

Lynetta Welch

Devil's Hank	\$52.95
The Legacy Malini Egg Bag	\$87.95
Beer Bottle Gizmo	\$25
Ideal Ball/Egg Holder	\$26.95

PERUSING THE DEALER'S TABLES at conventions gave me the opportunity to meet Lynetta Welch of Fabric Manipulation. Former professional magician (she built the very first "Twister" illusion), she's been doing custom seamstress work for 10 years. During the past year she's released many upscale utility items for professional magicians and collectors. While looking over her line of finely crafted items it struck me how the magic community has been programmed to accept mediocrity in items like the Egg Bag or Devil's Hank. If you demanded something finely made you'd have to try to find a seamstress who would take the time to understand the importance of the gimmick.

Now your search is over. Ms. Welch has been the professional magicians' tailor, seamstress and fabric manipulator par excellence for years and has recently created a line of products for the discerning magician.

After meeting with Johnny Thompson, she manufactured The Legacy Malini Egg Bag which was improved by Charlie Miller. Made to Mr. Thompson's specifications, Ms. Welch has created it out of a thick silk in a choice of four colors. (See them on www.fabricmanipulation.com) Two features which make it appreciably better than the current dark blue one on the market: 1. The silk feels like butter in your hands. So when you turn it inside out, it never gets hung up, 2. The opening to the secret pocket is cut on a curve, allowing even a jumbo egg easy entry and exit to and from the pocket. If you perform the egg bag regularly and need a classy prop to match your upscale demeanor, order this one and you'll never look back.

Finally a sophisticated Devil's Hank that won't make your tuxedo—or your blue blazer—look tacky. Available in six different shades, the subtle pattern in the jacquard silk is very refined (and serves to camouflage the hidden object, too). The inner workings are an improvement upon the traditional, whose pocket is only a quarter of the silk. Ms. Welch's design allows the vanished object to slide from the center to an adjacent corner so you are able to pull the silk through your fist to ostensibly prove the object has disappeared. This is a well thought out gimmick that you will be proud to own and use.

The "Ideal Ball/Egg Holder" is strong enough to hold a real billiard ball and gentle enough to hold an egg. The "Beer Bottle Gizmo" is a two-inch-long device which will secure a beer bottle under your jacket, delivering it to your hand under cover of a scarf. Both items are made of wire which is covered in a special rubber. The result is a holder

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which has enough "bite" in it so your production items won't drop in the middle of your act. Best of all, you can alter the shape, and thus the grip, of the holders to meet your exact needs.

Ms. Welch has an assortment of products (she also installs Topits) on her website, which is worth a look, especially for those of you with a taste for quality.

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