

# MARY GRANDY

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## TEXTILE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL

### HIRING ASSETS

- 20+ years' experience in textile production, from initial design, to measurement, fitting, dimensions, fabric, through creation of finished product. Have created textile products for **large corporate to small markets**.
- Able to rapidly and economically produce **large or small quantities of world-class products in response to market demand**. Proven success at developing new products with broad market appeal.
- **Environmental steward**; strive to minimize use of natural resources and discharge of net waste to environment.
- Strong work ethic and record of impeccable reliability, flexibility, and willingness to learn (learn quickly!).
- Sharp, well organized, hard working; able to meet deadlines and produce highest **quality** work with **precision**.
- Enthusiastic team member whose **participation brings out the best in others**. **Resourceful** problem solver.

**SKILLS: Computerized / Industrial** sewing machines, including single and double needle lockstitch, automatic hemmers, blind stitch machines, high-speed sergers, and various taping machines. Also proficient with: Industrial Cutting Knife / Blade, Air Tools, Power Screwdrivers, Hammers, Skill Saw, Ban Saw, Tape Measures, Patterns. **Skilled at using technologies that enable small quantities of textile goods at the cost of bulk-produced items.**

### CAREER SUCCESSES

- Gained exposure to production of a **broad textile product line** at American Textile: exercise mats, briefcases, camera cases, bedding, etc. **Became staff expert** in sewing duck blinds for commercial client.
- Received **performance-based pay raises** at Premium Comfort, sewing airbeds on a certification process system.
- **Established Duluth Marine's Upholstery Department**. Researched, analyzed and purchased industrial machines. Designed worktables for both cutting and sewing areas, maximizing attic space to cut costs. **Sought out distributors/vendors, and established professional relationships with them** to secure best pricing / terms available. Subsequently **worked independently to maintain a highly profitable upholstery department**. Produced mooring covers, sun tops, cockpit covers, paddleboat covers, boat lift tarps, snowmobile covers, and numerous smaller items.
- Enjoyed **progressive experience with Allen Boats**, one of the leading boat producers in the world. Received **consecutive promotions**: from hire to sew sun top sets for Lund America, to stapling, sewing, and assembling fish boat seats for Lund, to sewing and stapling board work for Larson/Glastron boat interiors.
  - **Promoted to Engineering**, becoming skilled in pattern work for boat interiors and sun tops. Gained proficiency with using machinery to make actual patterns from Masonite. Became expert at putting any aspect of a boat interior, cover, etc. onto a production line.
  - Learned a highly skilled craft from supervisor – who could not speak or hear – through sign language.
- **Successfully produced piece-rate garments for Munsingwear**, demonstrating my ability to maintain intense focus and concentration for 8-hour shifts, while coordinating hand movement, piecework and diverse equipment.
- **Operated industrial machinery** to produce snowmobile suits, jackets and ski pants for men and women.

### TEXTILE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Sewing Production: Duck Blinds	American Textile Products – Minneapolis, MN	2000 – 2008
Certification Sewing: Air Beds	Premium Comfort Corporation – Minneapolis, MN	1997 – 2000
Upholstery Manager / Specialist	Duluth Marine – Duluth, MN	1992 – 1996

### EARLY BACKGROUND

**Engineering/Sewing/Production** (Allen Boats), **Garment Piecework Production** (Munsingwear), **Apparel Production** (Silverline / Arctic Cat).

### OTHER PRODUCTION EMPLOYMENT

- PROSTAFF, 2000 – present: Production with Acumed – St. Paul, manufacturer of medical supplies.
- KELLY SERVICES PRODUCTION WORK: Westinghouse, Emerald Plastics, Goldleaf Plastics, National Linen, ABC Printing, and Kraft. Production with Ultra and Gold 'N Plump Poultry.

### EDUCATION

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Communications, Problem Solving, Quality, Team Work, Workforce Issues.
- Honors Graduate (top 100 of +450 students), Monroe High School – Minneapolis, MN.