

# Making Project Bags and Totes

**When:** Saturday February 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Private residence in Toney, AL.

The location will be provided to those who pre-register by February 15.

**What:** Machine sew a reversible drawstring “knitting project” bag. Learn tips and tricks for sewing with handwovens. Learn how to adapt other bag patterns for use with handwovens. See examples and get instructions for different types of bags. Share bags that you have made with others.



**Cost:** \$5 for supplies (carabineer, strapping, ribbon) and handouts.

**Deadline:** No reservation required, but email [HsvFiber@gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com) or call 256-384-5575 by February 15 to make sure we have enough supplies and handouts for you.

You are welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be handouts and supplies for you to finish your project bag. Contact the guild by noon February 17 to learn the meeting place.

## Bring:

**Sewing machine** in good working order (there won't be time to adjust your sewing machine so try it out in advance).

**Basic sewing supplies:** needles (machine and hand sewing), bobbins, thread to go with your material (note: light gray or dark gray is a better neutral than white), seam ripper, pins, and scissors. Be sure to label all your tools with your name.

**Material** to make the bag: 2 fat quarters or material that you can cut out 2 pieces 21.5" wide by 14.25" tall. Extra will be needed if you have a one way design. Quilting cotton or cotton you dyed in November will work great. One piece of material will be the “outside” and one the “inside”. Adventurous sewers could bring several prints and piece them to make correct size material. See one example at right.



**Examples of interesting bags** to share with others. Bring pattern source if available. (Especially ones you have made.)

Optional supplies you can bring if you have them to share:

- Self healing mat and rotary cutter
- Quilting rulers
- Iron
- Power strip or extension cord

If you don't have a machine that is portable, contact the guild to see if we have one available to use.