Class Description: *From Pre-loved Jeans to Fabulous Tote Bag*

Try your hand at turning pre-loved jeans into a denim tote bag in this beginner-friendly class. We'll start by "deconstructing" a pair of jeans and then use the pieces to make a bag without using a pattern. This tote has boxed corners, a magnetic snap closure, several pockets, and straps. The pants waistband becomes a sturdy top for your bag. You'll even install a zipper for one pocket (if I can do it so can you!) and I'll share resources for more techniques in case you catch the denim bag bug.

Supply List

Sewing machine/cords/foot control

Feet: General sewing & a zipper. We will sew with a 3/8" seam allowance.

Needles: Denim, size 100/16

Good quality cotton thread, 50wt. Color is your choice. There will be visible topstitching

Fabric: 1 pair jeans, any color, adult size 10 or larger, straight leg

½ yard of cotton for lining

6" Zipper, size 3, plastic or metal. Or, 8" of continuous tape zipper and a pull.

1 magnetic snap, 5/8" (I will have these available to purchase in class)

Scissors: large shears and small scissors/snips

Markers: chalk and a dark pen

Ruler: One at least 3" x 18" plus one smaller ruler (I like 1" x 6" or 3" x 8")

Seam ripper

Awl or stiletto (optional—useful)

Pins/small clips (like Wonder Clips)

Small glue stick

Optional: small steam iron and pressing surface

We'll use scissors, a seam ripper and a razor blade to deconstruct your jeans.

I like either a single edge industrial razor blade or a 9mm snap-off utility knife. Links are just for reference—any brand, readily available at Michael's, hardware stores, Walmart, Amazon etc.