

Eetu Heikkinen

Textile & Fashion Designer, Tailor

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BIO

I am a highly work-oriented, creative and passionate fashion student from Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Helsinki.

My work explores the relationship between materials and shapes, combined with structural elements. I use a lot of color, patterns and shapes to create complicated and high energy materials and garments.

Lately my works have been inspired by video games, game character types and internet culture. Also digital errors and the concept that people think machines work perfectly. I also draw inspiration from fashion history, politics and other sources as "what if's", and "opposites" with my modern sources. I also get inspired from my other hobbies: I make music, I am a DJ, and make multimedia art alongside my fashion studies.

My strengths include print- knitwear- and woven fabrics design, use of color, tailoring/ structural elements, and my personal ways of gathering and using deep research. Also being able to connect all of these ways of making together in high quality.

COMPUTER SKILLS

DIGITAL PRINT / EMBROIDERY DESIGN:

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Hatch

Embroidery 3

KNITWEAR DESIGN:

M1Plus

WOVEN FABRICS DESIGN:

Weavepoint

DIGITAL PATTERNMAKING:

Clo3d

3D MODELING:

Rhino 8

Other:

Tailoring, Advanced Patternmaking, Corsetry, Shape/Structural Design, Color, Research

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish - Native language

English - Proficient

Swedish - Moderate

EDUCATION

MA Fashion, Aalto University: 9/2025-

BA Fashion, Aalto University: 8/2022 - 9/2025

Tailoring school, Helsinki Vocational College:

8/2018 - 5/2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sewing workshop assistant at Aalto University: 9/2025-

Assisting all students in sewing workshop, taking care of the workshop. Working with the sewing and patternmaking workshop masters.

Tutor in Fashion at Aalto University: 8/2024-5/2025

Mentoring, assisting and holding events for BA1 students during their first year.

Course assistant at Aalto University: 9/23 - 1/24 + 9/25

Assisting BA1 students on the Advanced patternmaking course (9/23-1/24)

Assisting BA3 students on the knitwear design course. (9/25-)

Freelance Design assistant at Ivana Helsinki: 2022-2024

Sewing/Design/Pattern/Flat drawings/garment repair.

Designed and made some rental pieces from excess fabrics. Also made 1 of 1 pieces for Ivana Helsinki 25th anniversary show at Paris Fashion week in 2023.

Internship: Design/sewing assistant at Ivana Helsinki - 3-6/2021

Mostly sewing/pattern/design/garment repair. Also worked as a sewing assistant for Sasu Kauppi's Rauma Lace Museum exhibition works during the internship.

WORKS FEATURED IN

"Tomorrow's Wardrobe" Exhibition - 5-11/2026

3 looks from BA Thesis collection showcased in Oulu Art Museum, as part of Oulu2026 European Capital of Culture.

Ateneum Gala + Ateneum Free Form Exhibition - 11/2025

Made a look for Ateneum Gala fashion show & exhibition.

Näytös25, Aalto University graduate runway show - 5/2025

BA Thesis collection showcased in the yearly Aalto Fashion graduate "Näytös"-runway show.

1 Granary, online magazine features - 6/2025

BA Thesis collection featured in 1 Granary, Fucking Young! online magazine.

YLE, Finnish Broadcasting Company, online newspaper - 5/2025

BA Thesis featured in YLE online newspaper + interview about my thesis.

Collaborative Fashion Project Exhibition - 5/2023

BA2 Group Fashion Collection showcased in Kämp Galleria during Fashion in Helsinki.

Exhibition work for Paola Suhonen - 3-6/2021

Designed and made exhibition work "Lace of Liberty" for Paola Suhonen, shown in Rauma Lace Museum exhibition called "Iholla - Lace on skin".