

Toni Tooker

Toni's weaving career has reflected the color and tempo of the places she's lived. She began weaving in New Mexico, then on to Colorado where sheep-ranching provided the materials for warm shawls and throws. Later, time spent on the tropical coast of Texas led her to experiment with the fine yarns available in cotton, silk, bamboo, rayon and tencel...the fibers she most frequently works with now.

Toni weaves scarfs, shawls and table linens. Color and texture are her passion and her goal is for each handwoven piece to strongly appeal to both the visual and tactile senses. "Pattern, also, plays a crucial part in the success of a weaving, causing light to reflect differently across the fabric. Only when these three factors come together do I consider a piece successful."

Toni and her husband now reside once again in New Mexico. "Returning to New Mexico was, for me, coming home to my original source of inspiration".

