

London Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers



Information Sheet: Tapestry Weaving

The Guild meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon at St Stephen's, 48 Emperor's Gate, London SW7 4HJ. As well as general information, news and a textile-related lecture there is a small library and a notice board.

We don't run courses but there is a tapestry weaving group which meets four times a year in the morning before the main meeting to discuss techniques, show work done, and swap information on suppliers, materials and any relevant exhibitions currently showing.

Workshops & Courses

The following are a few places in London or close to London, which run tapestry weaving courses. There are other places round the country.

The Handweavers Studio

140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS
Tel no: 020 7272 1891
www.handweavers.co.uk
Courses run infrequently

West Dean College

West Dean, Nr Chichester, PO18 0QZ
Tel no: 01243 811301
www.westdean.org.uk
A variety of courses throughout the year

Weftfaced

West Sussex
www.weftfaced.com
Courses run by renowned tapestry weavers Caron Penney and Katherine Swailes

Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Rd, Lambeth, London SE1 7HT
www.morleycollege.ac.uk
Courses very popular and sometimes difficult to get a place

Suppliers

Weaversbazaar

www.weaversbazaar.com
Online shop. Very good monthly newsletter.
Also able to arrange workshops and talks for groups

The Handweavers Studio

140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS
Tel: 0207 272 1891
www.handweavers.co.uk
Supplier of equipment and yarns

William Hall & Co

<http://www.williamhallyarns.com/>
Mail order by phone. Scandinavian yarns a specialty

George Weil

www.georgeweil.com/Default.aspx
Online supplier of equipment and yarns

Uppingham Yarns

www.wools.co.uk/index.php
Online supplier of yarns

IST Crafts

<http://thewoodemporium.co.uk/>
Online supplier of bobbins

Michael Williams

www.michael-williams-wood.co.uk/index.html
Online supplier of equipment

Spinspired

www.spinspired.co.uk/styled-5/styled-3/index.html
Online supplier of tapestry frames

Print Resources

Carol K Russell (1991)

The Tapestry Handbook: An Illustrated Manual of Traditional Techniques

Carol K Russell (2007)

Tapestry Handbook: The Next Generation

Nancy Harvey (1991)

Tapestry Weaving: A Comprehensive Study Guide

Kirsten Glasbrook (2002)

Tapestry Weaving

Joanne Soroka (2011)

Tapestry Weaving: Design and Technique

Kathe Todd-Hooker (2005)

Line in Tapestry

Kathe Todd-Hooker (2004)

Shaped Tapestry

Kathe Todd-Hooker (2007)

Tapestry 101

Tadek Beutlich (1971)

The Technique of Woven Tapestry

Peter Collingwood (1968)

The Techniques of Rug Weaving

Peter Collingwood (1990)

Rug Weaving Techniques: Beyond the Basics

(available as a free pdf from www.handweaving.net)

Mette Lise Rossing (2013)

The Thread's Course in Tapestry

The Journal for Weavers Spinners and Dyers

quarterly publication

<http://www.thejournalforwsd.org.uk/>

Online Resources

British Tapestry Group

www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk

Membership organisation with information on where the nearest group to you meet. Also has a showcase of contemporary tapestry weavers' work.

Rebecca Mezoff

www.rebeccamezoff.com/

Lots of free instruction, including YouTube demonstrations; online courses + very good blog.

TextileArtist Blog

www.textileartist.org/

Often features Tapestry Weaving

American Tapestry Alliance

americantapestryalliance.org/

Has a quarterly online newsletter 'Tapestry Topics' for members – older issues available to non-members.

The Weaving Loom

www.theweavingloom.com/

Lots of free advice and blog

Dovecot Studios

<https://dovecotstudios.com/>

Newsletter and events

European Tapestry Forum

www.tapestry.dk/