Sara Gabriel achieves increase in production planning efficiency by 60%
“We love the added bonus of being able to manage our shop floor with Katana and that the inventory availability is hooked right in - having the shop floor know what they can/can't make on a given day is amazing, and replaces our previous "system" of creating/manipulating spreadsheets.”
About Sara Gabriel

Sara Gabriel is a couture and handmade bridal accessory designer based in Denver, Colorado. Sara launched Sara Gabriel in July 2000 from her apartment and now has grown into a company producing over 10,000 custom units each year and is one of the most sought-after and recognizable brands in the bridal fashion industry. Each item is created completely by hand from start to finish and designed bespoke according to each bride's wishes.
Sara Varel, Founder and Designer at Sara Gabriel

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The challenge they faced

Sara's brides were dressed to the nines, and it was time to get the business management to the same standards. Key challenges Sara Gabriel identified:

1. Forecasting inventory needs
2. Shop-floor management
3. Managing the business in spreadsheets and lots of guesswork
Why Katana?

Sara Gabriel set out to solve these challenges and tried a few other solutions as well. But why did they choose Katana over others?

“Katana is built from the ground up for small make-to-order manufacturers like me. We produce over 10,000 custom units each year and make them one at a time. Katana doesn't try to also serve "the big guys" who are producing hundreds of thousands of units all at once. All other industry-standard software we looked at was aimed at traditional manufacturers and didn't fit our needs.”
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Sara Gabriel reported having optimized many aspects of their manufacturing management from production planning to communicating with team members. Main areas of improvement:

- Improved inventory control by more than 100%
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- And have managed to increase the efficiency of their day-to-day operations by at least 80%
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