

Willamette Valley ASG Community Sew Project 2021

This year's community sew project is to sew simple bags that allow unhoused recipients to carry a few belongings. We plan to sew for the Safe Sleep Shelter, a homeless shelter for women <https://www.unitedwaymwv.org/safesleep-united.html>; as well as for other homeless shelters in our area.

The Central Oregon Neighborhood groups will be making items for Early Childhood Education again this year. In addition, we will be making drawstring bags for the Bend/LaPine and Redmond School Districts through the Family Access Network. These bags are given to homeless students on Fridays and are filled with items similar to those provided by the Safe Sleep Shelter in Salem. We think the two bag projects align for a great Chapter project. Central Oregon members can contact Jerry Lindstrom for more information.

Here is a simple pattern with instructions, or feel free to use any pattern you prefer:

<https://morsbags.com/get-involved/pattern-download-links/>

- You can modify the size of the bag if you wish.
- A wide variety of fabrics, including repurposed fabrics like old sheets, can be used. Good choices could include cottons, canvas, and corduroy. It's best to avoid knits, polyester, or other fabrics that are too lightweight.
- If you wish, you can also fill your bags (or some of them) with some goodies, which are sure to be appreciated by recipients. This is not required, just an option. Some suggested items:
 - Kleenex
 - Lotion
 - Snacks, chocolates
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Socks, gloves, hats, scarves
 - Sanitary napkins
 - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - Band-aids

We hope, pandemic permitting, to have a community sew day later this year. Watch for announcements. In the meantime, no need to wait; you can start sewing any time.

For questions, to donate fabric, if you need fabric, or to let us know that you have some bags made that are ready to be picked up, contact:

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