# **Handwoven Wearable Art**

### 2 Harness Tabby Weave - Color - Texture

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PLANNING A PROJECT

## SCARF

12 dent reed - 80 warp ends - 1200 ypp - 82" woven fabric - 16" fringe - 15" waste DO I HAVE ENOUGH YARN?

82" + 16" + 15" = 113" x 80 we = 9040" /36" = 251 yards

@1200 ypp = a 5th pound - you need about 1/4 pound

Plus: just under 1/4 pound for weft Total: about half a pound

Fringe is 8" at each end - untwisted

Finished unwashed: 6.7" width x 82" long + 4" twisted fringe to knot + 1"

## SHAWL

12 dent reed - 252 warp ends - 1200 ypp - 88" woven fabric - 20" fringe - 15" waste DO I HAVE ENOUGH YARN?

88" + 20" Fringe + 15" = 123" x 252 we = 30,996" /36" = 861 yards

@1200 ypp = about .72 pound - you need about 3/4 pound

Plus: just under 3/4 pound for weft Total: about one and a half pounds.

Fringe is 10" at each end untwisted

Finished unwashed: 21" wide x 88" long + 5" fringe to knot + 1" fringe

## PONCHO

12 dent reed - 252 warp ends - 1200 ypp - 66" woven fabric - 4" fringe - 15" waste

DO I HAVE ENOUGH YARN?

66" + 4" Fringe + 15" = 85" x 252 we = 21,420" /36" = 595yards

@1200 ypp = about + 1/2 pound

Plus: just under 1/2 pound for weft Total: about 1 pound

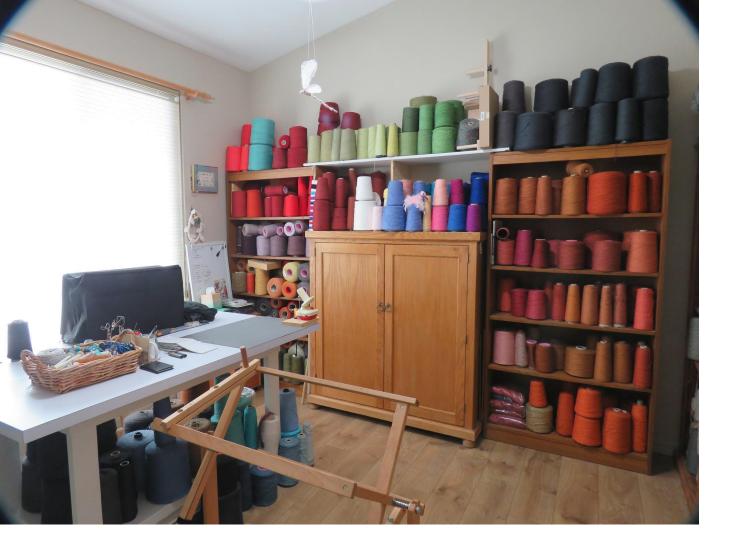
Fringe is cut to 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" finished after washing

### **CHOOSING COLORS**

Magazines, Photos, Nature, TV

Having a variety of colors can open all kinds of possibilities





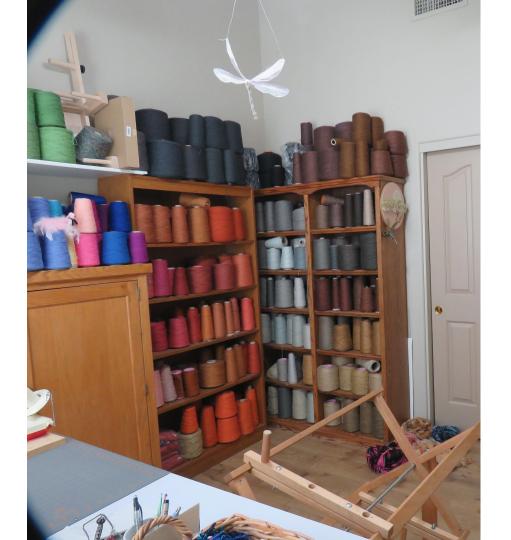
Red, bright assorted

Fun things in your studio



#### BLUES

#### Dark, light, green blues, yellow blues, red blues, pastels

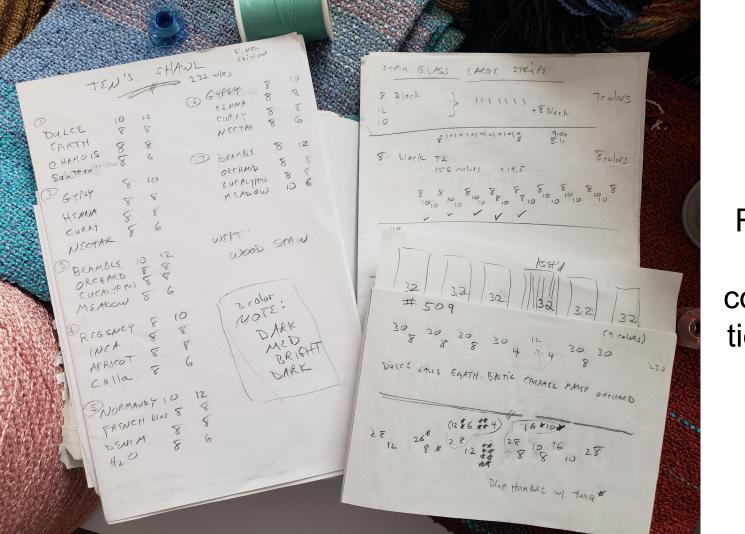


Brown, Rust, Coral, Silver, Gray, Black



Create an Inspiration Book

Magazine clippings, drawings, quotes, and sketches.



RECORD YOUR WORK Record your color

combinations, tie-ups, types of yarns.



One warp and two different colors of weft creates 2 completely different scarves.



#### WARPS:

BLACK ROSE TURQUOISE PINK CORAL

#### WEFT:

#### BLACK RED PURPLE ROSE

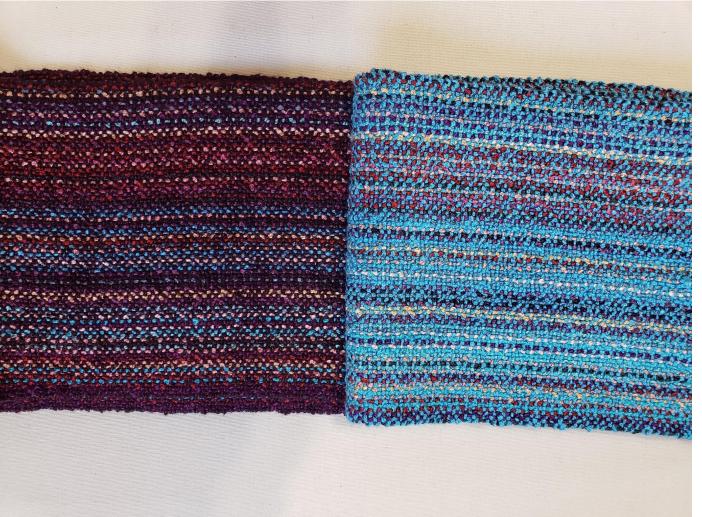


#### WARP:

#### BLACK GRAY SILVER

#### WEFT:

BLACK GRAY

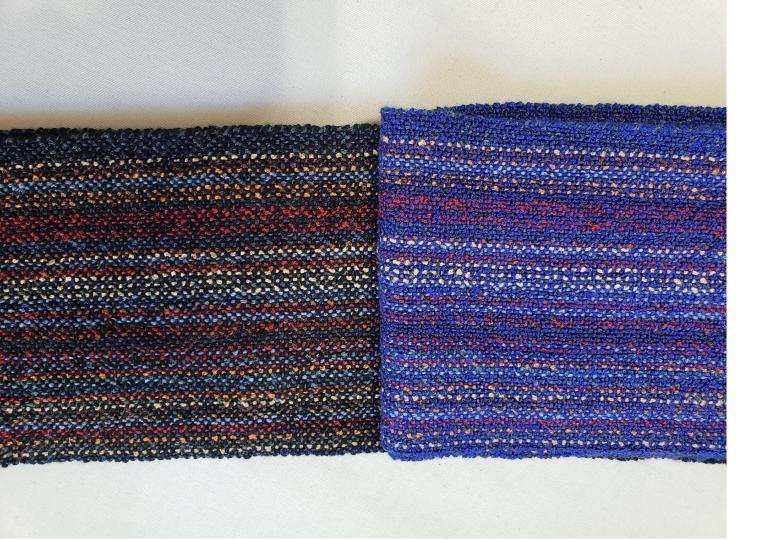


#### Multi colored warp

#### Weft:

#### Left: Black

Right: Turquoise



Multi colored warp Weft: Left: Black

Right: Blue



### Multi colored shawl Weft is a rust color Warp - bands of similar colors

Dark to light Use ugly drab or uninteresting colors Mixed with brighter colors Rust tones down cool colors Intensified the warm colors

Gives an overall warmth to garment

The weft pulls all the colors together and gives it a tweed effect.



I am a Production Weaver

But make them one-of-a-kind

2 Scarves = 6 yards warp 480 yards 1 Scarf = 3.25 yards 260 yards

Save 40 yards of yarn



#### ON THE LOOM Supplemental Warp



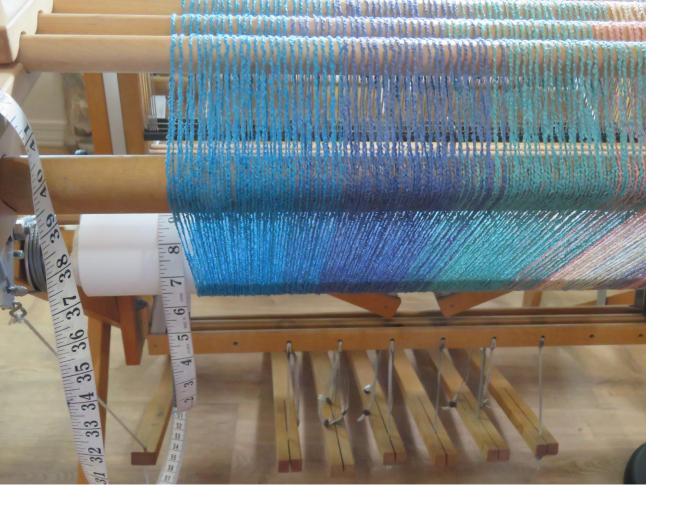






Harrisville Tensioning Device

I can dress the loom by myself



Measuring Radius of the Warp on Warp Beam

Try to keep each side within 1⁄4" so warp goes on even.

## joyofweaving.com

Lease sticks, Hair elastics and wood dowels - inexpensive way to make a tensioner.

#### POSTER BOARD SPACERS

#### Office DEPOT.

## white poster board

carton pour affiche, blanc cartón para afiches, blanco fade resistant, water resistant

ultra-smooth surface

use with adhesive, paint, ink & marker materials



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Use for spacers between yarns on Warp Beam.

Cut to size to measure my fringe and to start my woven fabric.



**22 in x 28 in** (55.9 cm x 71.1 cm)



#### PAPER TUBE

I use a tube to roll and store my poster board spacers.

Keeps them rolled and I find the warp goes on more even.



#### **CLIPPING ROD**

Bottom rod under the fringe

The Clipping Rod takes the place of knots on the lease stick. Uses less yarn. No lumps under woven fabric.



#### **CLIPPING ROD**

Push the insert part of clipping rod into bottom rod. Traps the warp between the two parts.

Trim off the loops of the fringe.

Very little waste on fringe.



#### SAORI CLIPPING ROD

Double sided velcro wrapped around clipping rod then around lease stick and clipping rod.



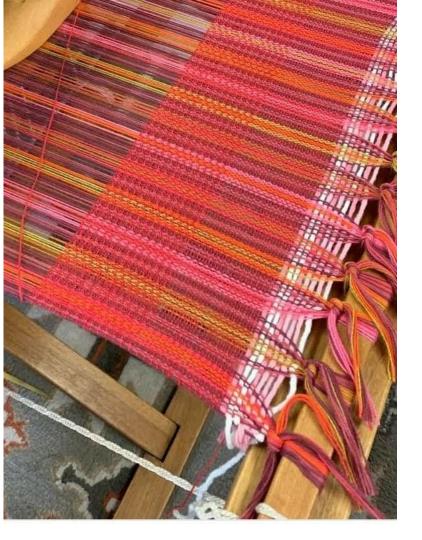
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#### SAORI CLIPPING ROD

Saves time tying knots and uneven bulk when you start weaving. No waste.



If you pull in the warp on each side (about 3 or 4 dents) instead of having it even with the warp yarn coming through the reed. You only need a little tug to prevent the wings at the beginning of your project

Photo found on internet





#### MY YARD STICK

I use a length of embroidery floss to keep track of the length of my woven project. This is about 88" for my shawl. I also mark the floss in quarters.... This lets me know how far along the shawl is and how much weft I need to finish the shawl.



#### POSTER BOARD SPACERS

I cut poster board in 2" and 1" for my shawls and ponchos.

Poncho I need 2". Shawl I need 11" for fringe.

This also separates the two projects.



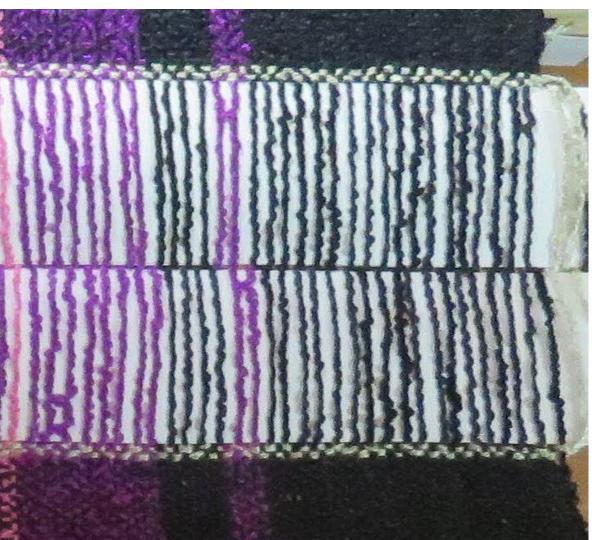
#### CUTTING OFF PROJECTS

2 PONCHOS and 1 SHAWL have been woven. Cutting the woven projects and leaving my supplemental warp to be ready to tie on the next warp.



### CUTTING OFF PROJECTS

2 PONCHOS separated by spacers. I will cut between them, fold them then later sew the hem.



## Poncho Fringe

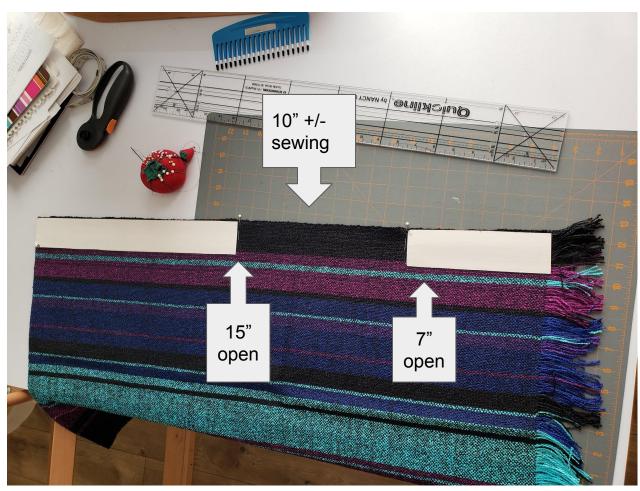
I weave 2 rows of yarn at the start and finish of the poncho to help hold the ponchos together. When I handle the woven fabric, it doesn't unravel.



I zigzag stitch the last row.

The two yarns I wove in to hold the fabric together are pulled out every few inches. The yarns don't slide under the woven fabric and I get a beautiful, almost invisible seam that holds the fabric together.

#### Poncho - 66" woven length - fold in half to mark for sewing



7" open selvage at fringe 15" open for neck at fold

10" sewing selvage

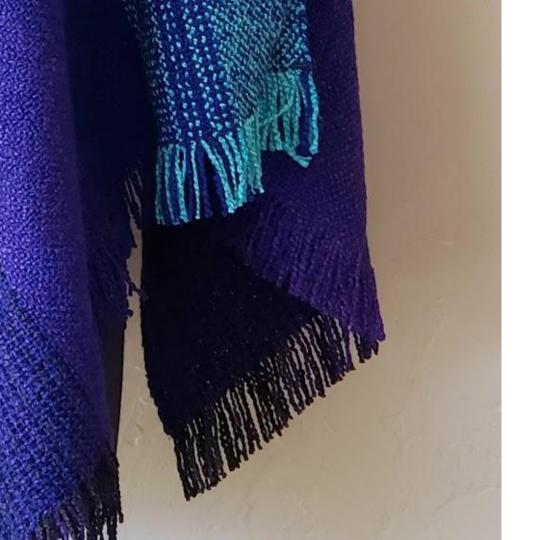
I mark with pins where I will start and stop sewing. Open the two pieces of fabric. Overlay one selvage over the other +/- 2 warps then pin along the overlapped selvage and sew. Make sure to secure thread ends.



Quilting tools for Weaving

Rotary Cutter, Ruler, Self Healing Cutting Mat.

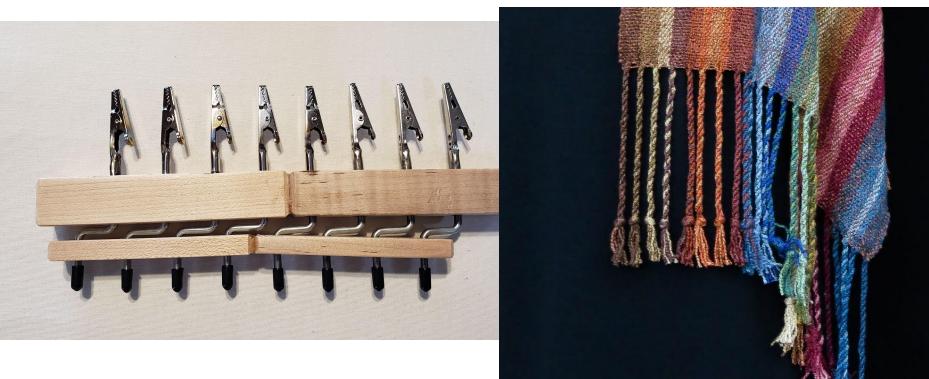
Accurate fringe length.



I use a thread that matches the base color.

This poncho was mostly dark blues, purples and black. The thread I used was dark blue. Where the turquoise is, the thread blends in.

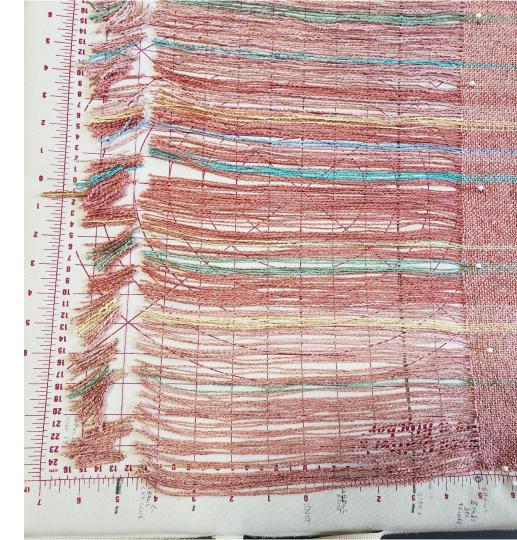
#### Fringe Twister from Fiber Artist Supply.



I like the twist rather than braiding - braiding flattens the fringe. The twisted fringe always stays round.

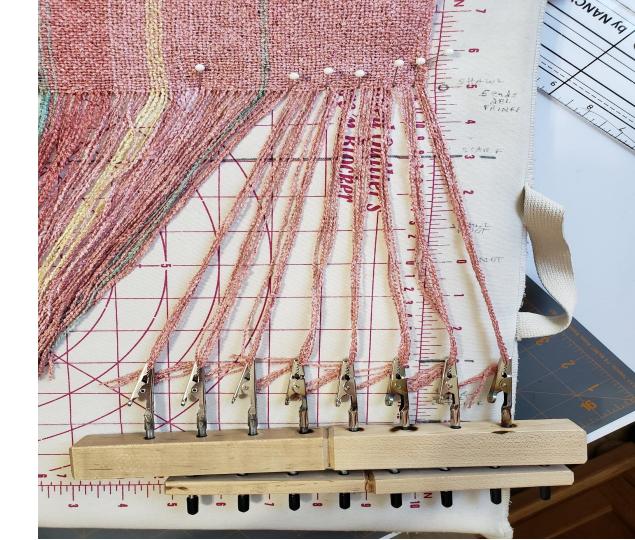
# Padded Quilters Square Blocker

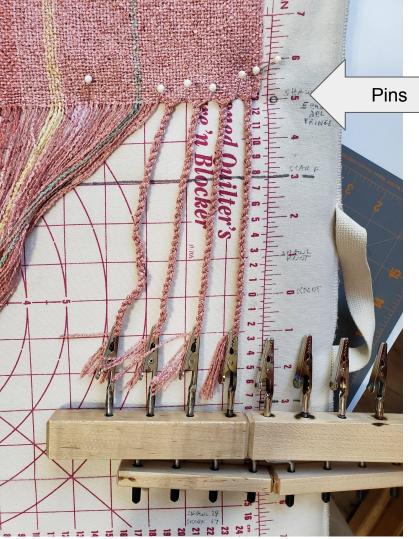
I pin the shawl or scarf to the pad to keep it straight and keeps tension on the fringe as I am twisting the fringe. Also gives me a straight line for the knots.



Separate 4 warp ends in bundles. Pin every 8 warp ends.

When I start to twist, I can pull and put tension on the warp bundles.





Keep knots loose so you can slide them up or down to get even length.

Wash them loose and you can adjust them if there is shrinkage or if they shift.



#### FINISHING



I use nylon ankle stockings to wrap the fringe and then tie it so the stocking stays in place.

I machine wash everything. Gentle Cycle - lowest spin cycle. This shrinks the garment and if by chance a person throws the item into the wash, there should be little to no damage.

I do recommend hand wash - mostly for the fringe.

TRIM THE FRINGE I use the cushioned quilter's blocker to align the fringe.

Make sure the knots are even then trim the fringe.



















## SHAWLS



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SHAWL USED AS A SCARF

Make a wearable that is versatile





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Brown Weft

Rust Weft

Black Weft

#### FRIENDS' WORK USING RAYON RIC RAC YARNS





Cindy Long

Woven By Design

North Carolina



CINDY LONG Boone NC



Cindy uses a 4 harness loom. Uses a variety of random tie-up drafts in her warp and weft. She gets incredibly beautiful designs and texture.





#### Wovenbydesign@yahoo.com

Cindy has graciously offered her email address if you would like to ask any questions or would like info on her work.



### Tools

I am the proud owner of 2 Dorset Looms (about 70 years old), a Schacht Baby Wolf, 4' Triangle Loom, and Schacht Inkle Loom.

Schacht horizontal Warping Reel.

### YARN SOURCES

PETER PATCHIS Peterpatchisyarns.com <u>Peterpatchisyarns@yahoo.com</u>

On Peter's Website, you can join his Email Club. Once a month he sends out email with sale yarns. Offers a 10% coupon on first order. Since he is in Rhode Island, I would suggest going together with a large order to save on shipping.

Side note: he is color blind. You can ask for photos and he is happy to oblige.

#### **OTHER YARN SOURCES**

Pacificwoolandfiber.com

Oldmillyarn.info

Eugenetextilecenter.com

Abilityweavers.com

I have not ordered from these places, but I know other weavers that have.

## FACEBOOK GROUPS

The Groups have a lot of information and can provide inspiration for projects. I find they are extremely helpful finding equipment, yarns, problem solving.

The Weavers Marketplace - great source to buy/sell equipment Fiber Equipment & More The Best Fiber Equipment for Sale Weaving Warp & Weft Sewing for Weavers

These are just a few of the groups.

#### **Art Festivals**

My weaving focus is participation in outdoor art festivals and demos to groups in my home. I enjoy taking my loom to the shows to demonstrate and maybe spark an interest in weaving or to inspire a new weavers or to give experienced weavers a new approach to their work.

As I age, I find new tools or easier ways to dress loom so I can continue to weave and not do damage to my body. A warping reel vs warp board saves my shoulder. Using the supplemental warp saves my back.

I love weaving. From the moment I walked into the art studio and took a weaving class, my love of weaving has never diminished.



Display booth at an art show

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Please feel free to contact me at any time. I would be more than happy to answer any of your questions or help you in any way.

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