



- CRAFT/PROFESSION

Bénédicte ZIE set up her craft studio “Les Toiles des Z’iles” in Farino in July 2015. Working in her studio, she uses sewing and stencil painting techniques to create original designs made from linens and cottons set off by Polynesian fabrics. She also likes weaving natural materials like raffia, incorporating seashells into her woven designs.



- BACKGROUND

She has adored sewing since she was a child, learning from her seamstress mother and her grandmother.



Bénédicte is an occupational therapist, a profession where arts and crafts are often used in therapeutic activities.

As part of her work, she taught herself basketry, designs using paperboard, weaving, painting and pottery... She also took lessons in model-making and sculpture.



- INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Bénédicte designs travel accessories - packing cubes, toiletry bags and beach bags; she also creates household essentials - aprons, shopping bags, baskets, bread bags etc.

Her colourful creations feature brilliant or natural hues and are embellished with designs evoking New Caledonia.

Each of her pieces is individual and she also makes personalised items to order: you can choose the style and colour, and the painted patterns and text you want.