

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.