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I am an experienced Senior Garment Technologist specialising in Lingerie, Swimwear and Sleepwear, but also have in-depth knowledge of other product areas including Casual Jersey, Casual Woven Tops, Formal Jersey, Formal Woven Tops, Dresses and Hosiery, including specialising in Plus Size.

My most recent experience has been Freelancing for Dora Larsen, Oola Lingerie and a Lingerie & Swimwear Supplier to Boux Avenue.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

September 2019 – Present	Freelance Lingerie, Swimwear & Sleepwear Technologist
September 2019 – January 21	Freelance Technologist - Dora Larsen Ltd.
September 2019 – August 20	Freelance Technologist - Oola Lingerie. Freelance Technologist - DND Whitborne - (Lingerie & Swimwear Supplier to Boux Avenue).
September 2019	Freelance Technologist (holiday cover) – M&Co Ltd
June 2000 – July 2019	Senior Technologist, Evans Arcadia Group

Initially I worked across all Women's Brands (Top Shop, Dorothy Perkins, Evans and Racing Green) covering Lingerie, Sleepwear, Swimwear and Hosiery. After six months, the Non Clothing department moved to be Brand specific and I focused on these product areas for Evans.

In addition to Lingerie, Sleepwear, Swimwear and Hosiery, I have also worked as the Casual Tops Technologist, covering both Casual Jersey and Casual Woven Tops.

I also worked as the Formal Jersey / Woven Tops / Dress Technologist during my time at Evans and covered Casual Bottoms, Denim and Knitwear for holiday cover.

Daily Responsibilities;

- Responsible for fitting and sealing samples from first submission through to production approval for product areas covered.
- Analyse and approve test reports ensuring product is chemically compliant with UK and international markets.
- Critical Path.

- Work closely with the Buying teams and Suppliers to ensure quality and fit is to agreed Brand requirements.
- Review development and buying samples with teams to ensure methods of make is cost effective or advising where savings can be made.
- Set up new suppliers, giving training on fitting / sealing procedures and grading requirements to ensure smooth transition in to the Brand.
- Work with the suppliers / factories to ensure Factories are regularly audited and any non-compliances are closed off and verified by the Auditors.
- Technical support for suppliers for IBFL, IBTR, Valid8 and Achain.

October 1994 – June 2000 Technologist, Debenhams (The Burton Group)

Lingerie Technologist covering Lingerie, Sleepwear and Hosiery.

Also covered Champion Sport and Children's Underwear and Sleepwear.

September 1985 – October 1994 Daintifyt (Courtaulds) – Bra Supplier to Marks & Spencer

Senior Technical Designer 1992 – 1994

Senior Bra Designer 1990 – 1992

Bra Designer 1987 – 1990

Design Room Assistant 1985 – 1987

EDUCATION

London College of Fashion: **1983 – 1985 - BTEC National Diploma in Light Clothing**

Kidbrooke School, London **1978 – 1983 - O Levels x 7**

REFERENCES

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