KARA HAMALAINEN

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EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE
Fashion Institute of Technology
2026
Costume Design and Wardrobe Technician

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
University of Delaware
2019-2023
GPA: 3.97 / 4.0
Major: Fashion Design & Product Innovation
Major: Fashion Merchandising & Management
Minor: Business Administration

SKILLS

- Machine sewing (home, serger)
- Hand sewing
- Garment construction
- Textiles
- Fabric swatching
- Patternmaking
- Draping
- Knitting
- Crochet
- Hand embroidery
- Beading
- Illustration & sketching
- Story boards
- Fittings (apparel & footwear)
- Steaming, ironing, & pressing
- Budget management
- Inventory tracking

SOFTWARE

- Microsoft 365 & Google Workspace
- Adobe (Illustrator & Photoshop)
- Canva
- PLM systems

EXPERIENCE

DESIGNER

Position	Organization	Year
Senior Collection *Most Innovative Collection award winner	Synergy Fashion Group	2023
"Drift" Fashion Show *First Place award winner	Synergy Fashion Group	2022
Uniform/Merchandise Designer	Impact Dance Company	2021-2023

SHOPPER

Position	Company	Year
Costume Buyer - Fabric	Disney Live Entertainment	2025-present
Associate Costume Buyer	Disney Live Entertainment	2024-2025
Costume Buyer Intern	Disney Live Entertainment	2024

DRESSER

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Senior Collection *Most Innovative Collection award winner	Synergy Fashion Group	2023
"Drift" Fashion Show *First Place award winner	Synergy Fashion Group	2022

STYLIST

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"Drift" Fashion Show *First Place award winner	Synergy Fashion Group	2022

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

Position	Company	Year
Assistant Store Manager	Capezio	2023
Visual Merchandising Assistant	Athleta	2022-2023
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant	University of Delaware	2021-2022