

Book Review

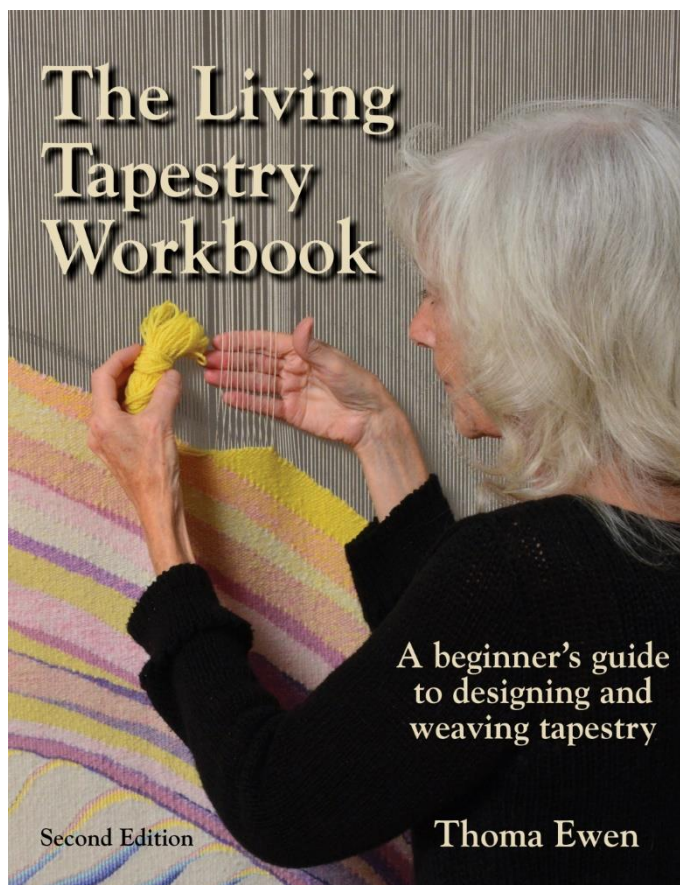
The Living Tapestry Workbook

Thoma Ewen

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The Living Tapestry Workbook is an introductory guide to designing and weaving tapestry. Throughout the book, the Canadian tapestry artist, Thoma Ewen, communicates the ancient indigenous belief that weaving is a sacred path and that tapestry's vital contemporary role is to transmit the energy of peace.

The book takes the novice tapestry weaver through the whole weaving journey, starting with making and warping a frame loom, yarns, bobbins and butterflies, colour blending, designing and technical exercises, finishing and hanging. Lavishly illustrated throughout, the step by step drawings and colour images show each process in detail and the author has thoughtfully provided blank pages at the end of each chapter for notes and thoughts. Particularly fascinating is the chapter on the process of making a tapestry, where the author has detailed the journey from initial design ideas to hanging the finished tapestry.

This is a very useful book if you are just starting out on your weaving journey and one that can be referred to for many years to come.