

Programme – Foundation Creative Studies Pathway – Rigid Heddle Weaving

This is a 120-hour programme that establishes and develops design and skills in a craft area. It is for anyone who wishes to study their craft area in depth, which could be for personal interest or for professional development. The participant may have attended a number of workshops, or done an introductory programme; and is now ready to progress, integrating design alongside good craft skills to develop as a maker. The participant will be guided to make two items based on their design and samples folios. One will have an aesthetic bias and the other a functional. The programme will be delivered through home study and / or classroom delivery, where gained knowledge is applied in practice.

How is the Programme organised?

This is a 1-year programme leading to an ArtyBird Foundation qualification in Creative Studies – Rigid Heddle Weaving accredited by City & Guilds.

Pathway Information

You will explore your loom to develop an understanding of colour, texture, shape and line in fabric. Simple design exercises will support your developing knowledge, as well as generate ideas for your craft. You will make functional item and an art piece. These will develop from the design exercises and your samples.

Term 1 – You will produce a sample using a plain cream cotton warp – we will learn how to weave and apply pattern to cloth using coloured and textural wefts.

We will 'finish' the cloths correctly. You will go on to design and make a scarf based upon the ideas explored.

Term 2 – You will use colours in the warp and weft and explore the patterns they create. We will use photographs of sunsets to inspire a hanging.

Term 3 – Pushing technique further, we will explore patterning through finger manipulation and the use of pick up sticks. You will design a simple functional item to make.

You will need your own rigid heddle loom and warping equipment. If you do not have a loom, then please inquire for advice if you need it.

The first term will be an introductory course introducing the basics, followed by the foundation course. You will be able to claim a certificate at this stage, if you wish, for £30.00

Programme Delivery

You attend at Carnforth, Lancashire.

You will start in September and meet on two days mid week a month, for eleven months.