



Hohepa Rose Weavery



Natural – weaving with natural fibres such as wool, alpaca, mohair, possum, linen and cotton.

Handmade – producing unique, one off, quality items that reflect the individual characters and skill that is fostered in the Rose Weavery.

Social – enabling adults with an intellectual disability to have meaningful work in an Anthroposophical initiative.

NZ Made – supporting local communities.

The Story behind Hohepa Rose Weavery



Beautifully hand-woven! Pieces are unique, well-crafted and show the exceptional talents, creativity and adroit skills of individual weavers. From colourful cushion covers to scarves, sheepskin rugs, ponchos and inspired, funky bags. The pieces show the traditional, wonderful, and quirky weaving happening at Hohepa Clive.

The Rose Weavery caters for eighteen full-time and part-time weavers. Typically everyone starts with learning to weave precise, straight edges before learning the steps for setup of the looms. It is a lengthy process involving winding a warp (yarn

that is dressed onto the loom), anywhere from about 10m to 20m long and up to 400 threads (ends.) Each end is then threaded through the same number of heddles (eyelets) in a small repeat pattern which will determine the final overall look/weave. Tying knots, winding the yarn onto the back of the loom and then finally through to the front; this is no simple task! Weaving a whole warp can, on average, take anywhere between 2 and 8 months to complete.



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Working independently is something many have had to learn but for those who know this, their weaving focus is on the satisfying endeavour of letting individual creativity shine through. Choosing the materials and colours which produce the varying designs is paramount for success. Choosing and deciding upon the horizontal and vertical lines of varying colour, thickness and fibre ultimately decrees the aesthetic worth of the weaving and this can only be achieved through experience and dedicated learning. The Rose Weavery fosters an environment of shared creativity and mutual inspiration.

It is the hope of the Rose Weavers that these works will rekindle a fondness for this beautiful art and that which is truly sustainable, from our own hands, hearts and land can be shared.





Thank you for being the change....

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