



Rocky Mountain Weavers Guild Annual Fiber Art Sale

All fiber artists are invited to participate in the Rocky Mountain Weavers Guild Annual Fiber Art Sale.

You must be a member of RMWG by October 1 to be in this year's sale. The details about joining RMWG and participating in our Annual Sale are on the website: www.rmweaversguild.org or contact:

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Sale Dates: October 25-27.

Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Pkwy, Englewood, CO. Hours: Thurs. 5-8p, Fri. 10-8p, Sat. 10-5p. Map: www.rmweaversguild.org.

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to New Years proved that the spring is immune to swearing. The new "old-fashioned" cloth storage system retrofit was interesting to do. The cloth storage system now works; however, improving the cloth uptake tension is on my "to do" list.

- No matter how big the cone of warp yarn is, do the math before warping.
- If possible, start warping on in the center of the sectional beam. That way, if you run out of yarn (see above), you will simply have a smaller piece rather than a hole in the middle of the warp.
- Using weft yarn in the center of the warp (see above) makes your weaving look skunky.
- Pay attention while using the AVL Warping Wheel. Otherwise, you will have some ends that are 6 yards long and others that are 9 yards long. The 6-yard ends make an interesting snapping noise while warping on.
- Medicine bottles hung off the back of the loom to tension the extra 3 yards added (knotted) to the 6-yard ends (see above) are cat magnets.
- The warp goes over, rather than under, the back bar. Since the back bar is permanently mounted in the frame, if you do go under it, and realize your mistake about half way through slewing the heddles, you have to rewind the warp onto the warp beam and reroute the warp over the bar while maintaining the weaver's cross. While swearing does not help this process, alcohol seems to.
- After tying on to the cloth apron, and weaving the header, do not assume that the fell is parallel to the breast beam. Do not discover that the fell is at angle to the breast beam during a telephone conversation with your sister who hates swearing.
- The flyshuttle sometimes diveXrges from the race and goes sailing off into the studio. If I position my elbow just right, it deflects the flyshuttle back into its garage.
- No matter how big the cone of weft yarn is, do the math before weaving, especially if you've had to use some of it for warp. Luckily, I have a little more yarn in the stash.
- The Case of the Bobbins on the Floor. If you stop weaving to wind bobbins, the CompuDobby goes "to sleep," and when you wake it up sometimes it get grumpy and forgets what the next pick should be. So, I wind bobbins in advance and put them on the shuttle tray. I kept finding bobbins on the floor in the morning. The mystery was solved when I found a hairball on the shuttle tray. The cats are invoking their right to remain silent.

Finally, do not volunteer to be the September weaving sample provider on the premise that there will be plenty of evenings to weave during the summer because we're in a drought.