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The Chicago Pattern Maker provides professional product development services and pre-production support and guidance to established and brands and designers. Our team has expert tailoring skills, and a strong skill set in fashion design, including first through production patterns, technical design and prototype creation. We collaborate closely with our clients to help them achieve their design goals within their perimeters including: cost, sustainability, use of specialty materials and design elements, and help them to source materials and factories that align with their vision, product category, and volume. Our shared goal is to create beautiful and functional products that are prepared for production, and ready to take to market. We happily share resources and connect our clients with other design specialists in our network to achieve the best results for their product.

We support our clients throughout the process and believe that transparency, collaboration, and open communication with all parties is a recipe for success.

TCPM utilizes Tukatech CAD pattern drafting software, in addition to draping or hand drafting on oak tag as required. Our studio is equipped with a Velocity Plotter and professional industrial sewing machines including: Single Needle Lockstitch, 4-Thread Overlock, 2-Needle Coverstitch, and Bar Tacker, and gravity-feed iron for pressing. Through the AIBI Chicago Fashion Lab, we have access to additional specialty machines including buttonhole, blind hemmer, and flatseam ('flatlock') machines. Many other specialty seams and finishes can be mocked up in our studio for prototyping. Once your fit samples are in a good place, we work with you and your factory to finalize and approve samples, confirm all technical details, grade patterns and hand everything off cleanly for the next stage - production.

SERVICES + RATES



Design & Sourcing Consultation Meeting

Initial meeting to review all styles and fabrications, reference garments (provided by client), sizing specifications, project time line. Meeting in person, or via Google Meet. Followed by Project Estimate.

EVENING/WEEKEND RATE (Subject to Availability)



Pattern Making

Pattern development custom to each client and style. Delivered as digital pattern file (DXF). Printed hard copy pattern on marker paper or oak tag available (additional costs for printing). Grading starts at \$150/style.



Prototype Sewing

Cutting and sewing a single prototype sample, with final materials provided by Client. Includes seam swatch tests to determine best construction methods for your product.

NEW: 3D Prototyping now available! Estimates provided based on the project.



Technical Flat Sketches

CAD Flat sketches in Adobe Illustrator, can be provided as AI/PDF/JPG. Includes front, back, and any detail views required.



Technical Specification Package

Includes detailed product specifications, sewing operations, points of measurement (POM), bill of materials (BOM), pattern cutter's must, yield estimates and label placement instructions.

\$200/hr

In Person 1 hour min Online 1/2 hour min

\$300/hr

\$150/hr

*2 hour minimum per project

Basic Styles 1-2 hours
Tops/Dresses 2-4 hours
Pants/Jackets 4-6 hours
Outerwear 6-10 hours

\$70/hr

"Muslin"/Basic Style1-2 hoursTops/Dresses2-6 hoursPants/3-10 hoursJackets8-15 hours

\$125/hr

Front/Back 1 hour
Lining/Additional Views - add up to 1 hour

\$125/hr



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Material & Factory Sourcing

\$125/hr

Research and provide curated resource list and/or consultation based on your needs for fabrics, trims, and sewing contractors for production.



Conceptual Prototype / Design Session

\$200/hr

Creation of a mock-up prototype that describes the look and feel of the product concept with respect to functionality and design. This prototype does not guarantee to be fully functional at this stage. Design Session involves Client and Pattern Maker to work through drape, fit, construction together in a live working meeting.

EVENING/WEEKEND RATE (Subject to Availability)

\$300/hr



Prototype Review Session

\$200/hr

This session (meeting) involves key design and development partners to review the prototype/s and discuss the areas of fit, functionality, design, fabrication, features, saleability, etc. This session may require a fit model who meets the target market criteria of the product (Client will provide fit model, assistance can be provided by consultant to book the right model).

EVENING/WEEKEND RATE (Subject to Availability)

\$300/hr



Production Advisory & Site Visits

Consultation, research and providing guidance production such as creation of grade rules/size charts, working through material yields and orders, checking factory samples/specs, and communicating with you and your sewing contractor throughout production.

Consultation (by phone, email or web meeting)

\$200/hr

On-Site Factory Visit or Work Session - 1/2 day (up to 4 hours)

\$750.00

On-Site Factory Visit or Work Session - full day (8 hours)

\$1,450.00

Additional travel fees applicable if traveling out of area.



Project Management

\$150-1200/month

General communications (email, phone calls) related to sample development, sourcing, sizing and technical specifications, production.

Flat rate based on project scope, number of styles, partners, etc.

We look forward to working with you on your product development. Thank you for the opportunity!

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