

# SOUTHBURY MAKERS SPOTLIGHT



## Joan Kloth-Zanard, SnowShed Designs & 2nd Life 4 All




Southbury resident Joan Kloth-Zanard finds beauty in repurposing used items and giving them new life as functional works of art. "I have been an artist in many areas, from dance, to jewelry, to drawing, sculpting and more," she says. "For years I have been saving old jeans with the idea of making something with them. At first, I thought maybe a quilt. Then COVID hit, and I was bored and needed something creative to do since I could no longer go out dancing with my husband and friends. I started making a purse for myself and from there it blossomed into so much more."

Kloth-Zanard's denim creations include pocketbooks, yoga bags, duffel bags, small containers, planters, business card holders and napkin holders. The idea of transforming used goods into new creations has expanded into other materials, such as taking old ceiling fans and using the parts to make artworks. "We have also added a line of jean material books with pockets that contain finger puppets and other things for children to use to create their own stories," she says.

Among her credentials, Kloth-Zanard is the founder and executive director of PAS Intervention, a 501c3 nonprofit for survivors of abuse. She has integrated aspects of that career into her creations. "We have added another line of hard/soft book series for children illustrated by an amazing local artist who is a survivor of abuse," she says. "I have even added a survivor of abuse to personalize the bags even more with hand painted images and more."

For more information about this month's maker, or if you are interested in being featured in an upcoming issue of the Southbury Makers Spotlight, contact us at [edsouthburymakers@gmail.com](mailto:edsouthburymakers@gmail.com).

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