

Rug weaving special edition

A review of weaversbazaar yarns for rug weaving

Hilary Charlesworth, is a renowned rug weaver, weaving rugs for commissions and a tutor of kumihimo, spinning, tapestry weaving, felt making, needle felting, locker hooking and warping (www.totallytextiles.co.uk). Hilary is also known for the Loom Exchange web site she runs (www.loomexchange.co.uk) which not only provides a really useful way to buy/sell weaving and spinning equipment but which also carries information on a whole range of textile related topics.

We asked Hilary to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of weaversbazaar yarn for rug weaving. We have placed her full evaluation on our website under www.weaversbazaar.com/about-us/projects--information/.

Hilary concluded our heaviest weight yarn could be used in a 3 strand weft to produce a firm fabric rug for wall hangings etc. but that it was not suitable for a more robust floor rug which would see a lot of wear. For floor rugs the yarn is too fine.

Hilary also wove these beautiful sample rugs to demonstrate what can be done with the yarns.



PICK & PICK WEAVE



TABBY WEAVE



TWILL WEAVE STRIPES



TWILL WEAVE PATTERN



MEET & RETREAT WEAVE

Colour collection sample: #10

Lin wove this sample using weaversbazaar Colour Collection 10 in the 18/2 yarns. In addition to the six colours in the collection, Lin also had some silk roving in bright blue to experiment with and so tried it out on this sampler. The combination is lovely!

The finished size of the tapestry is about 10cms square so it could very easily be woven on one of our Tapestry Kit frames. It would make a lovely gift card if inserted into an 'aperture' card.

The design is based on a cartoon which you can download for free from our website (www.weaversbazaar.com/about-us/projects--information/). There are three other designs there which you can choose from. If you weave one of them or something from one of our other colour collections we would love to see a photo of it!



weaversbazaar Diary

Nov 22 to 25th Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate International Centre. We don't have a weaversbazaar stand at this show but Tapestry Kits, postcards and catalogues will be available on the British Tapestry Group stand.

[Download a PDF of The Knitting and Stitching Show leaflet for 2012 here!](#)

Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th November 2012 Milland Contemporary Craft Show at Milland, Petersfield, Hants. For more details contact: Hilary 01730 817191 See Hilary Charlesworth's rugs at this event.

Last minute Christmas Gift ideas

Looking for that last minute present? Don't forget our Christmas gift page (<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/christmas-gifts>). Then as a small gift for yourself we have added some more items to our clearance range <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/clearance>

Found on the web

Rug weaving on a Navajo Loom.



This is a lovely You Tube video demonstrating the process of rug weaving using a Navajo loom. It lasts for 10 minutes and shows the different weft strands and how they are woven together, very well.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxGIClt7sHA>

Slit weave textiles



A fascinating exploration, over three extended blog postings, of the use of slits in textiles. Something to savour. <http://miritextiles.blogspot.co.uk/2012/09/perspectives-part-3-me-and-jack-cassin.html> (this link is to the last in the series but at the top is links to the first two)

ATA Biennial Exhibition 9



A YouTube video of the American Tapestry Association (ATA) Biennial 9 Exhibition is available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7Xm_b4hvp8. The background 'social' hum is a bit distracting but it gives a feel for the event. For a more leisurely ramble through some of the exhibits at this prestigious event then go to the ATA web site itself at

<http://americantapestryalliance.org/exhibitions/atbiennials/american-tapestry-biennial-9-2/>

World of Threads interview with Maximo Laura.



Many of you will be familiar with the beautiful work of Maximo Laura, the Peruvian tapestry weaver. This is an interview with Maximo which not only gives some insights into his approaches to design but, through some of the images, some hints at the techniques he uses.

http://www.worldofthreadsfestival.com/artist_interviews/083_maximo_laura_12.html. Having found the World of Thread site then bookmark it - the list of interviews alone will keep you busy for hours!!

An interview with Tina Kane and her work on the Burgos Tapestry Project at the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Another interview – much shorter but this time on a very different tapestry related subject. Of particular interest is the use of Mirrex Looms in the conservation process. It also contains some useful links to other sites related to the Bruges Tapestry including some videos.

<http://mirrixloomsblog.wordpress.com/2012/10/27/an-interview-with-tina-kane-and-her-work-on-the-burgos-tapestry-project-at-the-metropolitan-museum-of-art/>.

Courses



Hilary Charlesworth runs a whole range of courses in both tapestry and rug weaving as well as other textile activity.

You can find out more at <http://www.totallytextiles.co.uk/courses/>



Here is a link to **Joan Baxter's 2013 courses**: <http://northings.com/2012/11/09/tapestry-short-courses-and-masterclasses-with-joan-baxter/>

Joan is one of a great many weavers from across the UK, listed on the **The British Tapestry Group** web site, who run courses, across the UK. Find out more at

<http://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/contact/teach/>.

*****STOP PRESS: British Tapestry Group Exhibition Catalogues now available at*****
<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/equipment/btg-catalogues>

Happy textile adventures!