

Self-Selected, Self-Directed Groups Weave at The Oriole Mill

This class is designed for those who want to form their own class of colleagues to work at The Jacquard Center and weave at The Oriole Mill. This class is open to those who know how to make a loom file and just need time to work at The Jacquard Center and weave at The Oriole Mill. Technical support is provided by Bethanne Knudson.

The first day of class will start with a member of The Oriole Mill staff meeting with participants at The Jacquard Center. We'll review the steps of making a loom file using JacqCAD MASTER[®] and the specific logistics of working with the mill's schedule. *All participants must be present for this orientation.*

This class is four days long, starting on Saturday and ending on Tuesday. The class dates will be determined by the group, in agreement with The Jacquard Center and The Oriole Mill. We recommend that the group determine, amongst themselves, and in advance of the contacting The Jacquard Center, the contact person for the group, the preferred dates for the class and the desired loom setup. No class will be scheduled unless the members of the group have unanimously agreed to the loom setup and the time slot. Written confirmation by each participant, via letter or e-mail is required.

Tuition: \$900.00 per person for 3 or 4 people
Minimum enrollment is 3, maximum enrollment is 4.

Minimum Weaving cost per person:
\$500 (this covers 10,000 weft insertions)

Weaving beyond 10,000 insertions is charged at five cents per weft insertion.
(A weft insertion is the equivalent of a single shuttle throw on a hand loom or a single Jacquard card in industry language.)

Pre-requisites:
Experience in making loom files for an industrial Jacquard machine. Ability to use a Macintosh computer.

Mill Access Weaving Schedule:
Monday and Tuesday, scheduled on an as-needed basis.

A member of The Oriole crew will coordinate the needs of the self-selected, self-directed group members with the production schedule of the mill. Our goal is to accommodate the needs of the individual, while keeping the disruption of mill production to a minimum.

Housing at The Jacquard Center is charged per night, at \$50.00, \$62.50 (there are two rooms at this rate), and \$75.00. The Jacquard Center and The Mill will not be able to provide transportation for the class.

One of the following loom setups will be made available to each class:

Loom 2, 6 color rotation, cotton, 81 epi.

Loom 5, solid natural, mercerized cotton, 101.6 epi

Loom 8, solid black, cotton, 51 epi

A kit, including all technical information, fabric samples and weave blankets, will be loaned to each member of the group, in advance of the class. Bring the kit to The Jacquard Center, in original condition, to use during the class. (If the kit is returned in original condition, there is no charge for its use. If the kit is damaged or fails to be returned, a charge of \$250.00 will apply.)

Everyone is strongly advised to arrive with properly prepared images, ready for the final steps of creating loom-ready files. This can be done in Photoshop, completed before arriving at The Jacquard Center.

Students may bring their own weft yarn, if desired. (The cost of weaving is the same whether you use the mill's yarn or your own weft yarn.) Selection of yarns to bring -- or ship here in advance -- needs to be based on the guidelines for size and fiber included in the kit.

Each person is encouraged to bring a laptop, with Photoshop installed, for working on their images. Wireless internet is available at The Jacquard Center. Computers with JacqCAD MASTER® will be available at The Jacquard Center and at The Oriole Mill. These will be used for applying the technical information needed to communicate with the loom. A total of eight Jacquard stations will be available during the class.

Everyone is expected to make arrangements for getting their fabric home, by bringing an extra piece of luggage or packing the work to be shipped. We charge our cost of shipping plus 15%.

Unless otherwise requested we ship using Fed Ex. Fabric can be shipped folded or on a tube. Fabric shipped on a tube is an additional \$10.00 -- to cover the cost of the tube and the telescoping box used. If shipping is international, all customs or duty charges must be paid by the recipient.

All prices subject to change without notice. When possible, The Jacquard Center will alert registrants of price changes.

Classes can be scheduled only through The Jacquard Center. Access to weaving at The Oriole Mill is limited to Monday and Tuesday and must be arranged with the mill at least 24 hours in advance.

A deposit of \$ 450.00, per person, is required to reserve the requested time slot. If the student cancels, there is no refund of the deposit. However, if TJC or the mill cancels the class a full refund will be made.

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The Oriole Mill produces exquisite fabrics for the home and the body. The Oriole Mill hosts classes from The Jacquard Center, and in other ways invites close cooperation between artists and industry. Dedicated to making the finest Jacquard and Dobby fabrics, from natural fibers, this mill hopes to lead a resurgence of small "Artisanal" mills, and create a new domestic textile industry.

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The Jacquard Center was founded in 2000 as a training retreat for professional textile designers. From the beginning The Jacquard Center has also offered classes to those from academia.