

## Alteration Tailor Apprentice Interview Questions

1. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

2. Describe methods you have found effective to fit, alter, repair, and make made-to-measure clothing, according to customers' and clothing manufacturers' specifications and fit, and applying principles of garment design, construction, and styling.

3. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

4. Describe an experience when you fitted and studied garments on customers to determine required alterations.

5. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)

6. What have you found to be the best way to measure parts such as sleeves or pant legs, and mark or pin-fold alteration lines?

7. Name a time when you successfully let out or take in seams in suits and other garments to improve fit.

8. What factors do you consider when examining tags on garments to determine alterations that are needed?

9. Share an example when you effectively recorded required alterations and instructions on tags, and attach them to garments.

10. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.

11. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

12. Provide an experience in which you were sensitive to someone's needs or feelings. How did your helpfulness affect your work environment?

13. What kind of experience do you have developing, copying, or adapting designs for garments, and designing patterns to fit measurements, applying knowledge of garment design, construction, styling, and

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fabric?
14. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?
15. What is the most challenging part of estimating how much a garment will cost to make, based on factors such as time and material requirements?
16. Name a time when you made garment style changes, such as tapering pant legs, narrowing lapels, and adding or removing padding.
17. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?
18. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish an important task.
19. Walk me through how you would confer with customers to determine types of material and garment styles desired.
20. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
21. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)
22. Share an example of when you established and accomplished a goal that was personally challenging. What helped you succeed?
23. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.
24. Name a time when your creativity or alternative thinking solved a problem in your workplace.
25. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change? (Make sure the candidate is flexible.)

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26. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?

27. Share an experience in which your willingness to lead or offer an opinion helped your company.

28. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

29. Provide an experience that demonstrates your ability to manage time effectively. What were the challenges and results?

30. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

31. Describe a time when you successfully provided personal assistance to a coworker or patron.

32. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?

33. Tell me about a time when your ability to analyze needs and product requirements helped you create an effective design or make an informed decision to benefit your company.