

Employment type:

Sewing Position / Upholsterer / Marine Canvas Fabricator

Ankor is looking for an individual for a variety of sewing projects. Our small custom sewing studio offers canvas repair services, upholstery and marine canvas for powerboats and sailboats. We also make van cushions and residential cushions and pillows with high-end upholstery fabrics. This is an excellent opportunity to work creatively in our NE Cully neighborhood studio space, sewing with canvas, leather and/or upholstery fabrics for a growing local company. Do you have upholstery, marine canvas or production sewing experience? Do you love to sew and work with fabric? Do you have experience operating an industrial sewing machine? Do you enjoy taking something old apart to re-make it? Do you want to spend your days and creative energy producing durable goods? If so, this job might be for you!

We are open 5 days a week and therefore have a flexible schedule. Hours can vary (16 - 32 hrs per week). We are generally in a fast paced production mode, and so you should have a mindset to match, as we always strive for efficiency! With that said, we have a fun, social, and creative work environment, as long as our deadlines are being met.

We make a wide variety of custom products that require patterns and measuring off site and also take on small production jobs for other companies, so your regular tasks will vary from day to day, and may include:

- Examine fabric, foam, and other materials to locate defects.
- Prepare materials for production, following written or verbal instructions.
- Draw: cutting and sewing on material following patterns, templates, sketches, or blueprints.
- Operate sewing machines and oil as needed/instructed, along with keeping a clean work space.
- Maintain level of high quality of work consistent from day to day.
- Customer service skills are important too as our shop space shares our showroom (customer visits are by appointment only) and we often meet our clients off-site for measuring and consultations.

Responsibilities:

- Ideal candidate is well versed in an array of soft good materials and has technical mastery of sewing construction skills
- Experience and familiarity with cutting fabric to precise dimensions.
- Familiar with using industrial sewing machines.
- Ability to read assembly instructions, interpret and understand patterns and CAD files when provided.
- Ability to disassemble old canvas and reconstruct out of new fabric material.

- Maintain records of materials used and log production time.
- Use and knowledge of upholstery tools and equipment specific for upholstery.
- Maintain a clean, safe, and efficiently organized workstation.
- Demonstrates consistent, quality sewing work ethic.
- Able to prioritize work and supply orders within deadlines.
- Maintains clear and open communication with the team.
- Acts with integrity, honesty and knowledge that supports the values and culture of Ankor.

Qualifications

- Exhibits curiosity, critical thinking, and excitement for their craft.
- Minimum of 3+ years' of previous experience in custom sewing or furniture upholstery work.
- Experience with walking foot (Juki) commercial sewing machines and serger a plus.
- Strong attention to detail with ability to properly install upholstery.
- Appreciates thoughtful contemporary design and vintage furniture.
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment while working independently.
- Comfortable with verbal and written direction and switching tasks as needed to meet deadlines.
- Valid driver's license, a good driving record, and reliable transportation to and from work.
- Strong interpersonal skills including a positive and outgoing personality.

Pay is based on experience. If you're interested in finding out more, please email a description of relevant experience (or similar creative production experience) along with a resume. If we think you're a good fit, we will contact you to schedule an interview. This position will have a 3 month probationary period.

\$18 - \$38 / hr

(Wage based on experience)

About Us

Ankor is locally-owned and operated. Our company has been serving Portland and the surrounding areas since 2015. We've been committed to providing excellence in customer service, quality custom canvas, cushions & upholstery services for marine, adventure van builders, residential and commercial customers.