

Laura's Loom Weaving Courses are held at Farfield Mill, a renovated spinning and weaving mill in Sedbergh which is now home to a wide variety of craftworkers and artists. I offer a variety of courses suitable for complete beginners to those who wish to brush up on their existing skills. The course fee includes use of looms, yarn, handouts, tea and coffee and a simple lunch at the Mill's delectable cafe.

Taster Sessions **£65**

These one-day courses provide a useful introduction to weaving. You can try tapestry style weaving on a rigid heddle loom, weave a bookmark on an inkle loom and/or explore twills on a four-shaft table loom. Looms are prepared in advance and students weave small samples which can be taken home at the end of the day.

Workshops **£120 / £180**
(plus B&B or self-catering if required)

These two- and three-day workshops are run a few times each year. They cover a variety of topics for 4-shaft and 8-shaft weaving. They are suitable for complete beginners as well as for more knowledgeable weavers who might wish to stretch their skills. If you have your own loom this is a great way to learn how to use it!

- For beginners (or refreshers): I will teach you how to wind a warp and dress the loom then introduce you to some basic weave structures in the form of a sampler. You will learn how to plan a project, how to choose yarn, and how to finish your handwoven pieces.
- For intermediate weavers: ever wanted to try a new technique such as doubleweave, overshot, summer and winter, or something else? Look out for dates of these workshops on my website or contact me for further details.

Learn to Weave **£250**

This is a 10-session intensive course usually taught in half day (3 hour) blocks over a period of 12-14 weeks (whole days over a shorter timeframe can be arranged). The course covers in detail how to wind a warp and dress a loom. It explores the weaving process through sampling a variety of weave structures and provides an introduction to drafting, project design and methods of finishing handwoven fabrics. You then complete a final project which you design and weave on your own with supervision. Extensive handouts are provided and some homework is required! By the time you have finished this course you will be able to weave confidently on your own. Courses are arranged individually and are for a maximum of two people.

About Laura

I learned to weave 15 years ago while working in Boston, Massachusetts. I have been teaching people to weave since 2005 when I completed an HNC in Handwoven Design at Bradford College. I have now taught more than 30 people to weave and can happily say that almost all of them have carried on weaving! Many people bring their own looms to my classes, including a few who've managed to fit a floor loom into the back of their car! I have my own 4- and 8-shaft Ashford table looms for those who don't (yet) own a loom. My own loom is a Harrisville 50" 8-shaft floor loom which I purchased the year after I learned to weave when I realised this was going to be no ordinary hobby. Weaving has gradually taken over an increasingly larger part of my life as my children have grown up and I have moved from one country to another. I teach from my own experience and love to share my weaving knowledge with others who want to give it a go.

I now weave in a purpose-built studio at my home outside Sedbergh but I continue to teach at Farfield Mill where students can take advantage of a year-round programme of exhibitions and be inspired by art in the mill's galleries and seeing other artists at work.

For further information (or to book a place on a course) please contact me directly by phone or e-mail:

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The small print: Taster sessions and workshops for beginners will run with a minimum of two students and a maximum of four. Advanced workshops will run with a minimum of four and a maximum of eight (where at least four people can bring their own table looms).

For all courses I ask for a 50% deposit in advance, payable by guaranteed cheque to 'Laura's Loom' (address overleaf).

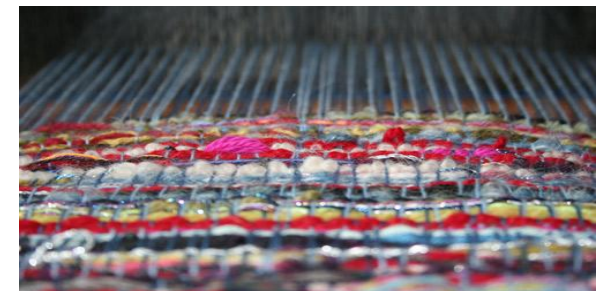
Cancellation within 14 days of a course starting will incur a charge of half the deposit. If I have to cancel a course I will refund all monies paid in full.

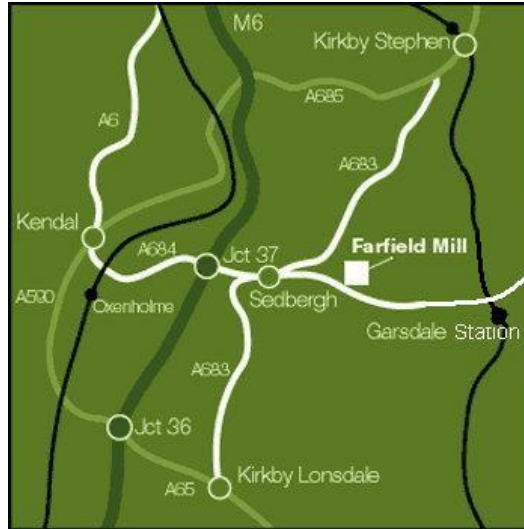
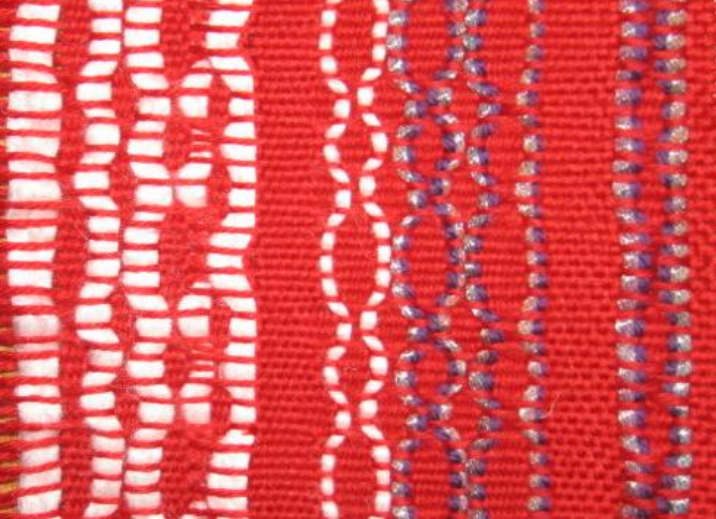
Sedbergh has many lovely B&Bs and self-catering cottages plus lots of bookshops. It is situated within the Yorkshire Dales National Park and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the Lake District to the west and the Pennines to the east. More information on the town, its surroundings and its attractions can be obtained from the following websites:

www.sedbergh.org.uk
www.farfieldmill.org
www.laurasloom.co.uk

I look forward to introducing you to the magical world of weaving!

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