

Weaving, pure and simple – with a backstrap Loom

With Ann Richards + Deirdre Wood

Date: Friday 17 + Saturday 18 April 2020

Time: Fri: 10:00 – 16:00 Sat: 10:00 – 13:00

Place: VGERTA, The Carmelita Centre, 41 Vauxhall Walk, London, SE11 5JT

Experience the simplicity and portability of weaving using a rigid heddle backstrap loom, used to weave narrow strips of cloth suitable for a variety of uses. After making your warp, you'll experiment with textures, shapes and colour effects created through the interplay of warp and weft yarns.

Description:

You will learn how to make a warp and set up a rigid heddle backstrap loom, which can be used to weave narrow strips of cloth suitable for a variety of items, including bracelets, bags, table mats and wall-hangings. As you experiment with various techniques and materials, including different colour combinations and yarns of different thickness and stiffness, you will also discover how the qualities of cloth can be altered by wet finishing.

There will also be the opportunity to examine examples of back-strap weaving and textiles from Ann and Deirdre's collections, including traditional pieces that have been assembled from narrow strips of fabric.

This course is particularly suitable for beginners, as it gives a basic introduction to weaving, without any of the complex equipment that is normally needed. It will also be suitable if you have attended related courses on simple weaving and you wish to further develop your skills, including the use of two rigid heddles for more complex weave structures. In addition, it may appeal to those who already have some experience of weaving on conventional looms, but would like to experience the simplicity and portability of the rigid heddle backstrap loom.

Please note weaving is a physical, but rewarding process and this method involves fixing a loom around your back to weave.

Number of participants: 10 - 12

Cost: £80 members; £95 non-members

Course Materials: Weaving materials and equipment to make a simple backstrap loom are provided. The Loom kit can be purchased at end of workshop for £10 payable to Ann.

What to bring: Please bring a basic sewing kit, including scissors; a notebook and camera (if you wish).

To book/enquiries: email workshop@londonguildofweavers.org.uk

The Workshop is open to all. Full payment is required to secure a place.

You are warmly Invited to attend the Saturday afternoon talk by Ann and Deirdre starting at 2:30pm on 18 April at The Carmelita Centre. Entrance is £5 for guild members and £9 for non-members

