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Tailor

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SUMMARY

Tailor with 7 years in alterations and made-to-measure menswear. Completes about 70 alterations a week, cuts and builds around 30 half-canvas suits a year and keeps remakes under 3% of jobs while meeting promised pickup dates.

EXPERIENCE

Tailor — Rittenhouse Shears and Thimble

Philadelphia, PA · Mar 2021 – Present

- Complete about 70 alterations a week on suits, dresses, coats and trousers, with under 3% returned for remakes.
- Cut, baste and finish about 30 made-to-measure half-canvas suits a year from client measurements.
- Run 15 to 20 fittings a week, including wedding parties of up to 10 people.
- Met 98% of promised pickup dates during the spring wedding season.
- Trained 2 junior seamstresses on hand-felled linings and sleeve shortening at the cuff.

Alterations Tailor — Delancey Row Menswear

Wilmington, DE · Jun 2018 – Feb 2021

- Altered 40 to 60 garments a week for a menswear store with 2 locations.
- Pinned and marked about 25 customer fittings a week on the sales floor.
- Reduced average alteration turnaround from 7 days to 4 by batching similar jobs.

SKILLS

Construction: Pattern drafting, cutting, half-canvas and full-canvas suits, hand-padded lapels

Alterations: Jacket shoulders and sleeves, waist and seat, hems, linings, zippers

Hand work: Buttonholes, felling, prick stitching, blind hemming

Equipment: Industrial lockstitch and blind-stitch machines, sergers, pressing equipment

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Bespoke Tailoring, Schuylkill Institute of Garment Arts, 2018

EDUCATION

High school diploma, Frankford Valley High School, 2016

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