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Makerspaces foster creative collaborations

Three area makerspaces make learning how to use a new tool, developing a new skill, or getting involved with a new project easy and convenient. Whether you're a beginner seamstress or a veteran engineer, makerspaces offer safe and collaborative creative environments.

"We've seen the maker movement have a true economic impact in communities around the country," says Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales, who helped bring Make Santa Fe to the City Different. "We know a makerspace is one of the key ingredients in fostering a positive entrepreneurial environment, manifesting creative business opportunities, and keeping pace with developing technologies." [Make Santa Fe](#) is located at 1352 Rufina Circle and, according to its website, is "like a gym but with powerful tools instead of exercise equipment and skilled craftspeople instead of personal trainers."

Here in Los Alamos, [Los Alamos Makers](#) opened on Orange Street in June 2016. "Students, hobbyists, retirees, and budding entrepreneurs come together to learn new skills, volunteer their skills, start a project, and collaborate," says founder Prisca Tiasse. "From sewing to art, computer programming, 3D printing or even biology, a diverse set of skills is represented."

Farther east, Las Vegas's Parachute Factory shares the same vision and boasts tools such as a laser cutter and 3D printers. Sounds like the perfect place to spend the waning days of summer vacation.

"Make Santa Fe provides a community resource of shared tools, a dynamic meeting point for people interested in everything from robotics to quilting and is proving to be an epicenter for unexpected and inspiring inventiveness," says founding member Zane Fischer.

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