



weaversbazaar

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New weaversbazaar sample cards



We have got new sample packs that provide swatches of each of the 46 colours in the weavers**bazaar** pre-dyed range. These are actually on cards rather than the quirky wooden rings. Although we know many of you liked those, the new format does mean that we can give more information as well as packing in more colours - they are also a little easier to put together! The samples are all in 18/2 yarn at the moment but we are now developing an additional mini sample card that will show each of the yarn weights. We will continue to send these out free of charge, to those new people who join the mail list. Do pass the word to your contacts, networks, friends and fellow weavers!

Tapestry blogs

We really enjoy looking at the work of other weavers – it not only inspires us but also provides technical insights and opportunities to have our horizons stretched. The emergence of ‘blogs’ on the internet has been the focus of much speculation – why do some people have this desire to share their everyday thoughts and activities with a vast but unknown audience? And amongst those recording their day-to-day journeys through life are many tapestry weavers. The beauty of their blogs is that you not only get to see what they are weaving but, through their comments, you get to understand the ups and downs, challenges and successes they have experienced. Blogs are quite different from website and we thought we would share just a few with you...

Ixchel Suárez, based in Canada (<http://ixchel-tapestryweaver.blogspot.com/>)



Marilyn Rea-Menzies, based in New Zealand (<http://www.tapestry.co.nz/blog/>)



Kathe Todd-Hooker, based in America (<http://www.kathetodhooker.blogspot.com/>)



Amazing weaving...



We were delighted to come across the work of Jenny Ford, who creates the most amazing sculptural textiles. Jenny’s website (<http://www.jennyfordsculpture.com>) gives a really good insight into these extraordinary works of art and for those of you in the UK, there is an opportunity to see them for real at the Fresh Air 2011 Sculpture Show which takes place in the gardens of Quenington Old Rectory, Gloucestershire; more details can be found at <http://www.freshair2011.com>.

And finally...

A quick ‘heads-up’ that the renowned Peruvian tapestry weaver, Maximo Laura, will be at the UK Art in Action event this summer; 21st – 24th July. Check out his web site for a flavour of his amazing weaves (<http://www.maximolaura.com/english.html>).

Happy textile adventures!!