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I enjoy repurposing items that have outlived their original purpose and making those items into a new useful item, by weaving, sewing, arts and crafts, woodworking, gardening, and through volunteer work.

I love all handcrafting and think of myself as an Artisan and Craftsperson. Weaving has become my obsession. I don't know which I am more obsessed with, building the looms or weaving on them. I love giving a new life to items that have outlived their usefulness as their original purpose, such as the broom and mop handles that are now my backstrap and inkle looms. Be sure to see all the new weaving - spinning - and other handcrafter's website links on my blog sidebar.



This is my backstrap loom that I made from repurposed mop and broom handles. The shed bars are dowel rods that I repurposed into shed rods. The shuttle and sword is custom made by Rick, who has an Etsy Shop

[HandCrafters of El Paso](http://HandCraftersofElPaso)

Go by and visit, tell him Maggie sent you.

This is my inkle loom below that I made all by myself, from broom/mop handles, and flat stock from local saw mill.



You can also see the swords and shuttle that Rick custom made. There is a 14" a 12" and an 8" sword, plus the shuttle and a tiny little jewelry shuttle of some sort that was Lagniappe.



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Classes and Tutorials

Repurposing materials such as feedbags and coffee bags is a great way to recycle, upcycle, and keep that plastic out of the landfill! As you can see below, a feedbag can become a useful and beautiful handbag. I lined this one with recycled coffee bags and it makes a great tote to take to market, the silver-lining helps retain coolness from cold-stuff while shopping.



The tote shown above was made about 14" x 14" x 6" and the handles are cotton core covered with matching feedbag material. There is also a Velcro closure. I custom made this one for a lady who brought me this feed bag because she thought it was too pretty to throw away. I do too! I wish I could find more of these bags! I made a pattern to show how I made it for those who want to do it themselves. See links below for my shop and pattern store.

Maggie's Corner Blog <http://maggiescornerdotorg.wordpress.com/>

Maggie's Corner Craftsy Pattern Store use this short link <http://www.craftsy.com/user/1895636/pattern-store>

See the *Pattern and Material Sections* in our Etsy Store <https://www.etsy.com/shop/MaggiesCornerDotOrg>

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