How to Start a Chapter

If there is not a local SAGA chapter in your area, the SAGA board would like to encourage you to consider establishing a new chapter. An informational packet on how to start a new SAGA chapter is available by contacting the Chapter Coordinator at chapter@smocking.com. This packet will be sent to you via your email address. It only takes 3 people interested in smocking, needlework, and/or heirloom sewing to start a chapter. All members of a local chapter must belong to the national Smocking Arts Guild of America (according to SAGA bylaws).

There are many SAGA Members-At-Large (members who are not affiliated with a local chapter) throughout the world. There may be some members in your local area just waiting to get together and share their passion for needlework. The Chapter Coordinator will connect you to the Region Representative for your area and she will assist you to locate anyone in your area.

All information about finding a place to meet (local fabric shop, library, church), choosing a name, electing officers, etc. will be in the informational packet. There’s a minimum of paperwork and the Chapter Coordinator is there to assist and answer your question.

SAGA has a national Board of Directors and several committees of dedicated people helping to guide and direct the members and chapters. They are available to answer your questions and help your chapter grow. Local chapters are associated with a nationally recognized name in the field of smocking and needlework preservation and education. Your new chapter will be listed on the SAGA website as well.

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