

MARCO PIZZATO

Textile Specialist

Summary

Strategic and results-driven Director of Fabric & Trim R&D with 15+ years of experience driving innovation in textile sourcing, development, and design across luxury and contemporary fashion brands. Proven success managing global supply chains, negotiating costs, and leading teams to deliver collections for high-profile clients and events (Troye Sivan World Tour, MET Gala, White House Correspondents' Dinner). Adept in sustainability compliance, PLM systems, and cross-functional leadership.

Core Competencies

Fabric R&D | Global Sourcing | Trim Development | Material Innovation | Sustainability Standards | Team Leadership | Supplier Negotiation | Budget Management | Trend Research | Centric PLM

Professional Experience

- 2023-2024

Helmut Lang, New York, NY

Director of Fabric/Trim R&D

Led seasonal fabric and trim sourcing for menswear and womenswear under Creative Director Peter Do.

Spearheaded R&D for Troye Sivan's 2024 world tour looks, incorporating cutting-edge materials.

Directed vendor relations and global sourcing trips, achieving 12% average lead time reduction.

Ensured all materials met Fast Retailing sustainability and quality standards within tight budgets.

Managed cross-functional team for fabric R&D, vendor communication, and material library.
- 2020-2023

Calvin Klein, New Product Ventures, New York, NY

Senior Manager, Fabric and Trim

Drove material innovation for high-visibility projects including the 2023 MET Gala and Heron Preston collaboration.

Negotiated cost-effective contracts with mills and suppliers, improving sourcing ROI.

Oversaw quality assurance and ensured PLM data integrity across development cycles.
- 2015-2020

CK Calvin Klein, New York, NY

Manager, Fabric and Color

Managed seasonal fabric development and global color palettes under Raf Simons, Pieter Mulier, and Tim Coppens.

Curated and maintained a comprehensive fabric/color archive.

Executed global sourcing initiatives, identifying innovative materials and technologies.
- 2013-2015

EDWARD ROTH, New York, NY

Director of Fabric/Trim R&D

Developed exclusive fabrics for high-end collections aligning with the brand's aesthetic.

Built a sustainable and responsive global sourcing pipeline.

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Education

- M.S. and M.A., Fashion Design

Politecnico di Milano, Italy.
- Tutored for 6 months by Prof. Susanna Moyer

Parson's The New School of Design, NYC.
- Certificate of Pattern Making and Professional Tailoring

Le Grand Chic, Milan, Italy.
- Certificate in Haute Couture

École nationale supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France.
- Study of Fashion Management and Economy

Bocconi, Milan, Italy. Bocconi, Milan, Italy.
- BFA, Industrial Design, Fashion Department

Politecnico di Milano, Italy.

Awards

Special Prize Award as “young fashion designer” for the project “Innovative Arm Bag and Leg Bag”.
“Linea Pelle”, Leather Accessories Competition, Bologna, Italy (2006)

Languages

Native Italian
Fluent English
Conversational French
Basic Spanish

Technical Skills

Centric PLM | Photoshop | Illustrator | InDesign | MS Office Suite