



Rags to Rugs

30 new weaving designs for repurposed fabrics

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Description

Tom Knisely is back with 30 brand-new designs for his favourite type of weaving project: rag rugs!

Rag rugs are made from otherwise 'scrap' fabric or repurposed linens or clothing. When planned and woven carefully, your cast-off fabric will become a gorgeous, hard-wearing floor mat! In *Rags to Rugs*, Tom explores the weaving possibilities of a variety of fabrics, from T-shirts and jeans to quilts, linens, towels, and more. He shows you the techniques he uses to get the most from each piece and gives advice on how best to set up your loom for weaving with rags much thicker than your typical weaving thread.

Ready to get started? First, look at Tom's 30 beautiful rugs and read through each project for the wealth of information he's included on the materials used and options you might try to create a similar rug. He shares exactly what he chose for each project, but the drafts are adaptable to what you have on hand or can source from friends, family, and thrift stores. Once you've gathered and prepared your materials, refer to the section on rug weaving basics for a refresher if needed and some very helpful tips, and you are on your way!

About the Author

Tom Knisely is the manager of The Mannings Handweaving School and Supply Center in East Berlin, Pennsylvania, USA. He has taught weaving there for more than 30 years-everything from rag rug weaving to complex multi-harness weaving-and was named Teacher of the Year by *Handwoven* magazine. His work appears regularly in *Handwoven* and *Rug Hooking* magazines, and he has design collections and instructional DVDs on looms, weaving rugs, and other weaving matters published by *Interweave Press*.