

Chapter 1 : The Art and Craft of Weaving | Rockbrook Camp

the art and craft of hand weaving lili blumenau Detailed instructions on weaving, including a brief history of the craft. The book also shows sample weaves, explains the procedure of fabric design, and gives information on types of yarns.

Your free trial has come to an end. We hope you have enjoyed your trial! To continue reading, we recommend our Read Now Pay Later membership. For unlimited access to the best local, national, and international news and much more, try an All Access Digital subscription: Thank you for supporting the journalism that our community needs! Hey there, time traveller! The evening was relaxing, with participants offered a complimentary glass of wine and good tunes playing in the background. Weaving has been around since at least BC. In those days, people used plant fibres, later progressing to cotton, wools, and silks. With the advent of the industrial revolution, weaving evolved from a home-based, labour-intensive activity into a factory process. These days there are craftspeople who have revived the simple forms of weaving to create decorative art. Weaving is essentially a method of fabric-making in which sets of yarn are interlaced at right angles. The longitudinal threads are called the warp and the lateral the weft. The device that holds these yarns is called a loom. Kendra taught us how to create a woven wall hanging. The loom we used was a simple device made from a picture frame with 20 nails evenly spaced on the top and 20 on the bottom. We used a thin yarn as the basis for the warp, wrapping around the top nail, then around the corresponding bottom nail, and back to the top until we had 20 lengths on both sides of the frame. First we tried the most basic weave, where you simply take a yarn and pull it horizontally across the warp over one yarn and then under the next. We also learned a few slightly more complicated techniques, such as the double soumak, which gives a braided look. For added texture, we tried a technique that gave the effect of raised bubbles using thicker yarns. To finish off the piece, we tied rya knots with lengths of yarn to form a fringed bottom. As a group, we produced some really nice pieces of art. The varieties of yarn textures and colours are limitless, and there are many more techniques that can be learned. Alanna Horejda and Jennifer Maxwell, curator and assistant curator of the Transcona Museum, were on hand to help the participants. After the success of a recent wreath-making workshop, Alanna brought Kendra on board after seeing her work. Any profits from workshops are funneled back into the museum and the activities bring a new audience to the museum. The museum will be sponsoring other upcoming events. The next one will be a week-long set of spring break activities for kids, March 26 – 29, featuring a scavenger hunt, games and more. Still in the planning stages is the Amazing Race Transcona. Last year 11 teams participated, following clues to locations around Transcona. Suzanne Hunter is a community correspondent for Transcona.

Chapter 2 : Crafts: Weaving, Pottery & Carving | Kalinago Territory

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Example of weaving characteristic of Andean civilizations. Tunic woven for Inca leader. The Indigenous people of the Americas wove textiles of cotton throughout tropical and subtropical America and in the South American Andes of wool from camelids, primarily domesticated llamas and alpacas. Cotton and the camelids were both domesticated by about 4,000 BCE. Sixteenth-century Spanish colonists were impressed by both the quality and quantity of textiles produced by the Inca Empire. Dating from to BCE. Silk that was intricately woven and dyed, showing a well developed craft, has been found in a Chinese tomb dating back to BCE. A teenager working a backstrap loom in Bali The pit-treadle loom may have originated in India though most authorities establish the invention in China. By the Middle Ages such devices also appeared in Persia, Sudan, Egypt and possibly the Arabian Peninsula, where "the operator sat with his feet in a pit below a fairly low-slung loom. In Africa, the rich dressed in cotton while the poorer wore wool. Cotton was introduced to Sicily and Spain in the 9th century. When Sicily was captured by the Normans, they took the technology to Northern Italy and then the rest of Europe. Silk fabric production was reintroduced towards the end of this period and the more sophisticated silk weaving techniques were applied to the other staples. Weaving became an urban craft and to regulate their trade, craftsmen applied to establish a guild. These initially were merchant guilds, but developed into separate trade guilds for each skill. The trade guilds controlled quality and the training needed before an artisan could call himself a weaver. The cloth merchant purchased the wool and provided it to the weaver, who sold his produce back to the merchant. The merchant controlled the rates of pay and economically dominated the cloth industry. Wool was a political issue. About that time, the spindle method of spinning was replaced by the great wheel and soon after the treadle-driven spinning wheel. The loom remained the same but with the increased volume of thread it could be operated continuously. The 13th century had been a period of relative peace; Europe became overpopulated. Poor weather led to a series of poor harvests and starvation. There was great loss of life in the Hundred Years War. Then in 1347, Europe was struck with the Black Death and the population was reduced by up to a half. Arable land was labour-intensive and sufficient workers no longer could be found. Land prices dropped, and land was sold and put to sheep pasture. Traders from Florence and Bruges bought the wool, then sheep-owning landlords started to weave wool outside the jurisdiction of the city and trade guilds. The weavers started by working in their own homes then production was moved into purpose-built buildings. The working hours and the amount of work were regulated. The putting-out system had been replaced by a factory system. Textile manufacture during the Industrial Revolution By 1800, most cotton weaving was done in similar weaving sheds, powered by steam. Before the Industrial Revolution, weaving was a manual craft and wool was the principal staple. In the great wool districts a form of factory system had been introduced but in the uplands weavers worked from home on a putting-out system. The wooden looms of that time might be broad or narrow; broad looms were those too wide for the weaver to pass the shuttle through the shed, so that the weaver needed an expensive assistant often an apprentice. This ceased to be necessary after John Kay invented the flying shuttle in 1733. The shuttle and the picking stick sped up the process of weaving. The opening of the Bridgewater Canal in 1761 allowed cotton to be brought into Manchester, an area rich in fast flowing streams that could be used to power machinery. Spinning was the first to be mechanised spinning jenny, spinning mule, and this led to limitless thread for the weaver. Edmund Cartwright first proposed building a weaving machine that would function similar to recently developed cotton-spinning mills in 1785, drawing scorn from critics who said the weaving process was too nuanced to automate. In 1789, he licensed his loom to the Grimshaw brothers of Manchester, but their Knott Mill burnt down the following year possibly a case of arson. Only during the two decades after about 1800, did power-weaving take hold. At that time there were 1,000,000 hand weavers in the UK. The loom became semi-automatic in 1801 with Kenworthy and Bulloughs Lancashire Loom. The various innovations took weaving from a home-based artisan activity labour-intensive and man-powered to steam driven factories process. Most

power weaving took place in weaving sheds, in small towns circling Greater Manchester away from the cotton spinning area. The earlier combination mills where spinning and weaving took place in adjacent buildings became rarer. Natural dyes were originally used, with synthetic dyes coming in the second half of the 19th century. The need for these chemicals was an important factor in the development of the chemical industry. The jacquard allowed individual control of each warp thread, row by row without repeating, so very complex patterns were suddenly feasible. Samples exist showing calligraphy, and woven copies of engravings. Jacquards could be attached to handlooms or powerlooms. The perceived threat of the power loom led to disquiet and industrial unrest. Well known protests movements such as the Luddites and the Chartists had hand loom weavers amongst their leaders. In the early 19th century power weaving became viable. Richard Guest in made a comparison of the productivity of power and hand loom weavers: A very good Hand Weaver, a man twenty-five or thirty years of age, will weave two pieces of nine-eighths shirting per week, each twenty-four yards long, and containing one hundred and five shoots of weft in an inch, the reed of the cloth being a forty-four, Bolton count, and the warp and weft forty hanks to the pound, A Steam Loom Weaver, fifteen years of age, will in the same time weave seven similar pieces. The women of the house would spin the thread they needed, and attend to finishing. Later women took to weaving, they obtained their thread from the spinning mill , and working as outworkers on a piecework contract. Over time competition from the power looms drove down the piece rate and they existed in increasing poverty. Power loom weavers[edit] Further information: Queen Street Mill Power loom workers were usually girls and young women. They had the security of fixed hours, and except in times of hardship, such as in the cotton famine , regular income. They were paid a wage and a piece work bonus. Even when working in a combined mill, weavers stuck together and enjoyed a tight-knit community. They learnt the job of the weaver by watching. He would inevitably be a man, as were usually the overlookers. The mill had its health and safety issues, there was a reason why the women tied their hair back with scarves. Inhaling cotton dust caused lung problems, and the noise was causing total hearing loss. Weavers would mee-maw [41] [42] as normal conversation was impossible. This left a foul taste in the mouth due to the oil, which was also carcinogenic. Hand weaving was highly regard and taken up as a decorative art. Bauhaus Weaving Workshop[edit] In the s the weaving workshop of the Bauhaus design school in Germany aimed to raise weaving, previously seen as a craft, to a fine art, and also to investigate the industrial requirements of modern weaving and fabrics. Other cultures[edit] Weaving in the American Colonies â€” [edit] Colonial America relied heavily on Great Britain for manufactured goods of all kinds. British policy was to encourage the production of raw materials in colonies and discourage manufacturing. The Wool Act restricted the export of colonial wool. The colonists also used wool, cotton and flax linen for weaving, though hemp could be made into serviceable canvas and heavy cloth. They could get one cotton crop each year; until the invention of the cotton gin it was a labour-intensive process to separate the seeds from the fibres. A plain weave was preferred as the added skill and time required to make more complex weaves kept them from common use. Sometimes designs were woven into the fabric but most were added after weaving using wood block prints or embroidery.

Chapter 3 : Weaving - Wikipedia

The art and craft of hand weaving, including fabric design.. [Lili Blumenau] -- Written for students and home weavers as well as designers, teachers and textile professionals. Includes a Buyer's Guide and a bibliography of other up-to-date reading material.

It is believed that the Kalinago people transported the Larouma plant to Dominica from South America over 1, years ago. As part of the culture of the Kalinago people, the plant was passed on from past to present generations and they nurtured the skills and creativity to weave extremely beautiful, valuable and functional craft items. For use it is manually converted into thin, flexible strips that can be used for weaving. The strips can also be converted into different colors such as black, purple, and yellow through natural processes. Throughout the Kalinago Territory one can find many Craft Shops, most of which are traditionally constructed. Crafts from Calabash Products Within the Kalinago Territory, calabash are carved with creative and traditional designs on them. The calabash can be used both as eating utensils and as decorations. Calabash as wall decorations are pictured below. Pottery Pottery has been an art form practiced for thousands of years by our Kalinago ancestors and handed down from generation to generation. Pottery items often have mythical or religious designs and items range from: During the days of our Kalinago ancestors, while the men hunted and fished, the women sat and made pottery. They used the coiling techniques with rolls of clay dough. Utility vessels were often decorated such as Cassava griddles and bottles where sweet potato and manioc alcohol was stocked. However, other ceramics in different forms used for ceremonial purposes were decorated with patterns incised or painted in red, white or black. Some figurines are of great authenticity and are easy to identify such as human faces, agoutis, frogs, birds, manatees and dogs. Others are more complex and mysterious. A religious and mythical signification is transcribed behind these geometrical decorations. Crafts Made from Coconut The coconut tree provides many components for making crafts such as the roots, trunk, flowers, fruits, leaves and the nuts. A large percentage of the Kalinago population is directly and indirectly dependent on coconut, and a wide range of craft products, foods and drinks are derived from the coconut. Carved Hanging Planters are one type of craft made from the coconut photo at right. Coconut Oil is also a very important product of the coconut. It is made by using fresh coconut meat with no chemicals added. Hence a natural, pure coconut oil is obtained this way with a shelf life of several years. Coconut Oils are used to help fight attacking viruses, bacteria, and other pathogen. It can be used for cooking or applied directly to the body.

Chapter 4 : Home Page The Handweavers Guild of the New River Valley

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Chapter 6 : BBC Bitesize - KS3 Textiles - The craft of weaving

Weaving Class at Rockbrook Camp, Arts and crafts has been an important part of the program at Rockbrook since it's founding in Giving girls the chance to express themselves creatively, the crafts program features many specialties such as jewelry making, pottery and painting.

Chapter 7 : Learning the art and craft of weaving - Winnipeg Free Press

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Chapter 8 : Handicraft - Wikipedia

Weaving is an intricate craft, where materials are intertwined to create a structure that is stable in itself. It is one of the oldest crafts, and working with different materials requires different skills and expertise.

Chapter 9 : Hand Weaving Loom | eBay

On March 6, I attended a sold-out workshop at the Transcona Museum called The Art of Weaving, presented by Kendra Hobbs Manness of Black Thistle Creative. | The evening was relaxing, with.