



Coming up in our spring 2019 workshop programme...

- **Spinning for Improvers - you're making yarn, the fibres hang together, but you have questions, and would like to expand your repertoire.**

Join this workshop to discover how different fibre preparations, yarn drafting and plying techniques change your yarn - and have fun along the way!

You'll leave this workshop with new skills, spun samples and the confidence to make your own combination of choices for the fibres and yarns you want to spin.

Tutor: Dawn Willey 12 January (Saturday) £95 - deposit £25

- **Introduction to Weaving**

This four-day workshop (over 2 consecutive weekends) is the ideal way to start if you have never woven before, or want a refresher course of the basics. Over the course of two weekends you will also learn all the steps involved in getting a loom ready to weave, and what to do to finish your cloth properly once it's woven. You also receive a substantial handout!

Tutor: Dawn Willey Cost: £325 - deposit £75
19-20 & 26-27 January
23-24 & 30-31 March

- **Introduction to Spinning**

In this single day workshop you'll start by learning how to prepare your fibre for spinning. Then you'll move right into spinning, first of all using a drop spindle, then moving onto a wheel. You'll cover the basic techniques for spinning and plying using wool. Within the day you should be able to complete a small skein and be well placed to continue practising on your own.

Tutor: Brenda Gibson £95 - deposit £25

27 January (Sunday)
27 March (Wednesday)

- **Learn, Make & Take: learn to set up a rigid heddle loom & weave a scarf to wear home!**

This workshop will introduce complete beginners to the rigid heddle loom and the world of weaving. It will suit knitters looking to try something new, spinners whose yarn collection is growing faster than they can knit, anybody fearful of complex looking looms, plus crafters who like to produce a finished item as they learn a new skill! As usual with our workshops, all materials will be provided.

Tutor: Dawn Willey 23 February (Saturday) £95 - deposit £25

- **Modern Tapestry** Come on your own, with friends, or family for an afternoon where you will discover a range of tapestry techniques that will enable you to catch the modern vibe of this craft.

Becky will show you the techniques, and help you use a selection of them to create your own unique wall hanging to take away! Not only will you have a fun afternoon with this tutor, who brims with enthusiasm, but will add new skills to your crafting repertoire!

Tutor: Becky John 2 March 2-5pm (Saturday) £45 - deposit £25

Weekly Weaving Classes

Evenings: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 6.00 - 8.30pm

Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday 1.30 - 4.00pm

Mornings: Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Our weekly weaving classes (organised into three 10 week terms - autumn, spring and summer @ £197 per term) are suitable for all levels of weaving experience.

Every student is assigned a modern 8 shaft loom that will be 'theirs' to weave on for the term. Class size is limited to 10 people, to enable the tutor to give as much support as possible to each individual.

Beginners learn weaving basics, as their class tutor guides them through the entire weaving process with the Handweavers sampler (we will provide the materials for your beginner sampler) - once familiar with the process of weaving you will then be ready to work on your own projects with your tutor's continued support. Improvers, and more experienced weavers, work on their own projects with the support of the class tutor.

If you are interested in joining one of our weekly weaving classes we will be happy to put your name on the Weekly Classes waiting list - let us know which time slot you are interested in.

For further information, or to book a place in a workshop or class, call 020 7272 1891, email us at courses@handweavers.co.uk, or simply come into the shop and talk to us. We ask for a non-refundable deposit to guarantee your place and cover our costs if you pull out; the balance of the fee is payable 15 days before the workshop. If you book within a month of the workshop we will ask you to pay the full amount at the time of booking, to keep the administrative work down.

All workshops are held at The Handweavers Studio. Workshops generally start at 10:15 and continue until late afternoon. The workshop fee frequently includes all materials; equipment is provided, although you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer - just let us know beforehand.

