

Esther Newell

Design - Illustration - Costumes

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COSTUME EXPERIENCE

NWR Thespians, Flowood, MS
— *Teacher, Production Manager, Costume Designer*

AUGUST 2015 - PRESENT

Developing and executing production design for awarding-winning high school theatre productions; collaborating with teachers, students, and volunteers to create small and large scale productions

New Stage Theatre, Jackson, MS
— *Costume Designer, Seamstress*

FEBRUARY 2014 - PRESENT

Designer for 2014 production of *All the Way*; cutting and stitching of fantasy costumes for *Shrek the Musical* and *Peter Pan*, as well as historical costumes for *Murder on the Orient Express*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Matilda*, and other productions

Nashville Repertory Theatre, Nashville, TN
— *Tailor, Seamstress*

MARCH 2013 - MAY 2013

Cutting and stitching of historical costumes for *The Importance of Being Earnest*, pulling and altering costumes

Alley Theatre, Houston, TX
— *Fitzpatrick Intern, Seamstress*

SEPTEMBER 2011 - 2012

Developing tailoring, patterning, millinery, and craft skills; returned as professional stitcher for *The Seagull*, *Red*, and *A Christmas Carol*

EDUCATION

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
— *BFA Costume Design and Technology*

JAN 2008 - MAY 2011

Studied and applied costume design and production skills. Nominated twice for Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Award for costume designs for *Hitchcock Blonde* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*

SERVICES

Conceptual Development
Visual Storytelling
Detailed Color Renderings
Historical Research
Costume Construction
Costume Sourcing and Organization
Fitting and Tailoring
Craft and Dye Work

TAILOR EXPERIENCE

Nordstrom Nashville, TN
Fitting and altering designer dresses and suits by Gucci, Chanel, and other high fashion brands

Manuel Couture Nashville, TN
Stitching couture western clothing and accessories, designing unique accessories for sales floor

Alteration Services H.burg, MS
Professional alterations of men and women's casual and formalwear

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Best Costume Design
MTA Convention 2018, 2015

Fashion Design Intern
Manuel Couture 2013

Costume Excellence Nominee
KCACTF 2011, 2010