

Kate's Carpet Bag

Based on the Companion Carpet Bag by Mrs H

Saturday, February 15, noon - 3pm

Sunday, February 16, 9am - 3pm

Class Fee: \$45

Kit Fee: \$50 Payable to the instructor in class

In this class Kate will guide you through making the ultimate carpet bag! A fairly simple make, this project is appropriate for confident beginners and beyond. Choose from two sizes (the size of Kate's finished bag is Large). All you need to do is show up to class with your machine, fabric, and pattern ready to go. Kate's kit takes care of the rest of your bag supplies. This class teaches many basic bag making techniques including how to securely adhere interfacing to fabric, using a steam press and rivet press, adding a tube frame along with other great tips along the way.



Supplies for students to bring:

Choose from two sizes for your finished bag.

- Small – W 12" x H 8" x D 6"
- Large – W 16" x H 10" x D 6"

Students will provide their own fabric.

Suggested fabrics: Canvas (6.4 oz per square yard); Upholstery (light or medium weight);

Quilting Cotton (this will be the easiest to sew, but result in a light weight bag)

I would choose quilt cotton for EITHER the main/gusset panels OR the lining, especially for the large size.

For most domestic sewing machines, my suggestion for the best fabric combination is a light upholstery weight or canvas for the outer main and gusset and quilt cotton for lining.

Large:

¾ yd Main Fabric for front and back panel and front slip pocket



1 ½ yd Contrast Fabric for Gusset

1 ½ yd for Lining

Small:

½ yd Main Fabric for front and back panel and front slip pocket

¾ yd Contrast Fabric for Gusset

1 yd for Lining

In fairness to the pattern designer and so she is compensated appropriately, students MUST purchase the pattern prior to the class. Copies of the pattern will not be available in class for you to use and patterns should not be shared. **Everyone must have their own pattern.** Find the pattern here:

<https://www.mrs-h.com/the-companion-carpet-bag-pattern.html>

Please have the following pattern pieces cut out and ready to use:

- Main Panels
- Gusset
- Frame Channels
- Outside Pocket

Remaining supplies to bring:

- Thread (regular high quality sewing thread. Heavy duty thread is not needed)
- Clover clips
- Fabric shears
- Cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter if preferred (optional) Instructor will have one set up to share in class.
- Pattern weights or something similar to hold down fabric while cutting out the pattern. Pinning is not always optimal when cutting heavier fabric, but you may use pins if preferred. I use 8-Pack Premium Glass Fermentation Weights for Large Wide Mouth Mason Jars 2 ¾ Inch from Amazon and they work great.
- Tape measure
- Thread snips
- Sewing needles
- Thimble if you use one

Sewing machine in good working order that you are familiar with using and sews over mid-weight fabrics in several layers. Please note that this class is not a sewing machine trouble-shooting session. This will disrupt the timing and flow of class. Get your machine out and make sure it sews well over several layers of material. Don't forget bobbins!

If your sewing machine has a walking foot this is extremely helpful when sewing bags. Walking feet can be found on Amazon that will fit most machines. Please make sure you match a high or low shank foot

to the needs of your machine. You will need a small screwdriver to change from a regular foot to walking foot.

Zipper foot for sewing the casing for the tubular frame as well as the final seam to attach the bag and lining. I will also show how to do a drop-in lining. This method will require hand-stitching.

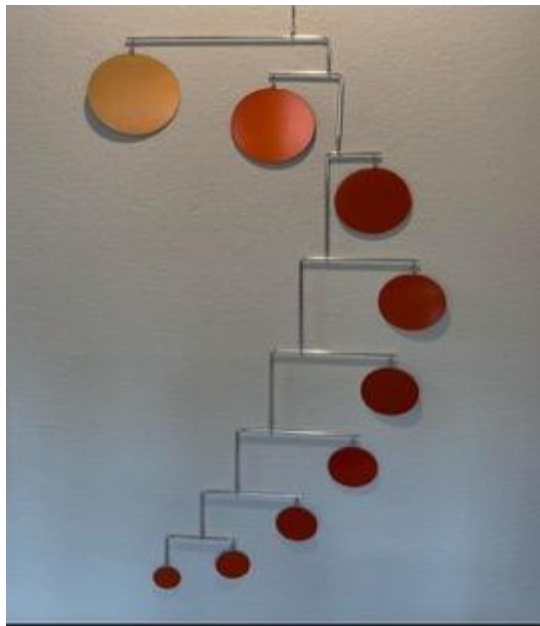
Instructor will provide all remaining materials in a required class kit.

Kits are available for small and large purse sizes and include the following:

- Foam stabilizer
- Profuse Fusible woven interfacing
- Interior bag base
- Tubular purse frame
- 24” Leather bag handles and rivets
- Magnetic snap
- Purse feet
- Use of rivet press in class
- Use of steam press in class

Due to the recent change of instructors for February, there are still a few spots left for Kate’s class.

February 15 Meeting Guest Speaker DON MUNSHOWER After the mid-meeting break, February 15, 2025



We are delighted to welcome Don Munshower as our guest speaker at our February meeting. Don is a gifted mobile artist of some reknown in the style of Alexander Calder. He was a featured artist on KXCR Community Radio where he discussed his art and his process. Don exhibits his work which you can see on his Facebook page as “Don’s Artistic Mobiles.”

He would prefer to be compensated for his time at our meeting with peanut butter cookies. Any assistance in rewarding him for his generosity in accord with his preferences would be welcomed.