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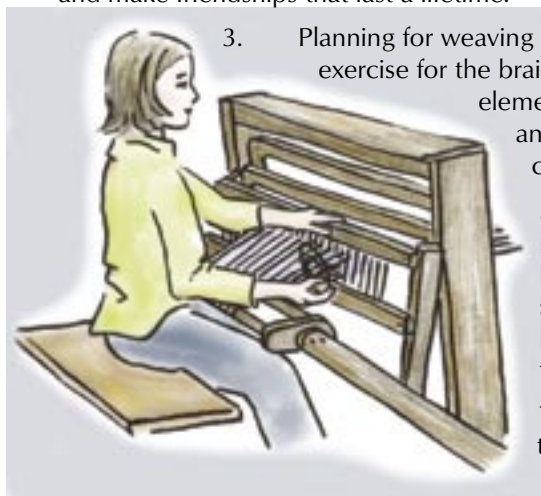
The handcraft market is expanding, fueled by a new generation of enthusiasts eager to cultivate a passion for spinning and weaving. The Spinning and Weaving Association is working to ensure that we have a vibrant marketplace for years to come. Our goals are to provide a forum for retailers, manufacturers, and suppliers who are dependent on the spinning and weaving market and to create new opportunities through coordinated publicity campaigns and market surveys. *Join today for a healthy tomorrow.*

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Some might argue that there is no practical reason to weave by hand. We can purchase a wide variety of textiles and finished goods ranging from cheap imports to designer fabrics. Weavers know that this is really not the point. Weaving has a long and rich history across both time and cultures. It is a craft that challenges our brains, stimulates our creativity, and results in wonderful and useful items to enrich our everyday lives. Come discover what thousands of handweavers already know.

Top Ten Reasons to Weave

10. With some easily learned skills, even on simple looms you can weave your own clothing and all types of decorative textiles for your home—table linens, towels, blankets and throws, curtains, pillows, upholstery, and more.
9. Weaving is perfect for using with other fiber skills—knitting, crocheting, embroidery, felting—to produce truly unique works of art.
8. If you sew, you can weave the really perfect cloth for the garments you want to make.
7. Weaving provides endless opportunity for creativity. On only one warp, an array of different cloths can result from changes in yarn color, texture, treadling order, or sett.
6. Handwoven fabrics are your creations. They can be exactly the size, texture, pattern, and color that you choose. The satisfaction of using a textile you have designed and made or giving it as a gift is immeasurable.
5. Weaving is Zen-like: meditative, rhythmic, and good for the soul.
4. You get to meet lots of really interesting like-minded people and make friendships that last a lifetime.



3. Planning for weaving is both play and exercise for the brain: balancing the elements of color texture, and structure with a cloth's end use.

2. There is pure magic in exploring the ways that strands of yarns can be interlaced to form a solid fabric.

1. Because it is a joy that lasts a lifetime!

Top 10 Reasons to Learn to Spin

1. You can control the yarn you create for a project every step of the way—from type of fiber, to color, to ply and twist.
2. After just ten minutes of spinning, many stress headaches simply vanish when you are holding soft, fluffy fiber and creating luscious yarn.
3. It's zen-like. Your brain starts working in a whole new area and great ideas may pop into your head.
4. No more stalking yarn shops to find the right weight yarn for the pattern you've always wanted to knit (or weave). You can spin it!
5. Your hands feel wonderfully soft from all the lanolin in the wool.
6. A wheel or spindle is a great conversation starter—whether in your living room or out in public. Think of it as a fiber-fanatic magnet. You'll make lots of new friends.
7. You'll learn about the construction of yarn and the animal it comes from, making you a better-educated knitter, crocheter, or weaver.
8. It gives you an excuse to sit and listen to the radio or books on tape or watch videos, DVDs, or TV all day Saturday without feeling guilty because you are being productive.
9. Combine commercial yarns for unique texture and fiber combinations.
10. Spinning links us to the past. It is satisfying to know that you are continuing a tradition that made the first fishnets, wrapped mummies, transported Vikings across the seas, made yarn for tapestries to keep castles warm, and fueled the American Revolution.



Are you ready to get started spinning? There are a number of resources on our website (www.spinweave.org) to get you started. Visit our members' page to see if there is a shop near you or follow