

Dear Student,

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My name is Jen Eskridge and I am thrilled that you are signed up for these new sewing classes offered at Butler Community College. Learning a skill, like sewing, is so much fun and will provide you the confidence to go on from this class to make many things for yourself, your home and your friends.

You've signed up for **Tote Bags**. In this class we will make a super easy, lined tote bag. This bag is the perfect size for groceries, beach, soccer practice, children's toys or an overnight to grandmas. The reinforced handles use a simple quilting technique and improves the durability of the bag.

TIPS: This is a simple relaxed bag and will not stand up on it's own. If you would like a more durable stiff bag, consider sewing with denim, canvas or decorator weight fabrics. You might also consider buying medium weight sew-in interfacing, the same amount as the exterior fabric requirements.

Supplies list:

- ½ yard main (exterior and handles) wild fabric at least 44" wide
- ½ accent (bottom and lining) coordinating fabric at least 44" wide
- 2 pieces of 1" x 22" strip of dense batting (provided at the class)
- Coordinating Coats and Clark all-purpose thread.
- Straight pins
- Scissors, sharp enough to cut through fabric.
- Spray starch for pressing.
- Sewing machine* + sewing needles, size 11 or size 14 (size 14 if you're using heavy fabrics)

Optional items: Iron + Ironing board. I will bring the two irons + one board I have, but if we have an extra set, it will expedite things at class. If you own quilter's rotary cutting tools, ruler, blade & mat, you may bring them for this class too. Thanks!

Class is at 6pm, at the Butler Andover location on March 11th. I look forward to meeting you and I'll see you then!!



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*I have a couple sewing machines to loan during class time. These are old machines and can be reserved on a first contacted, first reserved basis. It is always better to learn on your own machine, so you'll feel comfortable repeating the steps when you sew on future projects at your home. Please email me if you'd like me to put your name on a machine.