– Sometimes you don’t know the specific type of bean you will need. You need to run some logic to determine this. So, instead of calling constructor, you call a method that So, instead of calling constructor, you call a method that returns an object.

<bean id="some-name" class="package.HelperClass"

<factory-method="makeSomeBean makeSomeBean">

</bean>

This means that when getBean is called, the static method HelperClass.makeSomeBean() is invoked (with no arguments), and the output of that method is the bean.