

WEAVING

Crafts Class



What is Weaving?

- Weaving is a craft.

**Weaving is
acknowledged as one
of the oldest surviving
crafts in the world.**

The tradition of weaving
traces back to Neolithic
times – approximately
12,000 years ago



What is Weaving?

- Even before the actual process of weaving was discovered, the basic principle of weaving was applied to **interlace branches and twigs to create fences, shelters and baskets for protection.**



What is Weaving?

- Weaving is one of the primary methods of textile production and it involves interlinking a set of vertical threads with a set of horizontal threads.



What is Weaving?

- Weaving is what we categorize as a fiber art.
- When artists weave, they interlock threads or fiber like materials to create fabric.
- You can weave with a variety of fibers.



What is a Loom?

- Weaving can be done by hand or by using machines. Machines used for weaving are called looms. Loom originated from crude wooden frame and gradually transformed into the modern sophisticated electronic weaving machine. Nowadays weaving has become a mechanized process, though hand weaving is still in practice.



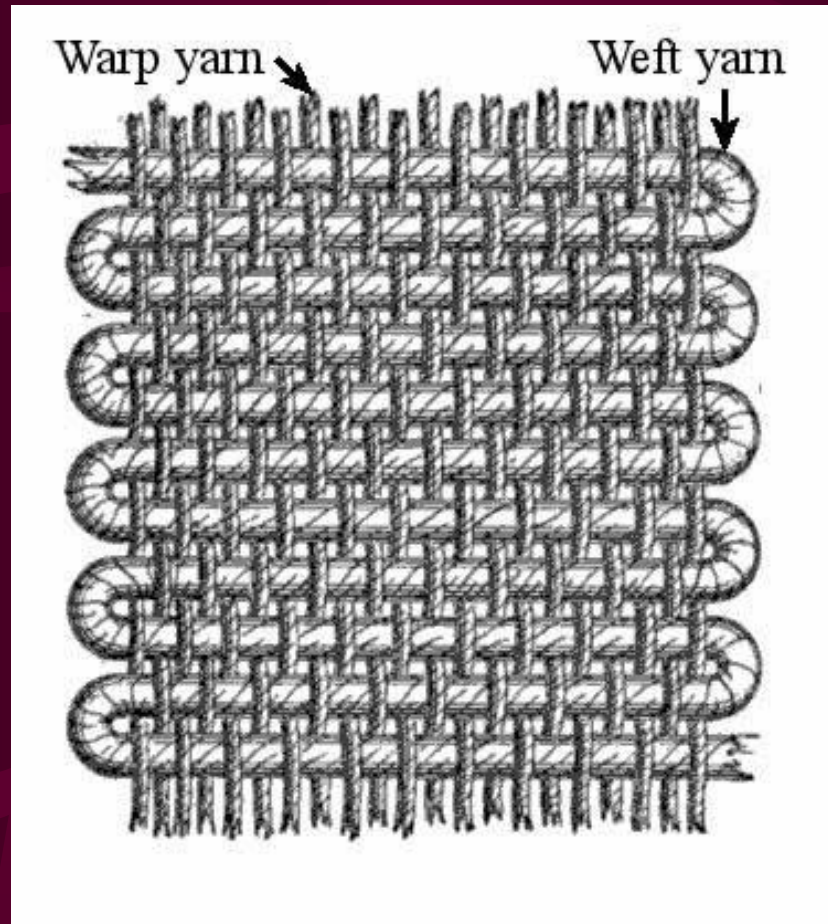
What is a Loom?

- A loom is a frame that hold the fibers for weaving, usually at right angles to one another.
- Textiles that are considered fine artworks are woven by hand on looms are called “hand-woven fabrics.”
- These kinds of textiles often command a high price because of the work that goes into making them.



Warp & Weft

The set of vertical threads are known as warp/warp and the set of horizontal threads are known as weft.



What is Warp & Weft?

- All textiles have warp, lengthwise fibers, and weft the fibers that cross over and under the warp.
- *Can you notice the warp and weft fibers in the clothes that you are wearing?*
- *Do you know if it was it woven by hand or machine?*

Fibers

20,000 – 30,000 years ago early man developed the **first string** by **twisting together plant fibers**. Preparing thin bundles of plant material and stretching them out while twisting them together produced a fine string or thread.



Fibers

The ability to produce string and thread was the starting place for the development of weaving, spinning, and sewing.



Lets examine a culture that is
well know for their weaving....

Kente Cloth

- Kente cloth got its name from the word *kenten* or “basket” because of its basic basket weave pattern. Many kente designs are symbols representing the history and beliefs of the people of Ghana. Ghana is a country located in Africa.

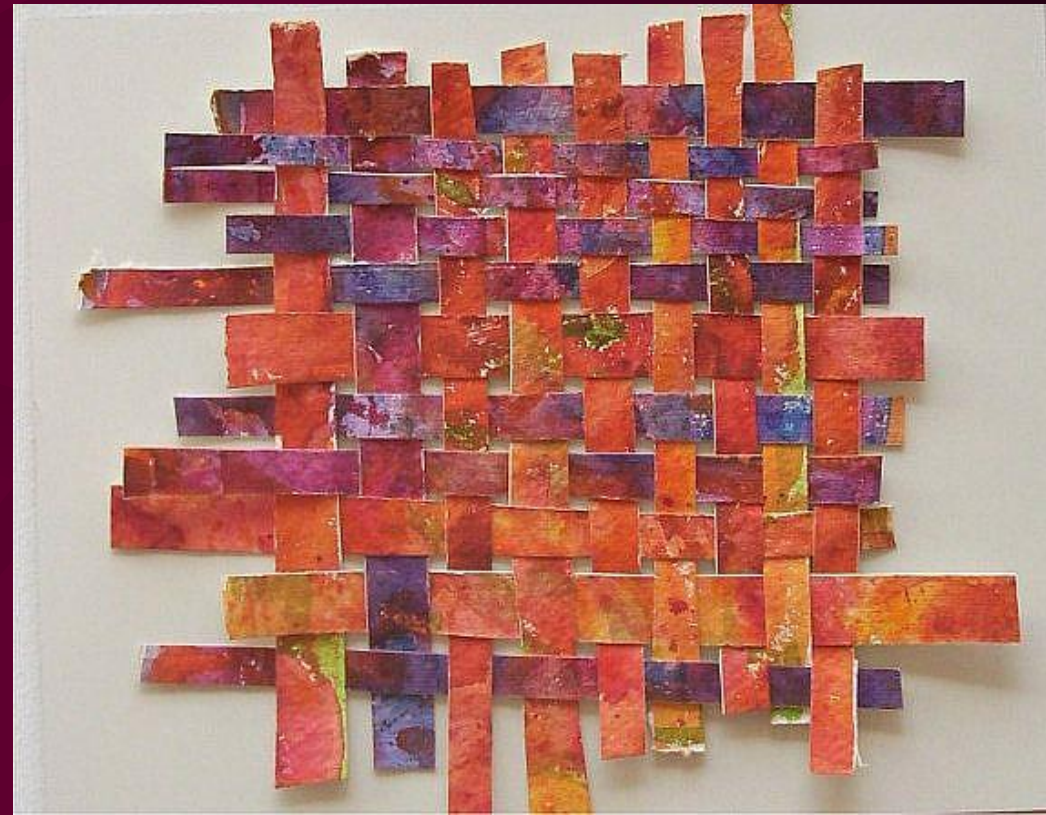


Kente Cloth

- Kente cloth was once worn on special occasions by kings, queens and other important leaders. Today, some people wear it in honor of the creative spirit of their African ancestors.



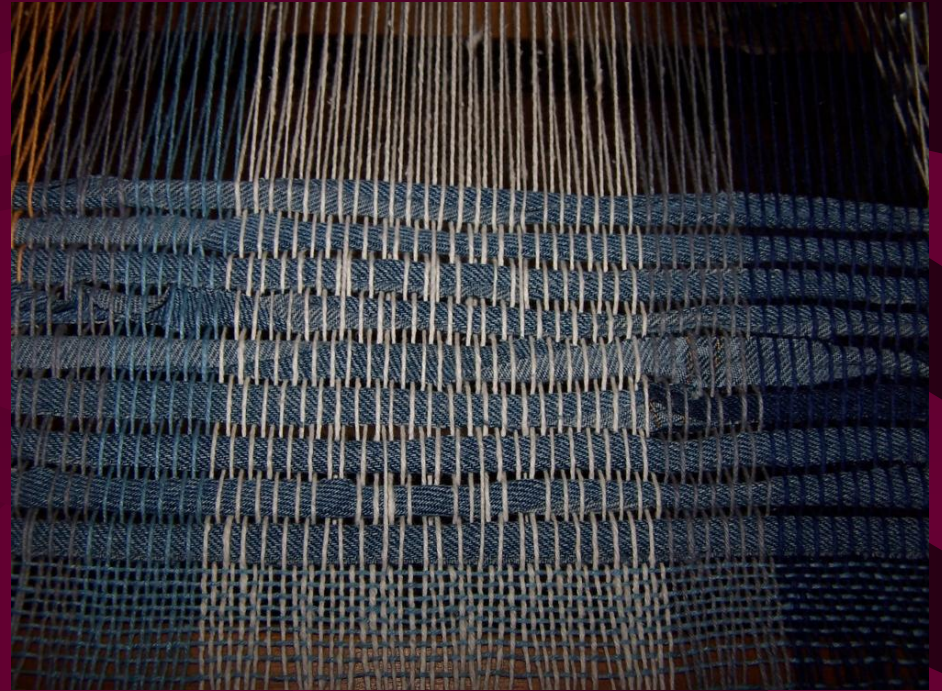
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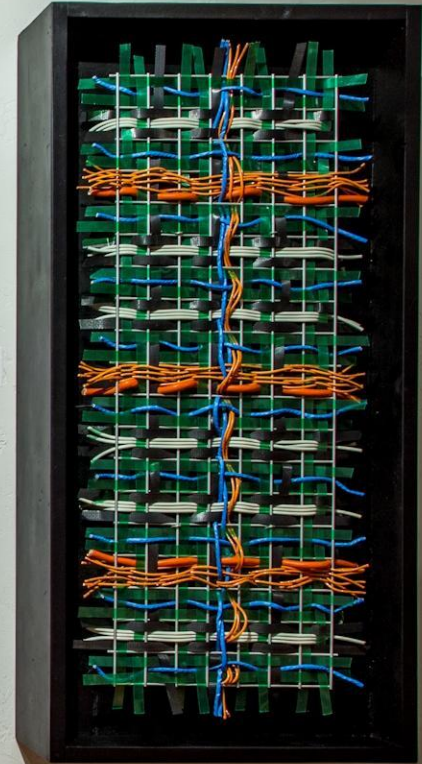
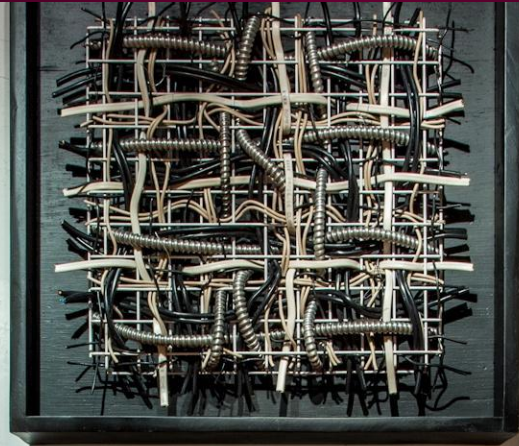
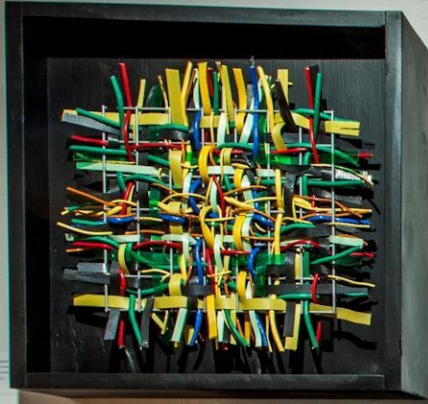
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What will we be doing with
Textiles?

Weaving Rug



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Weaving Rug



Woven Purse / Bag



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