# NIRCO CASTILLO

**EXPERIENCE** 

**Hood By Air, New York, NY** Head of Design/ Director of Tech Design March 2016 – May 2017

- Developed and processed 40 tech pack per week.
- Established relationships with new vendors and improved team rapport with factories.
- Improved garment fit and increased quality.
- Review samples from development to production.
- Improved team efficiency by 80%, cutting productivity turn-around time.

Banana Republic, New York, NY Women's Knits/ Men's Acc Designer

Nov 2015 - March 2016

- Trained members of the growing team.
- Responsibilities, designing soft accessories, textiles, presentation boards.
  Developing tech packs and submitting it via PLM for Tech Department.

#### Rebecca Taylor, New York, NY Assoc Knitwear Designer

Nov 2014 - Dec 2014

- Freelancer. Designed layout for FF knits stitch details.
- Sped the development of tech packs to meet collection launch due dates.

**Opening Ceremony, New York, NY** Technical Knitwear Designer Sept 2014 - Nov 2014

 Freelancer. Assisted new Knitwear Director with establishing vendors relationships and developing tech packs for her first collection as director.

#### Nirco Castillo Inc., New York, NY Creative Director

Sept 2012 - Feb 2014

- Created and established a brand and aesthetic.
- Built a team of pattern makers, seamstress, textile designers & PR.
- Dressed numerous celebrities.
- Featured in editorials including Italian Vogue, and WWD.

## **Republic Clothing Grp, New York, NY** Tech & Asst Knitwear Designer July 2010 - Aug 2012

• Developed tech packs and color stories. Assessed lab-dips and presented collections to sales team. Review and edit cut-tickets.

### Alexander Wang, New York, NY Knitwear Designer Apprentice

Sept 2009 - Feb 2010

Assistant to Director of Knits.

#### Zac Posen, New York, NY Collection & Atelier Intern

Jan 2007 - March 2007

Assistant to Editorial / Atelier Designer and Studio / Production Manager.

New York

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#### **SKILLS**

Adobe Illustrator

Excel

PLM & PDI

Research

Color Theory

Fashion Illustration

Technical Design

Fully Fashion Knits

**Knitting Machine** 

Pattern Drafting / Making

Draping

Tailoring

Fine Art Painting

Photography

Graphic Design

Jewelry Design & Fabrication

#### **EDUCATION**

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI Bachelor of Arts: Apparel Design

#### Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY Certification

- Advanced Style, Plan, Merchandise: From Concept to Production
- Selling Your Products and Services
- Building Business Brands

#### **AWARDS**

**CFDA** Scholarship Recipient 2006

Virginia Lynch Scholarship (RISD) 2003 - 2007

**Citizen Citation**, City of Providence, RI 2009