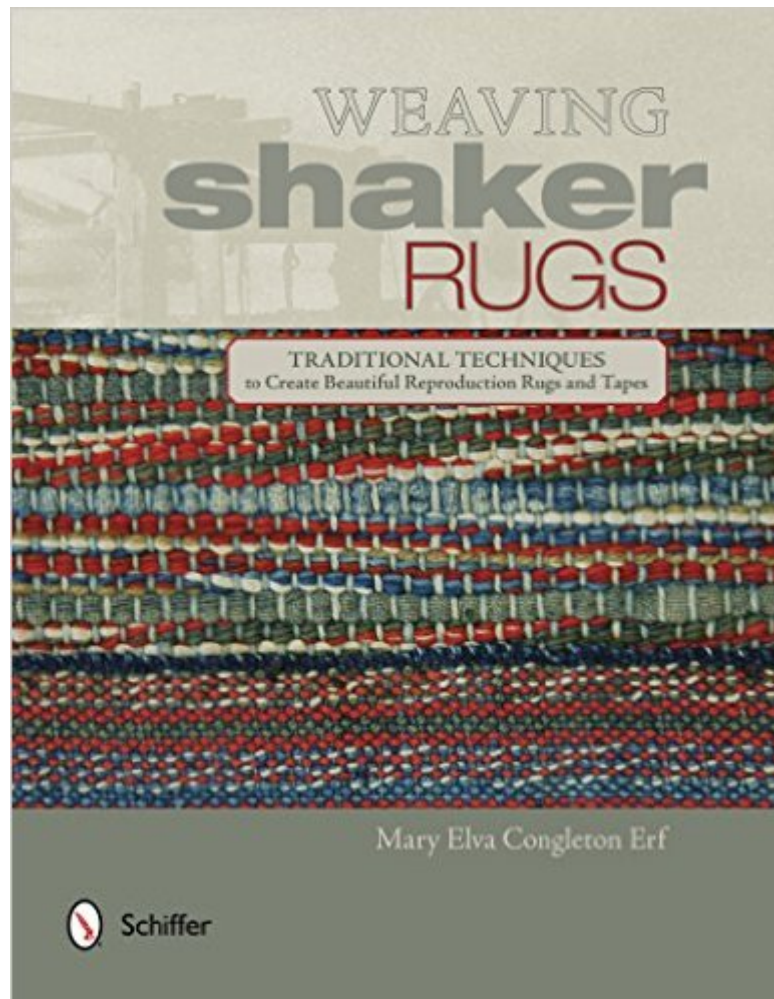


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# Weaving Shaker Rugs: Traditional Techniques To Create Beautiful Reproduction Rugs And Tapes



## Synopsis

Learn how to make colorful, gorgeously patterned rugs using the 200-year-old techniques of the Shakers. The author researched and analyzed textiles at five historic Shaker village sites before developing a method to create new versions of these classics. You'll learn how ten original rugs were woven and then get detailed instructions on how to make ten reproduction rugs, with full explanations of the dyeing, the warp material, the weft materials, and how to weave, as well as instructions for weaving Shaker tapes. Learn about the history of the Shakers in America and the impact of their craftsmanship on our arts tradition. Like all items used in daily Shaker life, these rugs have three outstanding characteristics: they are unusual in their design, they are perfect for the purpose they are meant to serve, and they are beautiful in quality.

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## Customer Reviews

Lovely book, I've been wanting to weave a Shaker rug for ages. All the info you need to reproduce one, including the colors of dyes to use but I see no reason to stop there if a reproduction is not what you want. A spinning wheel with a large orifice is needed.

This is a lovely book of reproduced patterns of rugs, it also has a section on dyeing, very well presented with lovely photography. It isn't a "how to weave book" but more of setting colour patterns to reproduce the shaker rags (-some of them would fit in beautifully in our modern homes.) You need to know how to weave on a loom already. I really fell in love with quite a few and will try at least one rug. This was supplied to me in return for a honest and unbiased review

I am glad to see this lovely book getting the reviews I think it deserves. It is true that it isn't for someone who doesn't know how to weave and dye already but there are plenty of beginner books out there. Finding a book that goes beyond beginnings in weaving is difficult. The subject matter is specific to the Shaker tradition and it is helpful to have that interest but the subject matter is useful beyond that. The first review made me want to purchase this book because the reviewer isn't a weaver who already knows how to weave. I look for things that can improve and encourage my weaving and dyeing skills.

An interesting guide on making shaker rugs. The photography is lovely and there is a guide on how to dye them whatever color you want. This book is recommended for people who know how to weave on a loom or already have a loom. \*I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Weaving Shaker Rugs by Mary Elva Congeton Erf is a free NetGalley ebook that I downloaded and read with Adobe Digital Editions. Intrigued with this style of rug, I wanted to understand this process of creating rugs by hand and see a good deal of impressive designs. I made the immediate mistake of believing that the rugs were all handmade when they're really loomed from hand-dyed material, machine-spun cord, and rug tapes. All of the instruction is quite a bit of a blur from that point on.

This book wasn't exactly what I wanted. No fault of the book, but I am a rug weaver and hoped to find new and clever techniques, which I did not. It was more about history than art.

Can't wait to get started weaving Shaker rugs. My first weaving experiences were at Hancock Shaker Village. This book is perfect for me.

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