Weavers Loft Newsletter

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In This Issue Summer Shows New Tool Beaded Yarn

Dear Moya,

Now it feels like summer! Hope you're enjoying yours.

SUMMER SHOWS



Michigan Fiber Festival.

I'll be teaching 2 classes on rigid heddle weaving.

Allegan, Michigan August 14 - 18 Friday: 9 - 6 Saturday: 9 - 6 Sunday: 10 - 4

Booth # 146/147

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SILKS FOR KNITTERS & WEAVERS





Silk is a wonderful yarn to work with.

It is both strong and delicate. It
makes beautiful lace, has lots of drape and is comfortable to
wear year round. Silk is suitable for fabrics but also good for
upholstery, rugs, or other furnishings!

I've asked a few customers for their tips on working with silk, so here's some of their tips (and similar comments from all)

Knitters:

- · use smooth needles so as to not snag the yarn
- make sure your hands are also smooth
- · knit tighter or drop down a needle size or two
- · cables and lace both show up lovely
- silk has lots of drape, but not much memory

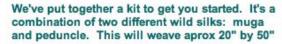
Weavers: a few tips for you too:

- silk 'counts' are NOT the same as cotton; e.g. 5/2 silk has 1250 yds per lb (about the same as a 3/2 cotton!) don't let those numbers intimidate you
- sett a little closer than you would fora similar sized cottonsee the silk sett chart by clicking on it under quick links
- . it's really strong don't be afraid to warp with it
- · maybe start with a silk blend to get a feel for it

If you would like more information about silks and the process involved, visit <u>Treenway Silks</u>

WILD SILKS - A kit for weavers







We also carry lots of other silks and silk blends

Thanks go out to those who gave me tips when asked :)

As always......thanks for your continuing support!

Sincerely,

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