

looms

At the Handweavers Studio we recognise that a loom is a special purchase, and we like you to be able to try a loom before you buy it. So we focus on a small selection of looms that we think fill the most popular range of needs, and we try to keep them available for you to try in our workshop area.

We also believe that the way a loom is set up is crucial to the quality and pleasure of weaving on it, so we prefer to supply our looms ready assembled for you.

Space of course is limited, and so our looms are at the small end of the market. We can obtain larger looms for you and we would strongly recommend the Louet floor looms, but we would actually suggest that for these you go to Don Porritt, who gives the best service of any loom supplier we know and who is vastly experienced in supplying, setting up and fine-tuning Louet's larger looms. You can contact him on 01943 878329; further details at <http://www.looms.cjb.net/>

inkle looms

An inkle loom is designed for weaving long narrow items such as braids, straps, belts, wristbands and edging trims.

The Ashford inkle loom is a table-top model with a maximum weaving width of 10 cm (4") and can take a warp as long as 3.5 m (11'5").

The mini version, the Inklette, is ultra-portable, weighing a little over half a kilo, with a weaving width of 5 cm (2") and a weaving length of 1.8 m (72")

Ashford inkle loom £53.50
Ashford Inklette loom £32.50

table looms

Leclerc Voyageur

The ultimate in dinky portability, this tiny loom folds to fit into a carry bag or suitcase, and fits easily into the boot of most cars without even bothering to fold it. The weaving width of only 9½" (approx 25 cm) means it's not suited to collapse weaves, but otherwise it's a lovely sample loom. The levers are on the front, close together so you can flip several at once, and have a positive yet gentle action because of the unique magnetic catches holding the levers open.

We can also supply a 15¾" (approx 40 cm) version which is still extremely portable, and is available with either 8 or - unusually - 12 shafts.

Leclerc Voyageur 8 shaft, 25 cm £525

Available to order

Leclerc Voyageur 8 shaft, 40 cm £575
 Leclerc Voyageur 12 shaft, 40 cm £675



Ashford inkle loom



Ashford table looms

The Ashford table looms are well designed, well made, and thanks to the current rate of exchange with the New Zealand dollar, they represent good value for money. The four shaft and eight shaft table looms fold down for transport (or sliding under a bed), and it's perfectly possible to travel with them to workshops and classes. The sixteen shaft is quite a bit larger and doesn't fold down, but it can still be carried by one not-too-little person. The levers have a nice smooth action, are well spaced for flipping two or three at a time and, being on the front, you can use them with either or both hands.

The rigid heddle looms have been widely used for years, and the even more portable knitters looms have rapidly become extremely popular.



right: Ashford knitters loom



Ashford rigid heddle looms

Ashford knitters loom, 30 cm £131.00
Ashford knitters loom, 50 cm £150.50
Ashford rigid heddle loom, 40 cm £102
Ashford rigid heddle loom, 60cm £107
Additional rigid heddles - 5, 7½, 10, 12½ dpi
 40 cm £9.00
 60 cm £12.00

Available to order

Rigid heddle loom stand
 40 cm £75
 60 cm £80
 80 cm £81.50
 Second heddle kit (fits all sizes) £14.50

left:
 Ashford 4 shaft table loom
 right:
 Ashford 8 shaft table loom
 top right:
 Ashford 16 shaft table loom



Ashford table looms

Ashford 4 shaft, 40 cm £365
Ashford 8 shaft, 40 cm £416
Ashford 8 shaft, 60 cm £456
Ashford 16 shaft, 60 cm £888
Additional reeds - 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 dpi
 40 cm £30.25
 60 cm £45.50
 80 cm £60.50

Available to order

Ashford 4 shaft, 60 cm £399
 Ashford 4 shaft, 80 cm £439
 Ashford 8 shaft, 80 cm £502
 2nd back beam, 40 cm £70.50
 2nd back beam, 60 cm £73.50
 2nd back beam, 80 cm £76.95
 Stand for 16 shaft loom £235
 Stand with treadles for 4 shaft looms:
 40 cm £218
 60 cm £220
 80 cm £240
 80 cm £116

Louët table looms

Louët's table looms have for years been among the most popular on the market for their smooth action, excellent finish, and relative portability. They have recently been redesigned to increase even further their portability - the smaller size even has a carrying handle attached to one side bar. The distinctive overslung beater, easy-to-use front-mounted levers and general weaving enjoyment remain. These are excellent looms for all-purpose weaving, with the benefit that you can take them to workshops or hide them away when you're not using them.

Louët "Jane" table loom, 40 cm £595
Louët "Jane" table loom, 70 cm £695

Available to order

Stand for 40 cm loom £140
 Stand for 70 cm loom £170
 2nd warp beam for 40 cm loom £105
 2nd warp beam for 70 cm loom £125



*Louët Jane looms
 right, on stand: 70 cm
 left, folded: 40 cm*

Harris table looms



Harris table looms are the robust workhorses of the table loom world. They stand up to heavy use (they have been the mainstay of school and college weaving departments for decades), and are made to withstand a higher warp tension than the other table looms we sell, so if you want to weave rugs or rug samples, this is the right loom for you.

An X-frame stand with a useful canvas apron to hold shuttles, scissors, reed hooks etc is available.

Harris 4 shaft table loom, 15" £425
 additional 4 shafts £190
Harris 4 shaft table loom, 24" £525
 additional 4 shafts £210

Stand, 15" £95
Stand, 24" £120

small floor looms

Louët David

If you want a floor loom with a small footprint and have space to leave it *in situ* when you're not weaving, we would recommend the Louët David. It's quite unusual in that it has a sinking shed - the warp threads are pulled down instead of being pulled up - and parallel lams, which means that equal, surprisingly light, pressure is needed to depress any of the treadles. The action of the treadles is very smooth and it's an extremely pleasant loom to weave on. It has eight shafts and ten treadles, allowing you to have a full twill tie-up whilst keeping two treadles tied for tabby. There is a built-in raddle and a shelf incorporated into the castle. It's not strictly a folding loom, but the back beam can be loosened and pulled in to reduce the depth a little while not in use. Somewhat surprisingly, the loom will fit in the back of a medium-sized hatchback.



Louët "David" floor loom, 70 cm £1,450

Available to order

Louët "David" floor loom, 90 cm £1,575

Leclerc Compact

The Compact is a jack loom with an X frame, and folding it with your weaving in place is straightforward - loosen the screw handles on either side of the castle and push the front and back beams towards each other. Like the David, it has parallel lams to equalise the treadle power needed, although the mechanism is quite different - this is a rising shed loom. The tie-up to the treadles is easy to do - simply slide the polyester cords from each shaft into the slots in the treadles. It also has eight shafts and ten treadles, allowing a full twill tie-up and tabby too.

Leclerc Compact
24", 8 shaft £1,375

