

New Year 2013 Edition

The Knowledge Zone – new for 2013

A new idea we have put in place for 2013 is an area of the weaversbazaar website called the **Knowledge Zone** (<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/knowledge-zone>) – you will find in on the main menu on the home page. The purpose of the **Knowledge Zone** is to share information, insights and tips on all textile arts. *We believe it is important to share as much information through the website as we all tend to when we meet at events and chat about our*



projects, past experiences etc. We have started the zone off by sharing the technical insights we have already gained from you and images that people have kindly sent us of the projects they have completed.

So please send us anything you would like to share in the Knowledge Zone.

Something we haven't featured before, and which is now in the **Knowledge Zone**, is a beautiful cord made by Anna Crutchley using our 8/2 yarns using our Olive Green, Denim

Blue and Rust yarns during a demonstration at the Cambridge Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

New Year's Resolution

This year instead of making our own New Year's Resolutions for weaversbazaar we would like you to suggest some for us!

If you have an idea of something weaversbazaar should strive for, achieve or put in place this year please let us know by sending us a quick message with your suggested resolution. **There will be a free colour collection for the suggestion we like best.** Either email your suggestion to info@weaversbazaar.com or call us on 07590 479192.



Sponsorship Reminder



Stool Cushion woven using our yarns by a student on Janet Philips Masterclass which is supported by weaversbazaar.

A quick reminder we are inviting people or organisations to apply to be considered for funding from the weaversbazaar sponsorship fund. The sponsorship is modest but can include funds, equipment, materials and other resources. We are keen to support initiatives which either

- engage a community in actively participating in Weaving,
- support the development of novice Weavers, or
- actively and practically brings Weaving to a new group of people

If you have an initiative or project you would like considered please write to Lin Squires at the usual weaversbazaar address (on the website) or email info@weaversbazaar.com. We would like to make a selection in February so let us have your ideas by the end of the month.

Keeping Track of Dye Lots

Although we use professional and very experienced dyers to reproduce colours in our range we have taken note that you may want to request specific dye lots of yarn. To enable this, and to ensure we can match dye lots where possible, from now on as new stocks are utilised we will be including a dye lot reference on the ball and cone bands. This will be the colour code followed by a forward slash and a number (highlighted in red above). To be sure to get a good match between lots please keep hold of the ball and cone bands and please quote these numbers when re-ordering.



Other website developments

We spend a lot of our time preparing hanks, balls and cones for orders and sometimes we are left with odd amounts. As well as taking these 'limited editions' to our events we have now placed them on the website on a **Limited Editions** page (<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/limited-editions>). These are all one-off items in a variety of weights - they may be ends of lines, special offers or just new or trial products that have not yet been integrated into our core range so we have made a simple mechanism for ordering them – either use the online form, the email link or phone us.

We know that not everyone uses the internet so if you receive this newsletter in the post we have included a copy of the current limited editions page for you

Found on the web



Beyond the Warp: Continuing Education

A lovely article on how serious and prolific weavers not only to stay “current” in the practice of their art, but also how they promote growth and the evolution of their creative vision and personal style. <http://americantapestryalliance.org/education/educational-articles/beyond-the-warp-continuing-education/>



Weft Interlocking

Rebecca Metzoff has produced a video and placed it on the internet showing the weft interlock technique used by the late James Koehler. This is exactly the kind of technique it is easier to grasp by seeing how to do it. <http://www.rebeccamezoff.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/james-koehlers-weft-interlock-join.html>

Courses



Fiona Hutchinson at Leith School of Art from: 7 Jan 2013 to 18 March 2013 On Monday evening 6:30pm – 9.00pm. This course will give students the opportunity to learn about and explore the creative potential of tapestry weaving, beginning with the traditional skills of Gobelin weaving. <http://www.leithschoolofart.co.uk/shop/evening-classes/tapestry-weaving-monday-evening-6-30pm-9-00pm.html>



Fiona Hutchinson - Tapestry Workshop - Exploring Warp and Weft from: 19 & 20 Jan 2013. 10:00 - 16:00 WASPS Studio (studio 114) Patriothall. 1D Patriothall, off Hamilton Place, Edinburgh. EH3 5AY http://www.craftscotland.org/whats-on/event_details.html?tapestry-workshop---exploring-warp-and-weft&event_id=1460

What else does weaversbazaar do?

Did you know that weaversbazaar do more than just provide yarns? Here are the other services we can provide; **Pop-Up Shop:** we can come to a groups centre or base and set up the weaversbazaar pop-up shop. This gives you the opportunity to see the products before purchase and to talk with Lin or Matty about your requirements. We also have an extensive range of samples of textiles made using our yarns which demonstrate the nature of the finished items that can be produced which we bring along.

Illustrated talks on Tapestry Weaving: as established tapestry weavers both Lin and Matty have a range of expertise to offer on tapestry weaving which is shared through a talk illustrated with actual samples. The talk covers a brief history of tapestry in general, a more in-depth exploration of modern tapestry approaches and some of the technical insights that achieve different effects

Tapestry Weaving Workshops: Through either a one or two-day workshops at your site, the basic techniques of tapestry weaving are covered. This can be extended to include design considerations for tapestry weaving and more advanced weaving techniques.

Do get in touch with us to discuss your requirements.

Happy textile adventures!