

PHILIPP MERX

pattern maker/ designer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Creative Pattern Maker Intern

CHRISTIAN WIJNANTS - Antwerp, Belgium

March 2023 – November 2024

Pattern Development: Created production-grade patterns and samples with precision, ensuring high-quality finishings aligned with brand standards.

Design Collaboration: Contributed to the design development process for Resort and Spring/Summer 2024 collections, integrating innovative ideas and technical expertise.

Draping Techniques: Applied advanced draping methods to create dynamic and visually compelling garment designs.

Fitting Support: Provided pattern-making guidance during fittings, ensuring optimal garment fit and construction accuracy.

Fabric Sourcing: Identified and procured materials that matched design and production requirements, maintaining alignment with creative vision.

Technical Drawing: Produced detailed technical sketches to facilitate effective communication with production teams.

Deadline Management: Delivered high-quality work under tight deadlines, demonstrating adaptability and efficiency in a fast-paced environment.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fashion Design

Willem de Kooning Academy (WDKA) – Rotterdam, Netherlands

October 2020 – June 2024 - Graduated with Honors

Bachelor Projects:

Graduation Collection: "0.0mm // SS25" (Year 4)

Designed a complete graduation collection, encompassing concept development, material sourcing, pattern construction, sampling, and garment production. Styled and conducted final photoshoots, including creating bespoke accessories such as footwear and jewelry.

Graduation Show: "Orbit 2024" (Year 4)

Independently organized and executed the 2024 graduation show, managing venue selection, furniture sourcing, team coordination (makeup, hair stylists), model casting, fittings, and runway styling.

Third-Year Collection: "PSR B1257+12" (Year 3)

Developed a full collection from inspiration to final garments, incorporating concept creation, technical sketching, pattern manipulation, and stitching. Styled and managed professional photoshoots to showcase designs.

Additional Work (Years 2&3):

- Developed repetitive print patterns
- Animated and constructed designs using Clo3D.
- Created diverse garments and patterns, showcasing technical versatility (featured in portfolio).



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PROFILE

Pattern maker and designer with a technical focus, specializing in precision-driven street, sports, and performance wear. Focused on advanced pattern engineering and experimental garment construction.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- German (Native)

SKILLS

Patternmaking & Construction:

- Creating production-grade patterns with precision.
- Sewing high-quality final garments and samples.
- Original draping and advanced pattern manipulations.
- Solving complex garment construction challenges.

Design & Digital Tools:

- Developing design sketches, technical drawings, and repetitive prints.
- Specialized in hand-drafted patterns.
- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro).
- Clo3D for digital pattern development.

Textiles & Materials:

- Textile techniques, material selection, and innovative fabric applications.
- Knowledge of supply chain processes and production communication.

Technical Expertise:

- Maintaining and repairing (sewing) machinery.

Professional Strengths:

- Thrives under high-pressure situations, delivering practical and innovative solutions during fittings and production phases.