

Hemming, Repair and Alterations Workshop

with Renee Brown

Saturday April 18, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



This workshop is ideal for beginners, as well as those who already have basic sewing machine skills, or have taken the Machine Basics Workshop. The first 30 min will include a quick review of sewing machine fundamentals, including threading, winding a bobbin, straight stitch, and zigzag. Students will learn essential techniques for hand and machine hemming, clothing alterations, and basic repairs. Alterations can be costly so learning these skills can save money and help you expand your wardrobe; especially useful for thrifters who want to update and customize secondhand finds, or those with fit issues. Make the garments in your wardrobe wearable. Each student should bring one item that needs an update including any trims, buttons or notions they may need, and coordinating thread. You are welcome to bring a working sewing machine or borrow one of ours. This hands-on practical class helps students on the road to confidently alter and personalize their clothing.

Registration and Materials Fee: **\$55 for MAG Members, \$65 for Non-Members.** This class will be offered In-person at **MAG ArtSpace, 9 Park Street in Milton.** Go to MiltonArtsGuild.org for registration and payment. Registration deadline is 1 week prior to class date.

Materials Needed:

Bring an item from your own closet in need of alterations or repair. Also bring any notions, trims, buttons needed and coordinating thread.



Bio: Renee Brown is the founder of Renee's Stitch and Style School in Lewes, Delaware, established in 2025 after retiring from a long career in education, fashion, and theatrical costume design. She holds a BS in Fashion Design and Merchandising and a teaching degree, previously taught Fashion and Textiles, and served as a director for the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club in Rehoboth Beach. Prior to relocating to Delaware, she worked in Phoenix, Arizona as a theatrical costume designer and Costume Shop manager, mentoring high school and college interns as well as community volunteers. Renee now teaches hand and machine sewing for children and adults, sharing her passion for creativity, craftsmanship, and lifelong learning through the art of sewing.



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