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dressing distaffs and the most suitable tools to use. Every aspect of preparing the yarn is covered: bleaching and dyeing with suitable natural dyes as well as modern reactive dyes. The section on weaving is specifically for the use of hand-spun yarns, although it will be helpful in connection with machine-spun yarns: there are detailed descriptions of warping, dressing the loom, sizing and the actual weaving process. Basic drafts of traditional patterns are given, with guidance on analyzing patterned linen as a starting point for the weaver's own work. A description of the shaft draw loom opens up the possibilities of designing diaper block patterns and damask motifs. The author ends with background information on flax and its processing; related fibres such as hemp, ramie and nettle; and spinning for lace, knitting and crochet. All readers, both novice and expert, will welcome the particularly detailed glossary. No other single volume covers this subject in such detail: this book is likely to be the standard source of information for a long time to come."

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