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## ***Weaving Made Easy: 17 Projects Using a Simple Loom*** Liz Gipson

Transform yarn into cloth with just a simple loom. Weaver Liz Gipson's *Weaving Made Easy: 17 Projects Using a Simple Loom* (Interweave, November 2008, \$24.95) is an easy and accessible guide to using the rigid heddle, a small, portable, and affordable loom that is gaining in popularity among beginning weavers. In no time crafters will become designers with their ability to create fabrics that are a perfect blend of fun and functionality.

*Weaving Made Easy* begins by breaking down weaving vocabulary (see side bar) and lists basic household items that are needed before beginning any project. Gipson further explains the preparation of weaving with step-by-step photography and clear instructions beginning with warping the loom, measuring the warp, threading the rigid heddle, and winding on. Then readers can begin weaving. They'll learn how to wind the yarn on a shuttle, mind edges, find their own beat, and even join new weft and add new colors of yarns. Gipson completes her weaving 101 lesson with finishing techniques and basic problem solving.

Once readers have mastered the basics, they're ready to begin *Weaving Made Easy's* 17 quick and easy projects to learn how to make flowy, drapy fabrics; sturdy, practical fabrics; and fun, funky fabrics. Gipson's projects range from scarves to bags and belts, from pillows and placemats to rugs. Complete project instructions, clear step-by-step photography, and abundant tips and techniques for color, design construction, and embellishment are included. Whether using the rigid heddle loom or a simple floor loom, *Weaving Made Easy* is the ultimate idea book for the beginning weaver.

### **Weaving 101 Vocab**

**Warp:** Yarn held taut on a loom

**Weft:** Yarn interlacing the warp in an over-under fashion

**Shuttle:** Holds the weft

**Shed:** The vertical space between warp threads through which the weft travels

**Rigid Heddle:** Apparatus through which the warp is threaded and with which the weft yarn is aligned perpendicular to the warp.

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