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Handwoven Tape: Understanding And Weaving Early American And Contemporary Tape



Synopsis

Narrow bands of woven tape were important to Americans in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, before the days of elastic and zippers. This book documents the fascinating American history of handwoven tape and offers patterns and instructions to enable today's weavers to make it. Many Early American households had a tape loom for making the tape needed by the family, and this book offers a discussion of the people who wove tape, the patterns woven, and the types of looms used, along with over 280 color images. The book also gives step-by-step instructions for setting up a tape loom with warp threads, and explains how to weave your own tape. You can weave tape for similar practical uses as our forebears, or to create one-of-a-kind gifts and decorations like key chains, holiday garlands, or lanyards.

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Customer Reviews

Susan Faulkner Weaver has been weaving for thirty years. A member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, she conducts textile workshops with a focus on cultural textile history, and has explored a wide range of weaving techniques.

This is a wonderful book on the subject of handwoven tape. If you are interested in the history of tape loom weaving in the U.S., this book is for you. Some drafts are provided, but the overall focus is more on historical looms and uses, as well as current applications and sources for looms and supplies. Lots of color photos of antique and modern tape looms. This book provides good information for re-enactors and museum docents, as well as information on warping a tape loom. The writing style is enjoyable to read. I'm very glad I bought this book.

I have enjoyed reading this book! It is mostly a history book, rather than a technique book. While there are a few dozen draft patterns, and many more pictures, the pictures of old looms is fascinating. If you just want to weave tape, this might not be the book for you. But if history intrigues you, if you want to know how and why tape was woven, this book will teach you something!

I am so very glad I pre-ordered this book, something I only occasionally do as I tend to read reviews and base my purchases on others opinions. This book was an amazing and wonderful treat. History, collections, weaving how to's It has everything. I found this as difficult to put down as a good novel!

Fantastic book on handwoven tape! I read it, bought a box tape loom and after 2 weeks am into weaving my 3rd tape. Heartily recommend it.

This book does a good job of keeping focused on the subject's history, uses, and weaving of tapes. There are many, many great pictures of antique tape looms as well as modern versions, and good, clear pictures of old tapes and new. Clear enough that you can figure out the patterns to make your own. If you like weaving tapes, or learning historical uses for handwovens, you should enjoy this book.

Lovely, well-constructed hardcover book with lots and lots of good photos of different box looms and heddles. The weaving tips and patterns are also nice. I collect books on fiber arts and have been weaving narrow bands for 30 years, so held off buying this because I'm trying to downsize. I got a chance to flip through a friend's copy, and immediately ordered my own. Scandinavian techniques are not covered, but it is a phenomenal reference for Early American flat and tubular tapes and cords.

A lovely book, with great illustrations and a good history of the craft.

Beautiful book with lots of history on tape weaving and some nice patterns!

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