



**Ludmila Adams** is a Computer Aided Design Instructor and Lingerie Designer based in the greater Los Angeles area.

She was born and raised in Hamburg, Germany, where she held her first fashion-related job as a stylist for music artists from 1996-1998. Always fascinated by the graphic arts, she began learning from her neighbor, who used to draw Manga Characters in Adobe Illustrator. She never suspected that this hobby would eventually lead to a career.

Since coming to Los Angeles in 2001, she graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), majoring in Fashion Design in 2003. While attending FIDM, she worked as a Freelance Computer Aided Designer (CAD artist) for Bees and Dragons, a baby clothing manufacturer, creating linesheets and promotional material. After graduating from FIDM, she worked as a CAD artist for several fashion trend forecasting and apparel companies such as *Denimhead*, *Snapfashun*, *Apple Bottoms*, and *Frederick's of Hollywood*. Other jobs as a CAD artist included working with *Motion Picture Costume Designer Debrae Little* on *Big Mama 2*.

Always helping out coworkers with their artwork on the computer, Ludmila decided to make it her business to teach. She started her company FashionChalkboard.com in 2005. Since then, she has provided corporate and individual training to many students, including Carey Bennett, Costume Designer for the hit TV series "Scrubs, employees of Lucky Brand Jeans, PRVCY, Hudson Jeans, Juicy Couture, and many more.

In 2006, she became an Instructors at the Los Angeles Trade Technical College in Downtown Los Angeles, where she teaches Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop specifically for Fashion Designers. According to Carole Anderson, the Department Chair of the Fashion Design Program, Ludmila Adams' knowledge base and expertise has expanded the number of students enrolled in the courses and the number of student who complete the courses.

Since the beginning of 2008, Ludmila Adams has been developing easy-to-follow, step-by-step Video Training series for computer aided fashion design, which are available through this website.

During the summer of 2009, Ludmila Adams has been working with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Alumni relations department and has created a series of successful online refresher webinars. These webinars have been in high demand by the large FIDM alumni network and are going to be offered indefinitely.

Ludmila lives in the Coachella Valley in California with her husband and their daughter. When not working, Ludmila likes to travel, hike, volunteer as a member of the Women Step Up Network, and simply relax with her family.

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