

Weavers Loft Newsletter

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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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Dear Moya,

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

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 for a similar sized cotton - see 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 [Treenway Silks](#)

WILD SILKS - A kit for weavers



We've put together a kit to get you started. It's a combination of two different wild silks: muga and peduncle. This will weave aprox 20" by 50"



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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