

Custom Tote Bag Workshop

with Renee Thorpe

Wednesday, September 30,

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



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

This creative, hands-on workshop is perfect for sewists who have completed Sewing Machine Basics or have a working knowledge of their sewing machine and are ready to take their skills a step further. Students will combine basic sewing techniques with appliqué and Cricut iron-on vinyl to create a stylish, personalized denim tote bag. With guided instruction, students will learn how to prepare and sew their denim tote, add custom appliqué elements, and incorporate Cricut iron-on vinyl to create a design that reflects their own style. Learn the basics of Design Space and Cricut to choose from graphics, lettering, or other creative details to make a one-of-a-kind tote that is both practical and uniquely yours. Students can bring their own working sewing machine or borrow one of ours. All equipment is provided. A suggested materials list will be sent to you prior to class, but fabric and iron-on vinyl will be available for purchase during class. Curated packets can be purchased for \$20.

Bio: Renee Thorpe 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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