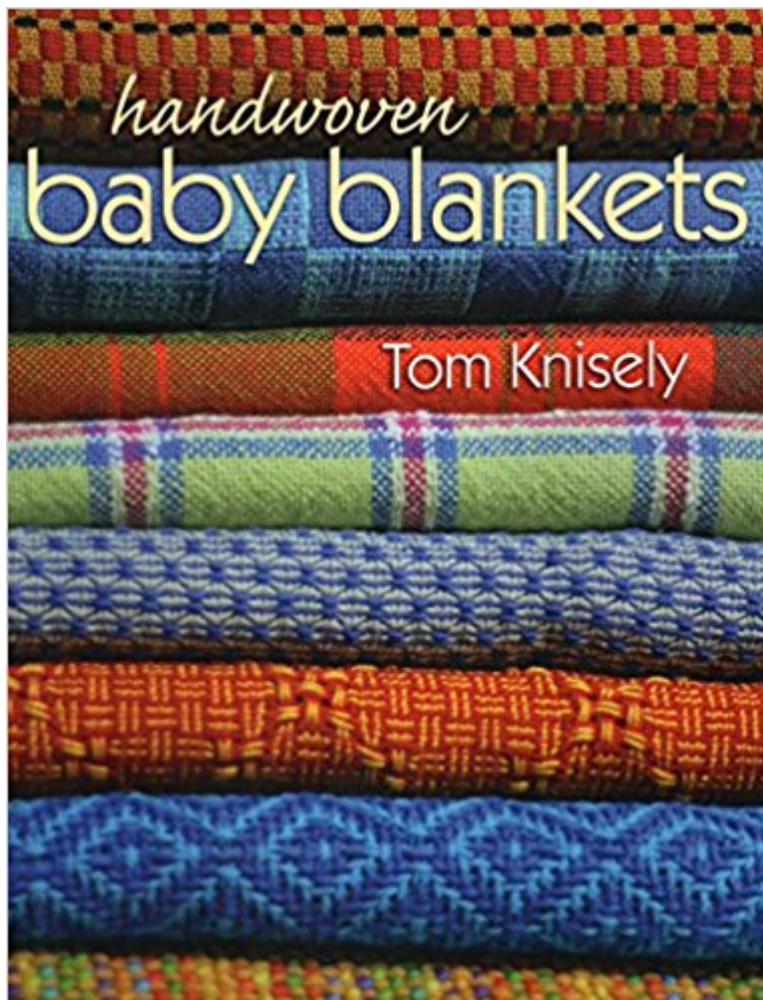


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# Handwoven Baby Blankets



## Synopsis

What better way to welcome that precious, tiny new person than with a luxurious, handwoven blanket! These beautiful, colorful designs will appeal to today's contemporary moms, as well as lovers of traditional weaves. More than 30 snuggly cozy projects for baby Plain weaves and fancy weaves, for everyday or special occasions How to choose the best materials Projects for both 4 harness and 8 harness looms

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## Customer Reviews

Handweaving a gift is a labor of love. But, as Tom Knisely points out in his new book, *Handwoven Baby Blankets*, along with love there's pressure to make the perfect gift, especially when the gift is for a new baby. In addition to thirty-four charming baby blanket patterns for both 4-shaft and 8-shaft looms, this book is packed with Tom's expert, practical advice for creating a baby blanket that will be treasured as the perfect expression of your love for that new little person. One of the first challenges Tom tackles is the question of size. Not everyone has a 40-inch or wider loom, but he points out that a premie blanket can be as small as 18 inches square, so would-be blanket weavers need not be unduly limited by their looms. Tom also applies his analytical mind to the eternal question of colors for babies. He points out that what newborns see best are strong patterns in black, gray, and white. So why sweat the whole pink versus blue question? That said, the book is packed with great advice on using color, including variegated and hand-dyed yarns. Everything you need to know is here, from the best materials for baby blanket weaving to complete finishing instructions. (Hint: Mr. Knisely is not a fan of fringe for babies.) The blanket designs are bright and charming, with something to please every baby and family, from traditional

blues and pinks to the multihued Springtime, from a baby tartan to the Fortune Cookie design in Chinese good-luck colors. There are weave structures to suit every taste and experience level: plain-weave plaids, basketweave, color-and-weave designs, classic huck lace, twill, and even a bit of overshot. The projects in the book are divided by loom type (twenty-one 4-shaft, thirteen 8-shaft), and each includes a large, easy-to-follow draft and basic project specifications: yarn suggestions, warp length, sett, and width in reed. But the most inspiring thing about this book (besides the photos of darling babies) is the love running through it: for the weaving community, for the craft, and for Tom's own family. It is laced with stories of raising his own daughters, and of the granddaughter to whom the book is dedicated. If that doesn't get you warped and weaving for baby, nothing will. (Anita Osterhaug, Handwoven Magazine, Editor Handwoven Magazine, September/October 2016) Handweaving a gift is a labor of love. But, as Tom Knisely points out in his new book, Handwoven Baby Blankets, along with love there's pressure to make the perfect gift, especially when the gift is for a new baby. In addition to thirty-four charming baby blanket patterns for both 4-shaft and 8-shaft looms, this book is packed with Tom's expert, practical advice for creating a baby blanket that will be treasured as the perfect expression of your love for that new little person. (Anita Osterhaug, Handwoven Magazine, Editor Handwoven Magazine, September/October 2016)

Tom Knisely is the manager of The Mannings Handweaving School in East Berlin, Pennsylvania. He has taught weaving there for more than thirty years--everything from beginners' classes to complex multi-harness weaving--and was named Teacher of the Year by Handwoven magazine. He has design collections and instructional DVDs on looms, weaving, and other weaving matters published by Interweave press. He is the author of the popular Weaving Rag Rugs (978-0-8117-1212-5).

This is an excellent book with examples of different weave structures, color combinations and fibres. If you need hand holding it's here, if you need inspiration it's here. This practical book geared hand weaving book should be in your library. We all have occasion to weave baby blankets, lap robes, seat backs, couch covers, .... a practical book for the practical weaver

Blankets for babies and everyone else in your life. I can't wait to start weaving these patterns. They can be baby blankets, throws, lap blankets..etc. The photography is great, and the instructions are terrific too. Tom Knisely makes weaving fun and easy for beginners and has challenging patterns for

more advanced folks. Many patterns for four shaft loom owners..yeah!(also some for eight shaft looms)

Purchased copies for the women in family and self. Outstanding "how to" book for weaving. Beautiful production values photographs in sample of different patterns. Worth every penny of the cost. Do you weave? Do you want to learn how to weave? Do you want to learn how to design patterns for blankets? Do you want to show off the beautiful photos to friends and family? This is the book for you.

This turned out to be a very nice resource for not only baby blankets but for "grown up" afghans, towels, and even delicate scarves and shawls. There are intriguing color combinations and weave structures along with instructions and hints for good weaving. And all the photos are graced with adorable babies! What's not to love?

Tom Knisely's books are always thoughtfully written and helpful. It's like he's teaching you right there in your weaving studio. I learned everything I needed to weave beautiful baby blankets, and the patterns/drafts/projects included are contemporary yet still timeless in design. Several are on my list of future projects, and I know those projects will turn out beautifully with his guidance. Mr. Knisely hit a grand slam with this book!

Wonderful selection of baby blankets to weave, each done in a different pattern. I just completed 'Windsor's Blanket' (in the book) used exactly the same pattern, except changed the color of the fibers. It was a challenge, as the threading, tie-up, and weaving are not for the beginner, but the end result was absolutely beautiful. Look forward to trying some of the other patterns in the book.

Beautifully written, delightful baby pictures. This book should be in every weaver's collection. Inspirational for the seasoned weaver with clear instructions and guidance for beginner and intermediate weavers. Tom Knisely seems to understand the love of hand-woven blankets for babies and for the child in all of us.

I had looked forward to receiving this book. However it contains very little useful info for me because i have a box loom with no heddles. Color me disappointed.

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