

NIRCO CASTILLO

HEAD OF DESIGN + CREATIVE DIRECTOR

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EXPERIENCE

Hood By Air, New York, NY - *Head of Design / Creative Tech Designer*

March 2016 - Present

- 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 turnaround time from 30 days late to 2 weeks early over previous seasons.

Banana Republic, New York, NY - *Knitwear / Men's ACC Designer*

Nov 2015 - March 2016

- Grew team from one person to 4 people.
- Responsibilities, designing soft accessories, textiles, presentation boards. Developing tech packs and training assistant designers.

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 - *Asst Knitwear Designer*

Oct 2014 - Dec 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 Group., New York, NY - *Asst Knitwear Designer*

July 2010 - Aug 2012

- Developed tech packs and color stories. Assessed lab-dips and present collections to sales team. Review and edit cu-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 and Atelier Designer.
- Assistant to Studio / Production Manager.

SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator
Excel
Research
Color Theory
Fashion Illustration
Technical Design
Fully Fashion Knits
Knitting Machine
Pattern Drafting / Making
Draping
Tailoring
Fine Art Painting
Photography
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