

# Lea Kelm

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Hi there! I recently graduated with a M.A. degree in which I researched and specialized in body inclusive design & pattern making. I am enthusiastic about creating new textiles and fabric manipulations. In total I have one year of full-time intern experience in the luxury fashion industry and four years of working part-time for smaller, sustainable working brands while studying.

## EDUCATION

### BURG GIEBICHENSTEIN UNIVERSITY OF ART AND DESIGN

Halle (Saale), GER Oct 2020 – July 2023

Master of Arts in Conceptual Fashion Design

Final Grade 1,1

## EXPERIENCE

### UNDROWEAR (Leipzig, GER)

Studio Assistant + Seamstress (Sep 2021 – Jul 2023)

- sewing of gender affirming underwear
- sample making/alterations
- participate in production fittings (overseeing correct size and fit for production ready patterns)

### LUXAA (Leipzig, GER)

Studio Assistant (Jun 2019 – Aug 2021)

- manual pattern alterations and grading
- create tech packs, technical drawings (flat- and detail sketches)
- mentoring of the interns
- eye for minimalistic sustainable design

### HAIDER ACKERMANN (Antwerp, BE)

Product Development Intern (May 2018 – Oct 2018)

- organization of boards and collection overviews
- set up of technical files & communication with manufacturers
- assist in archive organization of collections and of the materials
- PFW backstage dresser and showroom assistant

### DMMJK (Vienna, AUS)

Design Intern (Apr 2014 – Sep 2014)

- pattern alterations
- sewing prototypes
- participate in fittings (photos, taking notes, fitting corrections)

### Au-Pair (Paris, FR)

French language classes (Aug 2011 – Jul 2012)

## LANGUAGES

- German (Mothertongue)
- French (basic skills/good)
- English (business fluent: TOEFL 657 of 677)
- Spanish (basic skills)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere Pro), Microsoft Office, PLM, Clo3d, Grafis CAD

Grafis (4 years of studying); creation of cutting plan (placement diagrams); digitization of patterns for industry production; creative pattern making (size 32 to 60); draping; clothing nomenclature (EN/DE); creation of gradation plan/size charts; calculation of material costs; TechPacks; iconographic research; concept creation

## SOFT SKILLS

A very driven self-motivator that takes own initiative, very structured with strong organizational skills, eager to learn, attention to detail, good communication skills, curious mindset

## AWARDS

- Designblok 2023 Finalist
- FASH Award 2021 Finalist
- Sorbian Streetstyle Award 2020 Winner

# HAIDER ACKERMANN

Antwerp, 15/12/2018

To whom it may concern,

Lea Kelm was part of our team during her internship at Atelier Haider Ackermann for a period of 6 months (from 04/05/2018 until 05/11/2018).

Lea K. assisted our collection development department, where she took part in each of the tasks listed below in order to realize the SS 2019 Men's collection as well the Spring Summer 2019 Women Main collection:

- Assisting the collection development team during collection launch and product development
- Assisting the production team during production launch (fabric books, check BOM's & WAD's)
- Preparing technical descriptions for manufacturers
- Translating technical fiches for manufacturers
- Organization of shipments/logistics
- Organizing the archive
- Assisting Woven and leather goods developer with research, woven and belt samples/toiles and Technical descriptions
- Assisting the Woven collection developer with stitching and finishing trials, as well as fusing swatches
- Assisting the design team with the pattern placements for the embroidery
- Supporting the development and fabric team with lap dip trials and the dying process
- Preparing overview's for the collection
- Assisting in the showroom in Paris
- Assisting backstage at the show

She performed these tasks with great enthusiasm, making her a pleasure to work with. Lea's work ethic was very focused and independent.

Lea picks up information very fast and easily. She fulfilled the tasks assigned to her to our fullest satisfaction.

We valued her as a great asset to our team, and would therefore recommend you to experience her knowledge and attitude first hand.

Best regards,  
Josephin Wagner

Development Department