

Resource List for Weavers and Spinners

San Diego Creative Weaving Guild

sdcwg.org

LOCAL and REGIONAL

Festivals and Conferences

Back to Back Competition

[facebook.com/SanDiegoCountySpinners/](https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoCountySpinners/)

San Diego County Spinners and others compete to beat speed records: Sheep shearing, wool spinning, garment knitting.

Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH)

<https://www.cnch.org/>

Annual conference held in Central/Northern California in May

Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta

palomarweavers.com

agsem.org/fiber-arts-fiesta

2-day Spring event at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum. Vendors, classes, demonstrations, plus the Bill Rafnel Weavers Barn and Zuest Family Spinners Cottage.

Weaving and Fiber Festival (*WeFF*)

<https://www.schg.org/festival>

Southern California Handweavers' Guild annual conference, Culver City' usually in November. Vendors, silent auction, demonstrations, workshops, SCHED talks.

Fiber Arts Guilds and Groups

Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild

baskets-gourds.com

3-D art with contemporary and decorative designs. Regular meetings, classes, lessons, and sharing.

Palomar Handweavers & Spinners Guild at AGSEM

palomarweavers.com

Rugs, scarves and towels woven on 50+ looms in the Bill Rafnel Weavers Barn. Spinning on heritage wheels in the Zuest Family Spinners Cottage. Active tapestry interest group. Super Saturday fiber arts classes in weaving, spinning, felting, and bobbin lace.

agsem.org/fiber-arts-classes

Classes in rigid heddle weaving, beginning spinning, inkle weaving, bobbin lace.

San Diego County Spinners

facebook.com/SanDiegoCountySpinners/

Outreach and classes on spinning, fiber and textiles. Cancer fundraising during the International Back to Back Wool Challenge.

San Diego Craft Collective

sandiegocraft.org

Community resource for artists of all ages: Clay, glass, paper, woodworking, textiles & sewing. Activities, classes and workshops. List of free events.

Southern California Handweavers' Guild

schg.org

Meetings (Van Nuys), workshops, and events. Conducts *WeFF* conference.

Galleries and Museums

Escondido Arts Partnership

escondidoarts.org

Textile exhibits, including *West Coast Textile Arts*. Yearly exhibit from artists of the San Diego Creative Weaving Guild.

Visions Museum of Textile Arts

vmota.org

Liberty Station, San Diego

Quilting and textile exhibitions. Juried exhibits, gallery talks, classes, hands-on activities and events, artist-student school collaborations, data base of textile artists.

Wool Producers

Creek Point Farms

creekpointfarms.com

Alpaca fleece and manure, Valley Center.

Hazard Alpacas

@alpacapatti [Instagram]

Alpacas, fiber, alpaca products, Julian.

Powell Sheep Co.

760-789-1758, Loraine Powell

Open for fiber purchases (and Spin Day) 3rd Thursday each month, 10:00 am to 1:00 PM, or by appointment, Ramona

A Simpler Time

www.asimplertimes.com

Alpaca products, yarns, roving, El Cajon

Yarn Stores

Apricot Yarn & Supply

apricotyarn.com

Liberty Station in San Diego

Wide variety of yarn brands, fiber art supplies and tools, kits, patterns, books, magazines.

Emys Yarn

emysyarns.com

Chula Vista

Yarns, knitting and crocheting accessories.

Needlecraft Cottage

needlecraftcottagesd.com

Pacific Beach

Variety of yarns, fabrics, cross stitch, embroidery and needlework supplies

Yarn & Thread Expressions

<https://yarneshop.com/>

Located in La Mesa. Yarns, knitting kits, supplies, and classes.

NON-LOCAL, ONLINE RESOURCES

Festivals and Conventions

Convergence

weavespindye.org

Handweavers Guild of America fiber arts conference. International, week-long conference in varying venues each year. Presentations, workshop sessions, tours, marketplace sales, fashion show, invited artist presentations.

Fiber-A-Thon

weavespindye.org

Handweavers Guild of America Yearly Fundraiser

12-hour broadcast highlighting artists and inspiring stories, showcasing talent and community spirit.

Guilds and Groups

American Tapestry Alliance

americantapestryalliance.org

Promotes woven tapestries by individual artists, sponsors tapestry exhibits, educates the public about the history and techniques of tapestry.

Complex Weavers

complex-weavers.org

National weaving group that offers study groups devoted to varied aspects of weaving such as complex equipment, old weaving drafts, or unusual weave structures.

cs.arizona.edu

cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/books.html

Online digital archive of weaving books, articles, monographs, and newsletters.

Handweavers Guild of America

weavespindye.org

Produces *Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot* magazine. Conducts *Convergence*, a biennial fiber arts conference. Provides workshops, grants, scholarships and a certification program in handweaving, handspinning, dyeing and basket making.

Handweaving.Net

handweaving.net

Weaving archive of over 76,000 historic and modern weaving drafts, documents, and weaving tools. Draft collection searchable based on structure, # of shafts, length of floats, etc. Drafts can be downloaded as .wif files. Tools include profile draft and profile to structural draft creation, block substitutions, and amalgamation structures. Draft Editor tool allows users to create a new draft or modify existing drafts. Includes video demonstration showing how to use available tools. Small subscription fee.

Interweave Social Networking Site

interweave.com/weaving/

Handwoven Magazine's social networking site. Editors' blogs and forums to discuss varying interests in weaving such as equipment or weave structures, or beginner questions. Weekly e-newsletter includes a column where Madelyn van der Hoogt answers questions about weaving. Requires registration.

National Basketry Organization

nationalbasketry.org

Opportunities to study basketry, exhibitions including biennial juried show, showcase of members' works, biennial conferences. Publishes *Basketry+* magazine and *Over/Under* newsletter.

Ravelry

ravelry.com

Free website and social networking for knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving. Data base to track projects, share patterns, and connect with other artists. Extensive data base of patterns, organizing tools, forums, and project sharing. Personal notebook to keep track of your own projects.

Weaveolution

weavolution.com

facebook.com/p/Weavolution-100063639127055/

weavingspace.co.uk/about/

Online, international handweaving community.

“How to” Information and Videos (free)

How to wind a warp on a warping board.

- gistyarn.com/blogs/how-to-weave/how-to-wind-a-warp-for-weaving?srsltid=AfmBOoqMC8W9elqhMaBiV2n5jGwMJ13WYibJkB59Nra9ti8RfEJWapM8
- handwovenmagazine.com/best-practices-winding-warp-setup-warping-board/

How to wind a warp for a rigid heddle loom.

- schachtspindle.com/blogs/faqs/what-is-the-best-way-to-warp-my-rigid-heddle-loom?srsltid=AfmBOorBA1iuH3mr18L4SeOGVqgpW5An2wMewxxxWShVxgXP58tXuLZs

How to warp a table loom.

- ashford.co.nz/booklet/learn-to-weave-on-the-table-loom.pdf (Ashford)

How to warp a floor loom front to back.

- datocms-assets.com/75077/1656656288-warping-front-to-back.pdf (Van der Hoogt)

How to warp a floor loom back to front

- youtube.com/watch?v=icw_E0rHYBw (WEBS)

How to sew a hemstitch.

- youtube.com/watch?v=gogJgvjweqQ (Casanova)
- janestaffordtextiles.com/knowledge-base/the-how-to-of-simple-hemstitching/ (Stafford)

Magazines (subscription required)

Fiber Art Now

fiberartnow.net

Magazine for fiber artists: Installations, sculptures, basketry, wearables.

Handwoven

handwovenmagazine.com

Articles on weaving tools, techniques, structures and fiber artist communities.

Weaving project instructions. Digital library searchable by artist, yarn, project, or weaving structure. Master yarn chart. Long Thread Media.

Spin Off

spinoffmagazine.com

Spinning knowledge, inspiration, and patterns. Searchable digital library about fiber, tools, twist, and handspun yarn. Spinning, dyeing, and felting videos. Long Thread Media.

Easy Living with Little Looms

littlelooms.com

Magazine for rigid heddle, pin loom, tapestry, and inkle loom weaving. Searchable digital library and skill guides for weaving with little looms.

PLY

plymagazine.com

In-depth materials for intermediate to advanced spinners. Support for the spinning community (spinners, fiber producers, fiber artists, designers). Technical, intuitive, historical, and theoretical knowledge about handspinning.

Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot.

weavespindye.org

Magazine produced by the Handweavers Guild of America (requires membership). Articles about fiber arts, design, history, shows, education, products, books, national and international textile news and news from local and regional guilds.

WEFT

weftmagazine.com

Support, teaching and inspiration for new to intermediate+ weavers. Single topic issues with in-depth information from differing viewpoints on key topics in weaving.

Courses and Workshops

Get Weaving, Sally Howard

youtube.com/@getweaving8459/videos

Tips, advice and instruction on how to sew handwoven fabric into garments. Low waste sewing patterns designed for narrow fabric (20" or less) woven on rigid heddle (or wider floor loom fabric) in plain weave. Patterns and booklets also available on Etsy (etsy.com/uk/shop/GetWeaving).

Rebecca Mezoff

rebeccamezoff.com

Series of courses in tapestry weaving, including Introduction to Tapestry, Tapestry Discovery Box, Design Solutions for the Artist/Weaver and others, plus live workshops (recorded and available for purchase).

Video Tips for Weavers

youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFqopfm4Xnx0Is_uHwQ2DB_6bQn4EEIQD

Short videos (free) on specific weaving topics (from *Handwoven* and *Little Looms*).

Video Tips for Spinners

youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFqopfm4Xnx1ZjRj-n6Rq7XdvUYMXHdhm

Short videos (free) on specific fiber and spinning topics (from *Spin Off*).

Weaver Sews, Daryl Lancaster

youtube.com/channel/UCmz2mYvnteUP11-LvK8-eNg/videos

daryllancaster.com/www.weaversew.com

shop/sewing-patterns.html

Instructional videos of sewing techniques for weavers. Blog, workshops, and seminars. Downloadable sewing patterns.

Weaving Space (Cally Booker)

weavingspace.co.uk/about/

Online classes and weaving resource packs designed for in-depth learning for twill, double weave, double huck, and other weaving structures.

Weaving Schools

The Handweaving Academy

handweavingacademy.com

Weaving academy taught by Tien Chiu, Janet Dawson, Carley Jayne

Self-paced, self-chosen courses (weaving structures, color gradients, yarn characteristics, etc.), interactive design exercises with instructor feedback and

weaver-to-weaver sharing, design tools and calculators, access to

handweaving.net's Draft Editor, live online sessions (peer support, at-the-loom live Q&A including rigid heddle, design tool demonstration).

Jane Stafford School of Weaving

janestaffordtextiles.com/school-of-weaving

Online guild taught by Jane Stafford: 150+ hrs of video instruction, detailed

explanation and demonstration of a wide range of weaving structures, beginning to advanced weavers, simple to complex weaving structures. Downloadable PDFs.

Forum for group discussion and feedback.

Tablet/Card Weaving

Jumaka

jumaka.com/2019/02/card-weaving/

Overview of tablet weaving, with tablet weaving instruction for beginners.

Recommendations for books and draft designers.

Tablet Weaving in Theory and Practice

tabletweavingintheoryandpractice.co.uk/2021/02/getting-most-from-tablet-weaving-draft.html

Instructions, patterns and explanation for using the Tablet Weaving Draft Designer app.

Tablet Weaving Draft Designer

jamespbarrett.github.io/tabletweave/

Instructions for using the tablet designer app.

Twisted Threads

twistedthreads.org/

Tablet weaving draft design app. Used to design, weave, and share patterns. Usable design patterns.

Weaving Software

Draft Editor

handweaving.net

Creates and edits weaving drafts, including block and profile creation, block color and weave structure substitutions, color sampling from drawdowns or images, etc. Draft editor .wif files can be saved and downloaded. handweaving.net requires a modest fee. Draft Editor can also be accessed with membership in The Handweaving Academy.

Fiberworks Weaving Design Software

<http://www.fiberworks-pcw.com>

Full featured design and drafting application for weaving drafts.

QuickDraw Weaving Software, Scott Jones

quickdrawweaving.com

Fully functional, free weaving software for PC platforms. Support is personal and rapid. Includes multiple tools for weaving and design, including control of each thread's color and size, threading/tieup/treadling assist while weaving, image import for integrated fabric analysis, block substitution, display of deflected double weave warp/weft, and more! YouTube videos provide operating instructions plus regular updates and additions (youtube.com/@quickdrawweaving832).

Tim's Treadle Reducer

cs.earlham.edu/~timm/treadle/

Weaving software for creating, designing and displaying drafts. Weavelt Pro for Mac's. iWeavelt for iPads and tablets.

WeaveIt

weaveit.com

Weavelt Pro for Macs. Weaving app for creating, designing and displaying drafts. Weavers create the threading, treadling and tie-up and can also alter color and

repetitions. Weavelt uploads and downloads .wif files and calculates yarn yardage and number of heddles needed. iWeavelt

iWeavelt for iPads and tablets (available on Apple App Store). Uploads and creates .wif files, allows threading, tie-up, and treadling entry and editing, along with color and repetitions. Includes calculation for yardage needed, and number of heddles needed. Can be used during warping and weaving to track threading and treadling.

Yarn, Dyeing Supplies, Looms and Spinning Equipment

Botanical Colors

botanicalcolors.com

Natural dyes, mordants, dyeing equipment, dyeable fabrics. Workshops and online classes on dyeing techniques. How-to information on scouring, mordanting, using natural dyes, dye recipes and techniques.

Dharma Trading Co.

dhartratading.com

Wide variety of dyes, fixatives and additives plus instruction and recipes for yarn, fabric, and ice dyeing.

Eugene Textile Center

eugenetextilecenter.com

Yarns, weaving looms and spinning wheels, tools and accessories, weaving kits and drafts, dyes and supplies, weaving events and retreats.

GIST Yarn

gistyarn.com

Works with fiber farmers, spinning mills, and dyehouses to develop yarn for weavers, including cotton, linen, wool, alpaca, and silk: Array wool, Beam organic cotton, Duet cotton/linen, Mallo cotton slub and others. Floor, table, rigid heddle, tapestry looms, heddles and accessories. Tapestry kits with Rebecca Mezoff. *Handwoven* and *Little Looms* kits. Introduction to rigid heddle, multi shaft, tapestry and rug weaving courses and kits.

Halcyon Yarn

halcyonyarn.com

Yarns, weaving equipment and supplies, heddles and tie up threads. Kits and patterns.

Jane Stafford Textiles*

janestaffordtextiles.com/contact/

Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada

Louët looms, weaving equipment, yarns, kits, weaving patterns, and recommended sett chart.

Lunatic Fringe Yarns

<https://lunaticfringeyarns.com/>

Yarn (Tubular Spectrum, American Maid, hemp and more), weaving kits, project instructions, equipment and accessories, workshops, and programs.

Maiwa

<https://maiwa.com/>

Online store and School of Textiles; specializing in natural dyes. Located in Vancouver, BC*

Schacht

schachtspindle.com

Schacht and Louët looms and spinning wheels. How-to-use videos for looms and spinning wheels. On line courses in spinning, weaving, and tapestry (some free).

Shiny Dime Fibers (Amanda Baxter)

shinydimefibers.com/

Tencel™, ringspun cotton skeins, hand painted, ombre palette, and color gradient warps and skeins, dyeing and weaving workshops and videos, blogs and Facebook posts (live and recorded) on weaving and dyeing topics. Sells tiny looms, indigo seeds, and dyeing supplies.

The Woolery

woolery.com

Weaving looms, reeds, shuttles, loom parts and accessories. Large selection of weaving yarns.

Weavers Bazaar*

weaversbazaar.com

Large selection of weaving yarn, by fiber or color. Weaving for beginners video course. Free info and videos for cloth and tapestry weaving. Carnforth, England.

Webs

yarn.com

Large selection of weaving yarns. Floor, table, rigid heddle, inkle, and tapestry looms (plus small and kids' looms). Loom parts and accessories. Weaving patterns and tools.

Yarn Barn of Kansas

yarnbarn-ks.com/

Yarns, weaving kits. Floor, table, rigid heddle and inkle looms. Loom add-ons, accessories, and replacement parts.

*Pricing and availability may be affected by US tariffs.

Compiled by Sharan Gibson, October 2025