

Nicole Pachkowski

Specializing in technical outerwear and apparel. Achieving exceptional quality through elevated design, my work balances intuitive details, movement based fit and versatile end use. I am passionate about the design process, fine technical details, innovation, and sustainability.

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Education

BDes - Fashion Design

Toronto Metropolitan

University

(Formerly Ryerson University)

Toronto, ON, CA

Mass Exodus 2013 Top 20

Designers

Skills

Design

Creative Product Strategy
Line Plan Architecture
Tech Pack Development
Technical Garment Construction
Pattern Design & Drafting
Colour Theory/Palette Creation
Product Fittings & Analysis
Technical Textile Knowledge
Material Development
Design Critique
Presentation skills

Research

Trend research
· Building category or style specific reports
· Trade shows
· Market shopping
Field Testing & Analysis
Participant & passionate advocate for active outdoor lifestyles

Tools

Adobe Creative Cloud Suite
· Illustrator
· InDesign
· Photoshop
· Acrobat Pro
Web PLM
Microsoft Office Suite
· Excel/Word/PowerPoint
Mac & Windows Platforms

Experience

Dec 2021 -

present

Senior Designer, Apparel

Mountain Equipment Company, Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Senior Designer for all MEC outerwear and apparel categories; Mens/Womens/Kids
- Responsible for managing junior apparel designer
- Increased responsibility with line planning, assortment building, and product direction in collaboration with Design Manager and Product Line Managers.
- Owning the design life-cycle, from product strategy, material development, concepts, and seasonal presentations to creating accurate technical sketches, spec packages, conducting fit sessions, partnering with field testers/ambassadors to collaborate on product, to ensuring seasonal calendars are adhered to.
- Supporting MEC's sustainability goals and standards, ensuring feasibility of design to achieve product end use, cost, manufacturability, and delivery targets.
- Identify new market opportunities through research, trend analysis, travel, trade shows, and participating in outdoor activities.

May 2018 -

Dec 2021

Designer, Apparel

Mountain Equipment Company, Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Backcountry & Camp outerwear, apparel and accessories design; Mens/Womens/Kids
- Worked collaboratively across Buying, Design & Development teams to bring functional, technical, quality product to life for our members.

Dec 2016 -

May 2018

Product Designer, Apparel - Woods Outdoor, Outerwear & Lifestyle

FGL Sports Ltd., Calgary, AB, Canada

- Created a modern interpretation of a brand with rich heritage in Canadian outdoor pursuits aligning with company vision, seasonal direction and managed design workflow.
- Worked collaboratively with cross-functional teams building line plan architecture, product development calendar, communicated from concept to production to ensure company product standards were met and delivery was maintained..
- Designed into multiple product levels; premium outdoor products with elevated materials and construction, mid to entry level performance outdoor, and logo/lifestyle driven products.
- Presented seasonally to cross-functional team and executive level for brand development

Jan 2015 -

Dec 2016

Product Designer, Apparel - Action Sports Outerwear & Lifestyle

FGL Sports Ltd., Calgary, AB, Canada

- Designed seasonal collections for Ripzone & Firefly outerwear and lifestyle.
- Strengthened and elevated brands across Men's/Women's/Junior apparel
- Created profitable product lines, maintaining individual brand aesthetics and quality.
- Assisted with department project work flow and partnered cross-functionally to develop product to the seasonal calendar.

May 2014 -

Jan 2015

Product Development Coordinator, Women's Denim / Bottoms / Sleep

Mark's; Canadian Tire Corporation, Calgary, AB, Canada

- Managed development and production approvals within seasonal time lines.
- Created technical design packages including measurement specifications for new styles.
- Evaluated samples for design and construction quality, conducted fit sessions, and managed vendor communication.

July 2013 -

May 2014

Apparel Design Apprentice, ONE Series Training

Reebok International Ltd., Boston, MA, United States

- Assisted the One Series Training apparel team with product commercialization, seasonal concept creation, trend research, built and maintained design packages.