



MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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Monday, March 20, 2023

Mary Burns “Women and Water, A Global Exhibit”

**MEETING 7:00 p.m.
at Oakwood Village
Nakoma Room**

Directions to Oakwood Village meeting space:

Oakwood Village is located on Mineral Point Rd. in Madison. Turn south on Island and take the drive to the left. Go past the Resale Shop and park in the visitor parking. The Nakoma Room (next to the Westmoreland Room) can be found by entering the Heritage Oaks Building and After parking, walk to the Main Entrance (see red line on map below). After entering, go immediately to the right past the front desk to the Nakoma room. Tell Jane at the desk you are here for the Weavers Guild meeting. She will take your temperature, but you will not have to sign in at the kiosk. There is limited parking in front of the Heritage Oaks building.

Masks may be required to be worn when indoors. Covid release forms will be required.

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PROGRAMS FOR THE 22-23 SEASON

March: Mary Burns “Women and Water, A Global Exhibit”

April: Lily Hope “Ravenstail/Chilkat Weaving”

May: Book Review, Friendship Bag

Friendship Bags

I met 6 members who wanted more information about the Friendship Bag Exchange at the May meeting. The Friendship Bag is basically composed of 1 handwoven towel cut into four 9x17" sections. You share one of your rectangles with 3 friends who share a rectangle with you. If you want more than 1 friendship bag, bring a second towel. See information at the end of the newsletter of sample bags.

Materials required:

1 handwoven cotton towel, ideally woven with 8/2 yarn, colors and pattern your choice
prewashed/dried, finished size measuring 18x34
If you want a handwoven band weave a second towel or add 6 inches width to your towel warp.
If you want to trade bands as well as panels, weave a 56" piece of toweling that can be cut down into 3" strips.
Some irons and sewing machines will be available at the meeting..
White iron-on backing available at \$5 per towel/bag.
See instructions at the end for complete supply list and instructions for making the bag.

At the May meeting you will bring your towel to the meeting to get the iron-on cotton backing attached and your towels parted into 4 panels. Panels will be traded at the meeting and then we sew them before you go home so it gets done.

Holler with questions.
Pat Bullen

If you wish to add a lining, options will be discussed. Lining will be done at your leisure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Artful Felt at the Library, an Exhibit by the Madison Area Felters' Guild at the Sequoya Library, Madison, WI, April 5 to May 30, 2023.

View 50 original handmade items made by 22 artists demonstrating a wide variety of feltmaking techniques and uses of wool. All are made from a variety of sheep's wool using felting methods that go back thousands of years to turn wool fleece into felt.

Attend demonstrations of various feltmaking methods by the exhibiting artists, participate in beginning felting classes and visit the Sequoya Squares interactive display to make your own art. Come away with an appreciation for how felted wool can be used to make art. Many of the pieces on display are for sale. Sequoya Library is at the corner of Midvale and Tokay Blvds. Find more information at the Sequoya events calendar: <https://events.madisonpubliclibrary.org/series/10743>

POT HOLDERS

Perfect Potholder Perfection

Come to the meeting this month at 6:30 to get the first glimpse and enjoy the magnitude of our accomplishment. All the potholders for the goodie bag exchange will be displayed for a picture. All the squares once assembled should be about 8 feet square! I would like as many potholder project weavers there as possible for a group picture.

Thanks again for making this project happen. I got lots of new pattern inspiration -- hope you did, too.
Weavers: Emily Nie, Kipp Inglis, Susan Fortney, Annie Berssenbrugge, MJ Shiavoni, Kate Lieber, Linda Farrelly,

Nancy Hagan, Randa Ferrera, Patti Tesdal, Rhonda Brodbeck, Angie Roberts, Laurie Zimmerman, Jane Kayser, Cindy Dross, Inga Foley, Julia Edwards, Carolyn Betz, Nancy Garden, Rebecca Reed, Dianne English and Pat Bullen

MWG WEBSITE www.madisonweaversguild.com

For website submissions, please get in touch with Rhonda Brodbeck.

The following links are for the new website and Facebook page for our fine art and craft sale's artists that usually show at our Olbrich Garden sales. Please visit the pages. There are a lot of great gift ideas for your holiday shopping.

www.fineartandcraftsale.com

<https://www.facebook.com/fineartandcraftsale>

Midwest Weavers Association

Save the date!

The 2023 Midwest Weavers conference, Confluence of Threads will be hosted by the Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild, **June 12-17, 2023**. A preliminary Class Schedule is listed at <https://midwestweavers.org>.

Registration opens January 2023. Several guild members have attended these meetings and are available to answer questions. We are making small potholders for the Goody Bags. Check out Piglet's Perfect Potholders website for designs.

MWG FACEBOOK PAGE

Please like us on Facebook and ask to join our Facebook page. Answer the questions if I don't know who you are! When you become a member, please post something! Already a member? Post something!

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Many fiber retail shops have an on-line presence. To keep them in business, please check their websites and do some mail-orders, if you can.

The Woolery and Halcyon Yarn Guild Member Reward Programs

Shopping can benefit the Guild

Perhaps you have a new resolution for this year that you will not stock up on yarn, but if you find you need to restock some of your favorites, please consider using our website (www.madisonweaversguild.com) if you will order from the **Woolery or Halcyon Yarn**. Both of these sources return a percentage of your order to our guild. The links are on our resources page. If your item's cost compares favorably on either of these sites please follow the instructions with the logos on the resources page.

Woolery discounts and shipping: If you order \$100.01 or more select "Flat Rate" shipping option and your shipping is free (see their website for exceptions). Yarn discounts are \$150 or more and get 10% off or \$300 and get 15% off. If you order enough yarn to get the 10% discount with the free shipping, this is a decent discount.

Halcyon sells many kinds of fiber; they have their own signature yarns, high quality heavy rug wools and UKI fiber in many colors. Discounts are available when you buy in quantity. This is place to shop if you are looking for a rich color palette and for yarns that are not available in other shops.

AREA WEAVING STORES

Hook and Shuttle, 206 W Main St Palmyra WI 262-594-0281

Fiberwood Studio. 2709 N 92nd, Milwaukee. 414-302-1849

Sievers. Birch Court, Washington Island. 920-847-2264

Bahr Creek Llamas and Fiber Shop. N 1021 Sauk Trail Rd, Cedar Grove. 920-668-6417

Susan's Fiber Shop. N250 Hwy A, Columbus. 888-603-4237

Mielke's Fiber Arts, N4826 21st Ave Mauston WI 53948 608-350-0600

Lost Art Fiber and Textile Studio 519 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha

WWW.Woolgatherers.com, Fond du Lac, WI

The Fine Line in St. Charles, IL

CLASSIFIEDS We will always welcome submissions of articles, reviews of books, shows

or exhibits, letters to the editor, classifieds, samples, artwork, etc. to include in future newsletters. If you would like to contribute, please send to Emily Nie, 2500 Bootmaker Dr., Beloit, WI 53511; 608-362-8062; ricordanza@charter.net. Note the deadline for submissions and ads is **the TENTH of the month**.

60" 16 Shaft AVL Production Dobby Loom

See pictures in the Google document.

I purchased this loom used in 2016 and am the second owner. This loom has been my workhorse loom for production weaving since I bought it. It is in good working condition and I have not had any significant issues with this loom. The reason I am selling is that I purchased a new loom and this just isn't getting the use it needs.

This loom currently has a CompuDobby 1 (I added it 2019) in good working order as well as several spare refurbished solenoids (the solenoids are no longer being made for the CD1). It has all of the parts for the mechanical dobbie in case the CD1 should fail.

Included with this loom are:

- Original Manual and documents
- CompuDobby 1
- Parts for a Mechanical Dobby
- Handmade shelf for a laptop or keyboard
- Mount for a Computer Monitor
- Plain Beam (Modified from another 60" -AVL Loom to make it fit)
- Sand Paper and Soft Beam for Front Beam
- 1-yard Sectional Beam
- 2000+ Green Tie Texsolvs Heddles
- Nylon Coated Aircraft wire and supplies to create spare shaft cables
- Full Set of Spare Shafts and Heddles (purchased as some of the heddle bars are warping)
- Single-Box Fly Shuttle Attachment
- 15" Fly Shuttle with honex tensioner
- Raddle (purchased in 2020)
- Track & Mount system
- AVL Tension Box (Purchased new in 2020)
- Selvedge Rollers
- Old-Style Auto Advance with all gears (epi 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32)
- Spare set of Gears for Auto Advance
- 60" Stainless Steel Reeds (6, 8, 10, 12, 15)
- Handmade Trapeze for plain beam warping

I have it listed on Facebook Marketplace for \$5850 but am offering it to anyone in the Weaver's Guild for \$4750.

4-shaft / 4-treadle KESSENICH cherry floor loom for sale by the Madison Weavers Guild. Weaving width is 27" maximum with a warp beam having the option of sectional or regular warping. \$400 for the loom plus many extras: raddle, lease sticks, tension/threader for sectional warping, 2 reeds, removable side shelves, shaft lifter brackets, 6 stick shuttles, 2 rag shuttles, and 425 heddles. It's a sturdy loom that's fun to weave on with good looks to boot! Contact Nancy Garden at nancyg22368@hotmail.com

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MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

INVITATION TO JOIN 2022-23

The Madison Weavers Guild welcomes, as a member, any person interested in weaving and fiber arts.

Meetings and the monthly programs are the **third Monday of the month**, September through May. Members are sent a monthly newsletter, for our meeting months, that includes program announcements, reports on general guild activities, notices for interest groups, sales opportunities information, occasional swatches, listing of local yarn and weaving supply stores, and classifieds. Other advantages to members are the membership directory, eligibility for participation in sales, membership rate for workshops, social events, and perhaps most important -- the enthusiasm, support and sharing of fellow members.

Regular memberships are \$20.00 per year, \$15.00 for new members (first year), and \$5.00 for students. The membership year begins in September.

Please fill out this form and bring it and your check (**payable to Madison Weavers Guild**) to a meeting or mail them

MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2022-23

NAME:	PHONE:	Membership Category
		<input type="checkbox"/> New \$ 15.00
	CELL:	<input type="checkbox"/> Renew \$ 20.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Student (w/ ID) \$ 5.00
ADDRESS: (include Zip)		
E-MAIL:		
WEBSITE:		

What interests you about being a member of the Guild?	
Ideas for future programs. What topics would you like to learn more about?	
Other guild activities you'd be willing to take part in: <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party (help plan and organize) <input type="checkbox"/> Members' show (help plan, organize, execute) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (write, find articles) <input type="checkbox"/> Develop/update website <input type="checkbox"/> Weave a swatch for the newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the board <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate for local schools <input type="checkbox"/> Give a mini workshop, program at a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (what?)	Areas of interest: <input type="checkbox"/> functional items <input type="checkbox"/> felting <input type="checkbox"/> pattern drafting <input type="checkbox"/> double weave <input type="checkbox"/> basketry <input type="checkbox"/> field trips <input type="checkbox"/> bobbin lace <input type="checkbox"/> Other (what?) <input type="checkbox"/> ikat <input type="checkbox"/> tapestry <input type="checkbox"/> rugs <input type="checkbox"/> sales <input type="checkbox"/> spinning <input type="checkbox"/> dyeing
Your looms:	
For new members, how did you find out about the Guild?	

FRIENDSHIP BAG WOVEN FABRIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- Warp and weft: 8/2 cotton, sett for plain weave – 20-24 epi, twill – 24-30 epi for firm fabric.
- Width in the reed should be 20 inches and length for one bag is 3 ½ yards, 2 bags – 6 yards. These figures include straps and pocket materials, take up, shrinkage and loom waste.
- Weave a pattern of your choice.
- Wash, dry, and press your fabric but DO NOT CUT.
- Apply a black or white medium weight, fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric.
- Bring your fabric to the “construction party” for CUTTING, SHARING and ASSEMBLING.
- Construction Party date & time TBA.

FRIENDSHIP BAG CONSTRUCTION

Our fabric should have a medium weight fusible interfacing attached to the wrong side. Figure out which way you want the pattern to be BEFORE you serge or cut. Serge or zig zag and cut 4 pieces 17” x 9”. If using the same woven fabric for the straps, determine the length you want before cutting. Cut 2 straps the same length leaving the extra bit for a pocket. See cutting guide.

Choose 4 different 17 x 9 pieces for one bag. If exchanging straps, you will need two for each bag.

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION:

1. Sew all bag pieces together, along the 17” long sides, right sides together, one at a time making a long strip. If adding pockets, sew the top hem and pin or tack into place NOW. The strap will go cover the bag seams and the side edges of the pockets.
2. Sew the two open 17” seams to form a tube.
3. Fold down the top inch for a hem. If you aren't lining the bag you might want to fold the top twice before sewing down or use a binding to cover the raw edge before sewing down.

4. Make straps with woven fabric: Fold long pieces lengthwise toward center, (wrong sides together).
DO NOT OVERLAP. Butt edges together, press, then put strip of Stitch Witchery inside and press to hold. You may want to use a piece of your lining fabric to line the underside of the strap that will not be covered by the bag.
5. Attach straps: Easier to do than to explain. Look at the diagram; lay bag tube flat, right side out with one side up showing 2 seam lines. Start at the bottom edge and pin one strap into place covering seam on that side. Pin other end of same strap to other seam on that side. Pin other end of same strap to other seam on the same side of bag. Sew along edge of strap from bottom of the bag, across top of strap, all the way to the other bottom edge. Then sew along the other edge of same strap, from one bottom edge to the other. Repeat for the other strap on the other side of the bag.
You may want to reinforce straps at the top of the bag.
6. Turn bag wrong side out and stitch across the lower edge to close the bottom.

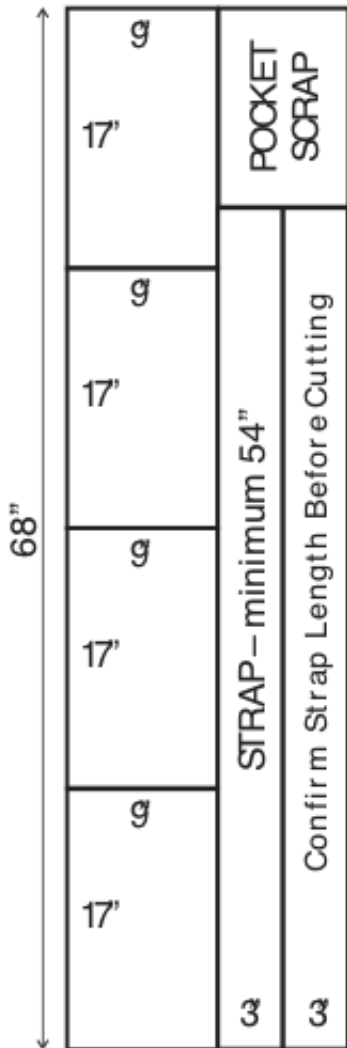
TO BOX CORNERS: With the bag wrong side out, fold and crease the bottom to either side of the bottom seam. Arrange each lower corner to form a point as shown in the diagram. Stitch across point $\frac{1}{2}$ -1" from point tip, keeping the stitch line perpendicular to the bottom seam line. Repeat for the other corner.

Turn right side out. YOU HAVE A BAG!!

FOR THE LINING: Repeat the construction (without the straps) using commercial or recycled material including any pockets. Place the lining inside the bag with wrong sides together. Stitch around the top to hold the lining in place. Viola!! **YOU HAVE A FINISHED BAG!**

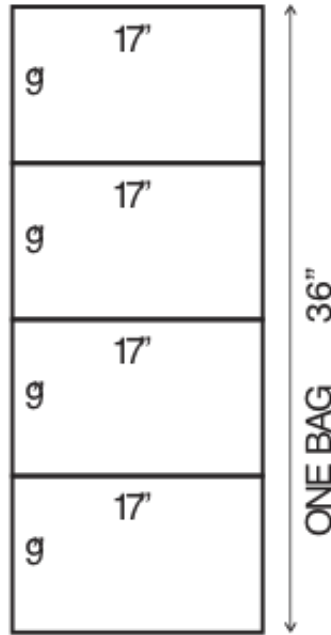
Cutting Guide for Friendship Bags

All dimensions based on washed/dried fabric

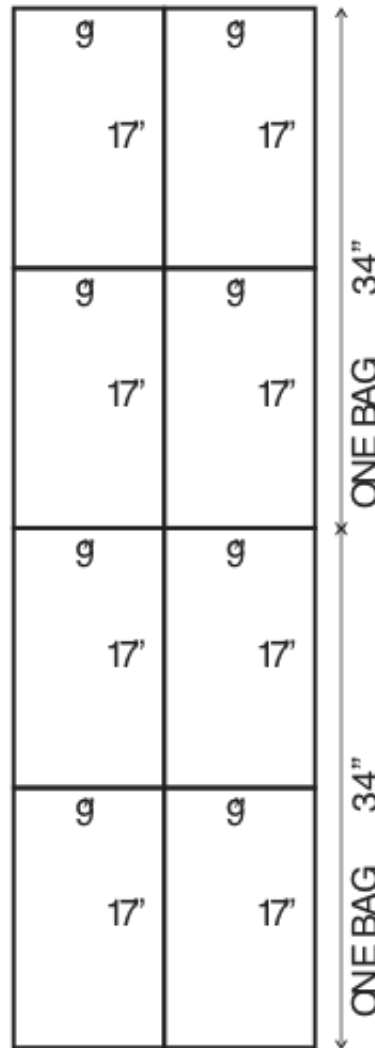


Fabric 16" or wider
with straps from same
woven fabric

Line the bag using
the same pattern
with no interfacing
Stitch in place around
the top of the bag.



Fabric 17" or wider
with straps from other
fabric or webbing



Fabric 18" or wider
with straps from other
fabric or webbing

