



## Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria

### 8 Shaft Weaving Certificate – 2024/ 25 Outline

Classes are held at the Handweavers and Spinners Guild on the first Sunday of the month apart from the second class. Class time is 9.30 to 4.00 with a 30 min lunch break. A fortnight after the face-to-face class there is a 1.5 hour Zoom review and Q & A session. The tutor for the certificate is Jeanette Holkner.

Two of the samples are completed on the floor looms at the Guild. Students may work on these at any of the times the Guild is open.

	Date	Warp	Topic
1	Sept 1	1	Twill design and variations
	Sept 15		Zoom - Questions and clarification
2	Sept 29		Colour and Weave (on Floor Loom)
	Oct 20		Zoom - Questions and clarification
3	Nov 3		Brocade design and Waffle Weave
	Nov 17		Zoom - Questions and clarification
4	Dec 1	2	6 Block Summer and Winter
	Dec 15		Zoom - Questions and clarification
	Summer Break		
	Feb 16		Zoom - Questions and clarification
5	March 2	3	Damask - Twill, Satin and Basketweave
	March 16		Zoom - Questions and clarification
6	April 6		Damask Pick up
	Easter Break		
	April 27		Zoom - Questions and clarification
7	May 4	4	2 Block Double Weave
	May 18		Zoom - Questions and clarification
8	June 1		Double Faced Twill
	June 15		Zoom - Questions and clarification
9	July 6		Deflected Double Weave (on Floor Loom)
	July 20		Zoom - Questions and clarification
10	Aug 3	5	Pique
	Aug 17		Zoom - Questions and clarification
11	Sept 7		Lace
	Sept 21		Zoom - Questions and clarification
12	Oct 5		Project Design and Production
	Oct 19		Zoom - Questions and clarification
	Nov 2		Project Consults
	by Sunday Jan 25, 2026		Final Project and Folio submission. Loom return.

This outline may be adjusted during the course with consultation between students and tutor.

**Prerequisites:** This course builds on the skills and knowledge developed during the Handweavers and Spinners Guild Certificate of Four Shaft Weaving or Four Shaft Bridging Course, therefore these courses or equivalent experience in multishaft weaving are essential prerequisites. If in doubt, please discuss with the Guild.

All students will have use of a table loom for the duration of the course but must supply their own warping board to use at home.

**Course Content:** The following structures explored on 4 shafts will be expanded onto 8 shafts; Twill, Double Weave, Summer and Winter and Lace weaves. New structures include Brocade, Damask, Damask Pick up, Deflected Double Weave and Pique. Finally, students will look at yarn, fibre and finishes, quantity calculations and costing in preparation for the design and production of an article using at least one of the structures in the course.

Exercises will be set for each topic with samples and notes presented in a folio to be assessed at the end of the course.

**Note: This course does not carry accreditation, however participants are asked to undertake genuine commitment to completion of all topics and submission of a folio and final project.**