

# “Little”Looms Group

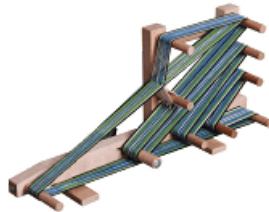
**Welcome to the “Little” Looms Group of the Central Coast Weavers Guild.**

This special interest group meets from 1 to 3 pm, the second Tuesday of every month, at the Straw-bale Barn in Atascadero.

Our “Little” Looms group encompasses all small looms including rigid heddle, inkle, round, small frame, pin, small tapestry, and back-strap. Our friendly, fun and welcoming group averages about 12 attendees per meeting. Members have various levels of weaving skill and we enjoy learning from and sharing with one another.



**Meetings** include a bit of business, sharing time, and either a topic of interest to cover by demonstrations and presentations, or “free weaving.” We encourage our members to bring their woven items to share and their current projects to work on at each meeting. The group coordinator sends out a reminder email with any pertinent information a week before the meeting, and meeting notes after each meeting. **There is a requirement to be a member of the Guild in order to participate in the group, but we’d be happy for you to come check us out and to learn about our different looms! Guild dues are \$30 a year.** <http://centralcoastweavers.org>



**Rigid heddle weaving** is a great starting place for beginners, and many weavers stick with it and become quite advanced. Rigid heddle looms (and other small looms) are less expensive, smaller and portable, use less yarn, warp up fast, are easy to learn, and one can be up and weaving in no time at all. These looms will weave a variety of patterns, designs and structures, and the weaving possibilities are endless.



***Some things to consider when purchasing a loom:***

How much do you want to spend?

How much space do you have?

What kinds of items do you want to weave, ex: scarves, rugs, table linens?

How wide do you want your weavings to be?

How much arm reach is comfortable for you?



The wider the loom, the more versatility, as you can always weave narrower on a wide loom, but you're limited in width by the size loom you pick. Rigid heddle looms come in various width sizes so knowing the answers to these questions will help you select the perfect loom to meet your needs.



Schacht, Kromski, and Ashford are three of the most popular brands. Online weaving stores feature these brands and others, and will give the specifications and features of each loom. Some looms will have folding capabilities, stands and other add-ons. Online yarn stores are a good resource for learning about weaving yarns. There are many YouTube videos to learn from, and from all of us in the group as well.



Please feel free to contact the “Little” Looms Group coordinator with questions you have. We love to spread the weaving word!

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