

# ABIGAIL CONARD

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## PROFILE

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Extremely proficient and able to create designs in the Fashion Industry for the unique individual with an attraction for couture design. Excellent sewing skills and attention to detail. Gathered an extensive collection of textiles from Central America, Germany, France, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic for creative vision and inspiration. Fashion sketching and painting is a talent and passion.

## EDUCATION

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### **The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago Chicago, IL**

*Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fashion Design* 2008 -  
2010

### **The University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE**

2005 2000 –  
*BFA senior in Textiles and Fashion Design*

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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### **Triathlete Activewear Line – The Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago**

*Chicago, IL*

- Developed creative, functional triathlon garments Spring  
09'

### **Sculptural Design Course – The Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago**

*Chicago, IL*

- Designed a couture garment that related to architecture and art inspired by Monet  
Summer 09'

### **Children's Dress Line – The University of Nebraska**

*Lincoln, NE*

- Designed a colorful, fun, line of dresses for girls inspired by Betsy Johnson Fall  
2000

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Grass Orchids, Ltd.-Internship**

*Chicago, IL*

- Bridal alterations and design, women's clothing, sewing and alterations 01/10-  
present
- Specialize in hand-painted leather designs for garments and home décor 01/09-  
05/09
- Assist with designers collection and use of vintage fabrics

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **D'Agostinos**

*Chicago, IL*

Server

01/10-03/10

- Organizational skills are of the essence
- Politeness and friendly nature in server/patron relationship

**Veerasway**

Server

Chicago, IL

03/08 – 8/09

- Served authentic Indian cuisine with friendly customer service
- Great team relationships with exceptional communication

**SKILLS**

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**Computer:** Adobe Suites: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, MS Office, Gerber Accumark, Kaledo**Industry:** Garment Construction, Sewing, Flat Pattern Making, Grading, Draping, Computer Design, Textiles, Apparel Evaluation, Cost and Line Specifications, Product Development, Fashion and Flat Sketching, Concept and Line Development, and Surface Design