



Jane - Senior Technician

Jane uses knitwear knowledge to stitch ideas together.

Knitwear designer Jane uses her expertise to help students piece together their fabric ideas. As a Senior Technician specialising in knitwear at Nottingham Trent University, Jane thinks of her students and peers as a constant source of inspiration.

"In my current role at NTU I have two hats. One is teaching and the other is working with students to realise their fabric and garment ideas."

After doing a degree in textile and knitwear technology Jane thought about teaching, completing a PGCE in secondary education. Over the years she has perfected her skills and gained bags of technical knowledge which she now applies as a Senior Technician.

"I'm really interested in the technical aspects of knitwear and textile design. I have expertise in using specialist knitting machines and design software, and I was even lucky enough to complete a two week training course in Japan."

Jane shares her knowledge with students daily. "The majority of students are not able to programme the machines, so I encourage them to do as much as they can in design software. I then take over and create the programme that controls the knitting machine."

The result? Expertly knitted fabrics. "Some fabrics are very simple to programme and knit such as jacquard, whereas others can be very complex and time consuming."

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1988 - 1992
 BSc degree in Textile and Knitwear Technology with Design

1992 - 1998
 Worked in a knitwear manufacturer as a knitwear designer

1998 - 2001
 Re-trained as a textile and food technology teacher

2001 - 2010
 New role as Senior Technical Instructor in knit

2010 - 2016
 MA Fashion Knitwear Design at Nottingham Trent, followed by a PhD. I learnt to programme Shima Seiki industrial knitting machines as part of my studies, and won a bursary, which enabled me to go to Japan for two weeks of training

2015 - present
 Technician at Nottingham Trent University

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