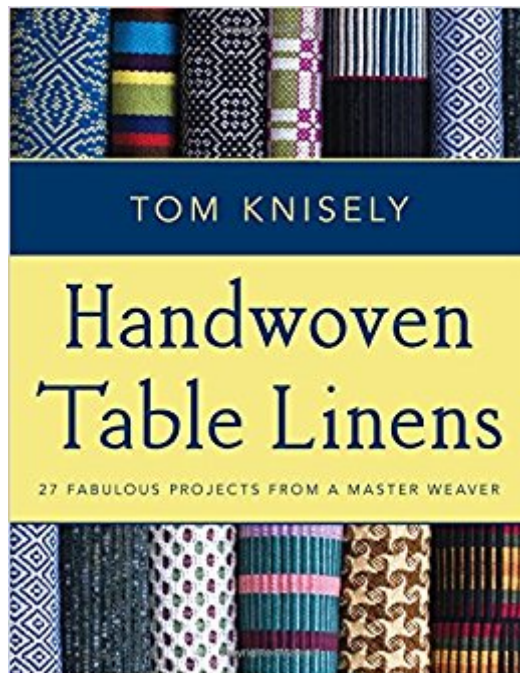




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Handwoven Table Linens: 27 Fabulous Projects From A Master Weaver



Synopsis

Master weaver Tom Knisely presents patterns and ideas to spruce up your table with new weaves. Tom Knisely, author of bestseller *Rag Rug Weaving* and *Handwoven Baby Blankets*, has now turned his attention to one of the most popular categories of weaving: table linens. Placemats, runners, tablecloths, and napkins play a central role in creating the look of a dining room or kitchen table, and this book gives you the tools needed to realize your vision for these special items. Tom has found inspiration from things as varied as china patterns, a classic Spode Christmas tree, and traditional weaving patterns such as Shadow Weave, Wheel of Fortune, and Star of Bethlehem. For each pattern, he outlines the materials you need, how to set up your loom, and the pattern to weave. Add your own dash of inspiration if you choose different colors, and make each piece your own. The 27 patterns include simple weaves worked on 2- and 4-harness looms, as well as more complex weaves requiring more harnesses. Because Tom is at heart a teacher, he also chose each project with the thought that it should add to your weaving repertoire in some way. The techniques you learn as you work on the projects in this book are things that you can adapt and use down the road in future weaving.

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Customer Reviews

Tom Knisely operates the Red Stone Glen Fiber Arts Center in York Haven, Pennsylvania. He has taught weaving 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) and Handwoven Baby Blankets (978-0811714112).

Lots of techniques are shown in this book. There are 27 projects with drafts, yarns, and directions for 4- and 8-shaft looms. . From rosepath to Quigley there are lots of my favorite weave structures in this book. You may want to weave the projects as given or use them for inspiration for your own colors and yarns. A dozen of the fabrics are pictured on the cover. Most of the projects are woven with cotton yarns. Cotton is durable and will wash well. So table linens is used here as a category of household textiles, not literally. All of these are designed to be used and enjoyed, not saved for best.

I purchased multiples of this book to give as gifts to my weaving friends, and am so glad I did! This is a very straightforward collection of useful linen designs with great pictures and instructions, but not so comprehensive to be overwhelming to someone who is relatively new to weaving. Speaking as someone in that position, this was quite refreshing! Light and thin enough to pack in a day satchel, this book can go anywhere with you and provide inspiration for your own designs, and doesn't take up much room in a weaving caddy, either. Very pleased.

Very nice book with very interesting drafts. There are several I can hardly wait to try out, or to make subtle changes to fit my needs. The Autumn Breeze table runner is one of the first I want to do, and make napkins with a similar weave to accompany the runner. There are even some projects I plan to adjust to make scarves or shawls too. For me, it's a very good book to add to my library.

As always, Tom Knisley has written a weaving book with great patterns and clear instructions.

Can't wait to try all the linens in the book. Some of them are really great.

Another great Knisely reference book on weaving.

Beautiful pictures

Excellent designs

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