

NEW PRODUCTS

Our loom development has always been customer- or student-driven:

For the **Adjustable Triangle Loom**: “Can’t you make it (the 6-foot loom) bigger?” “Can’t you make one smaller?”

For the **Adjustable Square**: “Why not put two triangles together to make a square?”

For the **Adjustable Rectangle**: After exploring with the Adjustable Square at the half-size width and full-size length, thus making a rectangle, and putting a picture of the finished piece in our newsletter, customers exclaimed, “Oh, you can use that magical way of weaving on a rectangle? How about a long, skinny rectangle to make fashion scarves?”

For the **Travel Triangle, Square and Rectangle looms**: customer comments, “I’d like something to take with me when I travel, or small enough to hold on my lap.”

For the **Mini Mod** triangle and square: needed something small enough for a one-hour intro to weaving class at a knitting conference.

For the **Travel size Navajo loom**: needed several looms to take with me for a two-day guild workshop in southern Illinois, and our regular large Navajo looms were too cumbersome for transporting that many looms.

For the **Mini Navajo loom**: needed something small enough for a 7-hour Navajo-style weaving workshop at Fiber “U”.

Now we are making 12-inch square looms because a loyal customer requested one small enough to weave washcloths, and the small 18-inch Travel Square was a little too large for that purpose. Thus, we’re calling it our “Washcloth Loom” (\$49). Two strands of the Dragon Tales 4/2 soft cotton, woven together, is perfect for a great washcloth!

Speaking of washcloths and 4/2 cotton... For the book on *Continuous Strand Weaving Method*, I wove and put together three 30-inch rectangles to make a dish towel, using the Dragon Tale yarns, and three 20-inch rectangles for a hand towel. I also wanted to show a surface design technique, so cross-stitched a dragon on one end of the dish towel, and embroidered a monogram on the hand towel. We also wove a bath towel out of cotton chenille on the adjustable square loom at the rectangle setting.



12-inch “Washcloth Loom”
with cotton washcloth

Wouldn’t a set of wash cloth, hand towel, and bath towel be a great gift idea? The wash cloth we made for the book used four Mini-Mod squares stitched together, but I like the one-piece wash cloth on this 12-inch new loom better!

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