



Open Weave FAQ's

How much does it cost to take part in *Open Weave*?

Thanks to the support of [weaversbazaar](#) (who have provided the lovely weaving yarn), Gairloch Museum can offer this activity free of charge. However, a big expense is the postage costs, so if you can arrange for collection and drop-off, or pay for the return postage that would be greatly appreciated.

Lots of activities have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic, is this event safe?

Yes, it is. Inspired by a similar project, [Dunfermline Tapestry](#) run by the Great Place Scheme Project since March 2020 with no effects. *Open Weave* is an activity that can be done from the safety and comfort of your own home... even if you don't have internet access.

I live in Oxford, can I take part in *Open Weave*?

Yes, while we would love to make this a global project, to keep postal charges low, participation is open only to people with UK addresses. We hope that you'll be able to visit the Museum when you're up this way.

I have two boys who will need to be entertained during the school holidays, is this suitable?

Yes, we would be really pleased to see lots of youngsters taking part in this event. We recommend a minimum age of age 7, but a lot depends upon how much help you will be able to provide!

I don't have internet access, can I still take part?

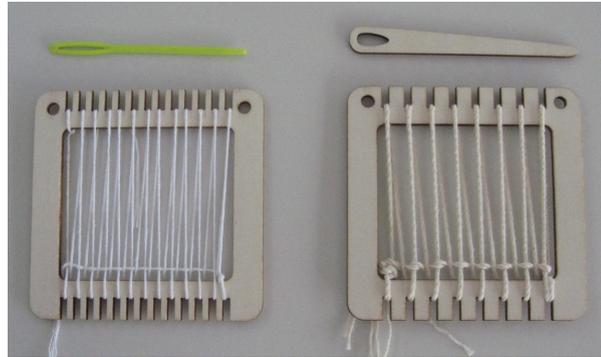
Yes. For people who do not have internet access, we will print off the instructions and include them in your *Open Weave* pack. To register, please email events@GairlochMuseum.org or call Mark on 07969 912 982.

I've got a stash of yarn that I'd like to use up, is this ok?

We would prefer you use the yarn that has been provided to us by [weaversbazaar](#). The colour themes have been selected by the Museum's Curator and will hopefully deliver a stunning exhibition when all the tapestries are sent back to us.

What's the difference between a BEGINNER and NON-BEGINNER weaving pack?

The mini-looms are the same dimensions, but the beginner version (below right) has a thicker warp with wider spacing and a needle that's easier to thread. You would also be weaving with chunkier yarn so that it would take less time to weave... in theory! Instructions for both versions are available from our [website](#).



I requested a BEGINNER weaving pack, but it looks different to the image above. Why is this?

The requests for BEGINNER weaving packs has been much greater than that for NON-BEGINNER packs, so we have adapted the excess NON-BEGINNER packs. They have been modified to keep a wide space between the warps by using the alternate "teeth" on the mini-looms, as shown below. Other differences are fully described in the MODIFIED BEGINNER instructions.



How long will it take to weave a tapestry?

Good question! It will depend on your level of experience. If you know how to weave and have decided on your design, then weaving a small tapestry (about 6 cm wide and 4.5 cm high) would take about an hour unless it's a complicated design. A big part of the fun is coming up with a design, which can sometimes involve unpicking and starting again.

Can I keep my tapestry afterwards?

When you have finished the tapestry, it should be sent to the Museum to be used in the exhibition. If you would like us to return the tapestry to you after that, then we would ask that you either, collect, or arrange to have it posted to you. You will be able to provide us with any information when you send the tapestry to the Museum.

What happens if I go wrong when I'm weaving?

If you get really stuck and can't find any help on the internet then send an email to events@GairlochMuseum.org and we will arrange for a short coaching session by telephone. Note, the instructions include online videos for support, too.

What will happen to the tapestries after the exhibition is finished?

Unless you have arranged to have it returned to you, then they will go to tapestry heaven and the mini-looms will be re-used in another project.

I heard that there will be some prizes for the best tapestry, is that correct?

Yes, it is. There will be four prizes:

- Best beginner
- Best non- beginner

Winners will be announced on 31 July 2021

And prizes will be distributed at the exhibition.

Is there a deadline for getting my tapestry back to the Museum?

Yes, we would like tapestries no later than 1 July 2021. However, we will start to curate a display and put this on our website as soon as we start getting them in... so, as soon as you can, please.

Where can I see my completed tapestry?

We will be adding each one to a new Instagram account and also adding an image to the Museum's website as they arrive. If you would like tagged in the photos, we ask for your social media handles in the [registration form](#).

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