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Breaking News: *Follow weaversbazaar on Twitter @weaversbazaar!! *Weaversbazaar sample cards available through online order (<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/pre-dyed-yarn/>).

Black is black...

We have been asked about plans to include black within the weaversbazaar yarn range. This raises an interesting colour about which black.... At the moment we have a number of colours that are very dark; the Brown and Forest Brown are especially dark. We have also added a new grey to the range; this is slightly lighter than the original grey and great for blending. Here is the current 'dark' range which includes the new Mid-Grey (0047):



Forest Brown
0046

Brown
0004

Yew Green
0033

Grey
0020

NEW: Mid Grey
0047

West Dean celebrates

Those of you who were lucky enough to get up to London for the recent Collect exhibition will have seen a stunning new tapestry being shown by West Dean Tapestry Studio. Following in their rich tradition of working with modern artists they have just completed a ground-breaking collaboration with Tracey Emin, weaving her 'Black Cat' image. At just about 2 metres square, this imposing tapestry was woven by Caron Penney (Head of Studio) and Philip Sanderson (Creative Director). The impact of the image, beautifully captured through their combined expertise, raises the original art work to another level. Take a look at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-13308164>.

Tapestry Spotlight: Nancy Jackson



Lakota Creation Myth, 48"x22", handwoven tapestry by Nancy Jackson. All rights reserved

Nancy, and artist/weaver, works out of the Timshel Tapestry & Iconography Studio in California. Her tapestries are often large scale but represent a wide range of subjects and styles drawn from diverse cultures and countries. A Master Member of the Baulines Craft Guild and a long-time member of Tapestry Weavers West, Nancy has been exhibiting since 1984. She also teaches tapestry weaving and works collaboratively with other weavers. Find out more about Nancy Jackson at <http://www.timshelstudio.com/>

Found on the web

This month we have found two very interesting links which we would like to share with you. The first is to a 10 minute long You Tube video entitled '**Making a tapestry**' (<http://youtu.be/IZ0QrIT7WiY>). This film captures the process of weaving and finishing a large tapestry. It is the work of Felix Haspel, an amazing artist based in Vienna; Felix is a painter, weaver, sculptor and land-art artist. The music which accompanies this video is lovely, as well!

Our second find is **The Web of Europe: contemporary paraphrases of an eighteenth-century Brussels tapestry**. For this project, sections of the original tapestry were taken by 27 European tapestry weavers, re-interpreted and re-woven. The project's website has lots of information (<http://www.webofeurope.eu/index.html>). The work can be seen at the Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire in Brussels from 20 May until 14 August 2011 and later on, in the autumn of 2011, at the Museum of Applied Arts in Budapest.

Happy textile adventures!