AND OTHER NOVELTY ARTWORKS
- OVERSEE AND MANAGE KNITWEAR TECHNICAL PACKAGE COMMUNICATOIN TO FACTORY. FROM YARN DETAILS TO TECHNICAL CALL OUTS.

● MEN'S KNITWEAR DESIGNER

THEORY | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

AUGUST 2019 - AUGUST 2021

- DESIGNED AND CREATED HAND SKETCHES, CADS, AND DETAILED TECH PACKS. FROM PROTOTYPE TO PPS DEVELOPMENT
- RESEARCHED YARN SELECTION BASED ON BRAND'S SENSITIVITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND INSPIRATION
- MANAGED SEASONAL YARN DEVELOPMENT, LAB DIPS, PROTOTYPE YARN PO AND SMS YARN PO TO ENSURE YARN BUDGET IS WITHIN TARGET PER SEASON
- DEVELOPED FULLY FASHION SWATCHES BASED ON THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR'S INSPIRATION
- PARTICIPATED TECHNICAL PROTOTYPE, SMS, AND PPS FITTINGS
- SUPERVISED TRAINING AND WORKING DEVELOPMENT OF JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS
- MANAGED SEASONAL STYLE DATA AT APPAREL PLM SYSTEM

● MEN'S / WOMEN'S ASSOCIATE KNITWEAR DESIGNER

THOM BROWNE INC. | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 2015 - JULY 2019

- DESIGNED COMMERCIAL, RUNWAY WOMEN'S + MEN'S SEASONAL STYLES. INCLUDING HOSIERY, FULLY FASHIONED ACCESSORIES, KID'S WEAR
- CREATED HAND SKETCHES, CADS, MEASUREMENT SPEC, AND TECH PACKS FROM PROTOTYPE TO PPS DEVELOPMENT
- DEVELOPED FULLY FASHION SWATCHES BASED ON SEASONAL MOOD AND INSPIRATION
- PARTICIPATED IN CROSS-FUNCTION MEETINGS, INVOLVED MERCHANDISING DIRECTION, WHOLESALE EXCLUSIVE PROJECT, ETC.

● CUT+ SEW/KNITWEAR ASSISTANT DESIGNER

THOM BROWNE INC. | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FEBRUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2015

HONOR ● CFDA+ DESIGN GRADUATE WINNER | 2014

VOLUNTEER ● KITCHEN ASSISTANT

GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER | NEW YORK, NEW YORK