

# Weave and Sew a Tote Bag

Huntsville Fiber Guild  
October – December 2019

Start at the beginning to *Weave and Sew a Tote Bag*. Go through all the steps: plan the project, create the warp, space dye the yarn if desired, dress the loom, weave and create your own tote bag. This workshop is for novice and advanced crafters. Knowledge of weaving and sewing is not required. We'll teach you the basics.

Each person will weave 2-3 yards of cotton cloth which is enough to make 1-2 tote bags depending on your size preference. Make one large bag or 2 smaller ones. These tote bags make great reusable grocery haulers or craft storage bags. Give them as handmade gifts. You have the option of weaving on your own loom (floor, table or rigid heddle) or borrowing a loom for a small fee.

We will plan the tote bags, order yarn and wind the warps in October. We'll space dye (if you desire) the warp and weft skeins, and warp the looms in November. We'll weave the cloth and sew the totes early in December. There is a limit of 12 participants due to the available space at the member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney. When you pre-register, you will receive driving directions to the *Weaving Studio*.

There are 5 yarn/loom fee options, depending on how much work you are willing to do and if you have your own yarn and loom. The yarn fee includes the option to dye your yarn in the *Kathrin Weber Method of Space Dyeing Workshop* in November. For an additional fee, you may dye more warps and weft skeins that you provide. Sewing machines will be available for your use at the weaving studio; you can bring your own sewing machine or sew your tote at home.

Option A. Free if you provide your own yarn and use your own loom. Some of the guild spinners are spinning their own yarn for the project! It's a great way to use some of that yarn you've been making.

Option B. \$15 to use guild purchased yarn on your own loom. You will create your warp, space dye the

yarn if desired, warp your own loom, weave and sew your tote. You must reserve your yarn and pay by October 8.



Option C. \$25 to use guild purchased yarn on a borrowed loom. You will create your warp, space dye the yarn if desired, warp the borrowed loom, weave and sew your tote. You must reserve your yarn and pay by October 8.

Option D. \$35 to use guild purchased yarn and a guild created warp on a borrowed loom. You will warp the borrowed loom in November, weave and sew your tote in December. You must reserve your yarn and pay by November 1.

Option E. \$65 to use guild purchased yarn on a borrowed loom. The guild will prepare the borrowed loom for you (create warp and warp borrowed loom). All you do is weave and sew your tote in December. You must reserve your yarn and pay by November 1.

## Schedule and Deadlines

(These dates and times are subject to change.)

### Deadline

Tuesday October 8 is the deadline to sign up for the \$15 (*Option B*) and \$25 (*Option C*). A \$15 fee is due to reserve your spot in the workshop.

### Planning Session

Tuesday October 8, 6:30 p.m., Cooper House.

Pick your pattern and color choices. Learn how to plan yarn requirements for a project. All the details will be explained. If you want a space dyed warp (and the natural yarn has arrived), wind off yarn to create a warp at home.

### Make Up October Evening Sessions

Saturday October 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Bailey Cove Library.

### Create Warps

Tuesday October 22, 6:30 p.m., Cooper House.

Divide yarn for the warps. Wind some warps, especially those which will be dyed. Learn how to create a warp.

### Kathrin Weber Method of Space Dyeing Workshop

Saturday November 16, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney. Dye the warp you have prepared earlier. Learn the *Kathrin Weber Method of Space Dyeing*. This workshop is optional for weaving the tote. If you have another cellulose warp (not purchased from the guild) that you want to dye, there will be a small charge for the additional dyes that day.

### Last Chance Deadline

November 1 is the last chance deadline if the guild is creating your warp for \$35 (*Option D*) and \$65 (*Option E*). There will be limited selections of patterns and colors. Space may not be available in the workshop. All remaining fees are due on November 1.

### Warp Looms

November dates TBD, member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney.

Start warping looms. Learn how to warp a loom. There will be multiple dates and times.

### Weave the Tote Bag Cloth and Sew it

December dates TBD, member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney.

Start weaving your tote. Learn how to weave on a loom. Sew your tote. Learn simple sewing on a sewing machine.

Sign up by email to the guild, **HsvFiber@gmail.com** or in person at the bi-weekly guild Fiber workgroup meetings at Cooper House.

You may contact the guild by phone at 256-384-5515. Leave a message. If you do not leave a message, we will assume you are a telemarketer, and will not return the call.