

# **Weaving**

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### ***May 30-June 4, 2021***

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

For those who have ever been interested in, or wanted to try weaving on a floor loom, this workshop is for you. It is absolute beginner-level, no previous experience necessary. Students will begin by learning the lingo and taking a tour of the tools and equipment involved in weaving. Emphasis will be placed on preparing materials and setting up the loom: the most labor-intensive part of the process. And then the fun begins- students will weave a set of sample fabrics to wet-finish and compile into a swatch book. This class is also perfect for those who want to graduate from ridged heddle weaving to the four-shaft floor loom. Students will learn the back-to-front warping method, and weave a variety of basic structures such as plain weave, twills, and basket weave in colors of their choice. This workshop will prepare students to plan a woven project, dress a loom, and weave a fabric of their own design.

Students will work with 3/2 mercerized (pearl) cotton. Students will select warp and weft colors to make 12" wide samplers. Students could weave as much as 5 yards of samples and yardage. Students will be guided through winding warps, dressing the looms, threading and sleying, tie-ups, and treadlings. After weaving many structures and colors, we will compile the binders with the finished samples, complete with weave drafts and notes.

#### **MATERIALS LIST**

- \*Scissors: shears and \*embroidery type
- \*Pins: quilting type is good
- One 3-ring binder for the swatch book: 2"
- Plastic sleeve protectors with black or white card stock in each sleeve: for 18 pages
- Graph paper
- Recommended book: "Weaving for Beginners" by Peggy Osterkamp
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store***

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Boat shuttles and bobbins
- Reed hook
- Bobbin Winder

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

**MATERIALS FEES: \$110.00-\$220.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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[www.putansutextiles.com](http://www.putansutextiles.com)