

Frame Loom Tapestry Weaving

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Weaving is active meditation. This Tapestry class will be taught on frame looms. Suzanne began her weaving life in a tapestry class at Valparaiso University in the early 1970's. Her first weaving teacher Nancy (Searles) Marsh says, "The main reason for frame looms is the reality of entering into both an historical, and present, art form. It seems a wonderful opportunity to learn how tapestry has been done for centuries". Each student will be asked to purchase a wooden stretcher frame (like the ones used for stretching canvas) and will be sent a tapestry kit with the necessary yarn and equipment to weave tapestry. Students may wish to purchase supplemental weft yarn. The kit will include instructions on how to set up a frame loom, and tapestry instruction handouts. Several tapestry techniques will be introduced during the course. Once basic techniques are practiced, students will be able to create unique tapestries inspired by the fundamental techniques learned during the class. There will be Zoom class sessions, and plenty of time to practice weaving methods. We will ultimately coming together to share what we design and weave in this new practice of tapestry weaving on frame looms. All levels welcome.

Class Times:

- Meet and greet (and Zoom test) Sunday night, November 14, 7 – 8 PM EST (5-6 PM MST)
- Workshop: Monday – Friday, November 15-19, 1 - 4 PM EST (11 AM – 2 PM MST)

Tapestry Kit

- Warp Yarn
- Black, Gray, White, Red Wool Weft Yarn
- Weaving Handouts
- Tapestry Needle
- Tapestry bobbins

Kit cost: \$40.00 (includes shipping)

Participants will need:

- 12" x 22" Wooden Stretcher frame pieces from Dick Blick. Instructor will send you the link when you register.
- Note taking material
- Computer and bandwidth sufficient for Zoom
- Cloth tape measure
- Small scissors
- Permanent Marker, Sharpie black, not extra fine
- An inspirational picture. Does not have to be printed. Something on your phone will be fine.
- Additional weft yarn. 100% wool in DK, Sport, or Worsted weight in colors of your choice. Instructor will provide Black, White, Gray, and Red yarn in the kit.