

# Book Review

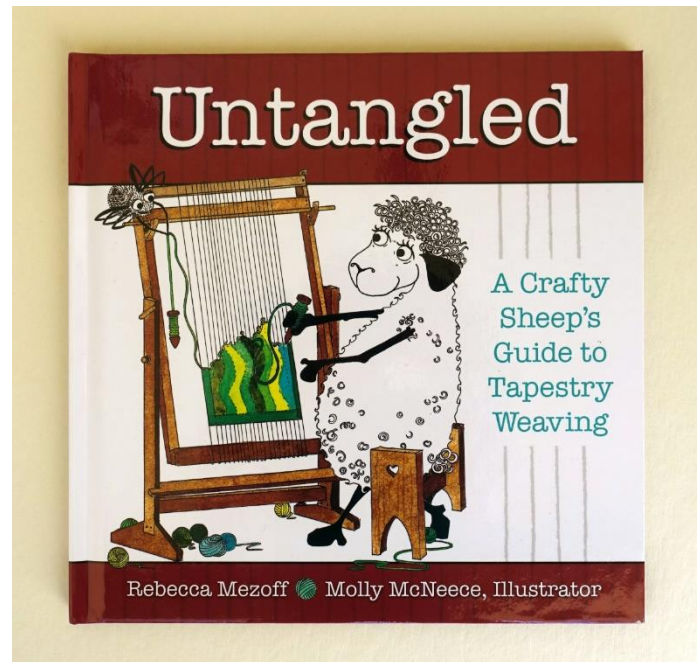
## Untangled - A Crafty Sheep's Guide to Tapestry Weaving

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Rebecca Mezoff is a well respected tapestry weaver and great communicator whose online courses have a worldwide following, so this book was much anticipated.

This is a 'hints and tips' book so would only be useful if you already know how to warp up and complete a tapestry but could be useful for a beginner with lots of questions and for the more experienced weaver with some gaps in their knowledge. The book covers fourteen tips such as bubbling, meet and separate and weft tension plus the less well-known techniques of floating bars, split weft and warp steaming.

This is a very colourful book, lavishly illustrated by the artist Molly McNeece. The technical illustrations are very clear but whilst the crafty sheep images reinforce the topic they do at times, seem to overwhelm the text. It might be a cultural issue: the European market is less used to using cartoons and humour to reinforce messages and as the illustrations take a full page, they somewhat dominate an already slender book.

The book is meant to be lighthearted and almost has the feel of a children's book although it is aimed primarily at adults. It contains some useful tips on tapestry weaving that you might not pick up anywhere else, but most weavers would probably know quite a few of them already. It's a curious book that's difficult to categorise.