



PRODUCT DESIGN MANAGER - Fort Collins, CO

Topo Designs, LLC makes classic outdoor gear inspired by who we are and where we live. We value simplicity and connectedness with the things we own. We are a growing brand, and with this new position, you have the opportunity to get in at the beginning and help us grow.

Topo Designs is looking for an experienced Product Design Manager to lead and manage the design team (apparel, accessories, bags).

Experience/Education Requirements:

- BA or BS degree in Apparel, Textiles, Design (Apparel) or related field and 5+ years relevant and progressive experience
- 5-7 years experience in a design management role in the outdoor and/or fashion industries
- 5-7 years experience with apparel and accessories design in the outdoor and fashion industries

Responsibilities:

- Review and collaborate to create a cohesive collection that embodies the history of Topo Designs
- Oversee and review tech packs and design specs
- Help manage apparel and accessory product lines to deliver products that align with the brand
- Oversee creative direction and concepts for seasonal product lines
- Research trends and work closely with the Creative Director to create mood boards and identify trends by classification each season
- Work with the Production team and Creative Director to develop new fabrics and trims each season
- Participate in fittings with both Production team and junior designers to ensure the integrity of the fit and design of apparel pieces every season
- Supervise a team of designers
- Report to and work directly with the Creative Director to align all design elements for final production
- Coordinate across design teams to maintain product and strategy alignment
- Ability to bridge the gap between design, strategy and execution
- Mentor designers, nurture their skills and develop careers

Qualifications/Skills:

- Proven track record of working with designers and creative directors to manage the design department
- In-depth knowledge of silhouettes, fabric, color, trims and sewing techniques
- Experience managing a team of 3+ people
- The ability to dive into multiple projects and manage from start to finish
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Must be an excellent problem solver with strong project management skills
- A passion for the outdoors
- Samples of work/portfolio must be presented at interview
- Proficiency in Adobe Suite: Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign

This is a full-time, salaried, exempt position. Topo Designs offers medical benefits, an outdoor monetary allowance, a Topo Designs product allowance, as well as a sought after company culture. Send résumé and salary requirement to careers@topodesigns.com