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Synopsis

All the basics of weaving are provided in this succinct handbook. Spiral-bound so that it stays open and filled with definitions and illustrations, the book invites weavers to refer to it as they work. Included are easy reference charts and many sidebar tips to ensure success in both on- and off-loom weaving techniques. Information on project preparation, tools, drafting, warping the loom, weaving, and in-depth finishing techniques is also provided. Resources for weavers include professional associations, Web sites, and common weaving terms in foreign languages.

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Customer Reviews

Since 1979, Handwoven magazine has been a major source of instruction and inspiration for handweavers worldwide. This current volume is a concise manual of handweaving tips and techniques culled from 20 years of back issues of Handwoven and organized for quick retrieval. Here, weavers and aspiring weavers will find information on looms, yarn, methods of warping, drafting, troubleshooting, planning, and fabric finishing. Also included is information on the popular "burn test" for fibers and an excellent section on design basics. This volume, as well as the earlier Knitter’s Companion (Interweave, 1996), should be in any basic public library fiber crafts collection. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I own the Knitter’s Companion and I’ve found it to be a valuable resource, so buying this book seemed like a no-brainer. However, I was highly disappointed in the quality of the Weaver’s Companion. TKC comes with a sturdy board back that allows the book to stand up. The pages turn easily. It is packed with useful reference information. In contrast, TWC is lacking. It is incredibly flimsy and thin, with little practical information for a beginning weaver. Save your money and buy a better resource.

This companion book is not a beginners book, it is for advanced weavers who have a budget for the tools and the time for the complex instructions. While it describes all the different types of looms there are and what process goes into them, i was looking more for a basic beginners lap loom book.

Lots of great information. The sett chart and yarn calculator is very helpful.The sample drafts don’t include drawdowns, and the section on Color and Design is in black and white- not very helpful.Good for quick reference. It is a ’companion guide’ and does not replace other books on weaving.

I’m a new weaver, and bought this as one of my first weaving books. I have the Knitter’s Companion and love it, so getting the Weaver’s Companion was an easy choice. It’s got a lot of really useful information, and the small size is great. I have a rigid heddle loom, and this focuses more on 4 and 8 shaft looms (rigid heddle isn’t even in the "Types of Looms" section). However, it still has lots of information I can use, and was worth getting.

Excellent for new weavers.

would buy this again. It contains all those things I am looking up all the time, reed/sett suggestions, good hemstitch instructions with pictures for beginning and end of warp, F2B & B2F warping checklists, all the different draft conventions of the most common pattern publishers, simple things but really time-saving.

I can’t say enough good things about this little book! This book won’t teach you how to weave, but it is a fantastic reference for all the bits of information you will look up again and again. Things like the Reed Chart, telling you how to sley a 12-dent, or 5, or 24-dent, for a 30 epi sett, or how to calculate

warp yardage, or repair a weft skip, or finish your fabric. If you’re a beginning weaver, you’ll need one or more books teaching you weaving from the ground up, but with this little "companion," you’ll have quick access to the facts that make weaving easier, quicker, and fun!

The are very few books about weaving that go into the kind of detail this one does...just ask my wife, she’s the Weaver.(HandwovensbyCatherine on Facebook)

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