

Carpet weaving

Carpets are one of the primary items in any household used for covering the floor and decorating the walls.

Depending on the weave techniques employed carpets can be very colorful or ordinary. Carpets are made from cotton, wool, silk and other artificial threads. However, majority of carper weavers use cotton threads for the structure of cotton threads allows producing better quality rugs. In rural areas felt making is practiced as opposed to carpet weaving where they would use sheep or goat wool.

Carpets are made in many ways, and most widely used form of carpet making is tufting and weaving. The tufting procedure involves the sewing or punching of face pile yarns into a backing by a special machine that is equipped with numerous needles. The tufts are inserted lengthwise into a primary backing. In finer carpet the tufts are close together, giving the finished product a denser quality and appearance. The tufts are then set in place with the use of a latex compound that is laminated to the secondary backing. This final backing or layer gives the carpet additional strength.

Woven carpet has been available for many centuries. Before the invention of machines, the products were hand woven. The process for both is virtually same, with different types of weaves used for specific appearances and qualities. Basically, to produce a woven carpet, two sets of yarns are intertwined. These are the pile yarns, commonly referred to as face yarns, and backing yarns that result in a single “fabric.”

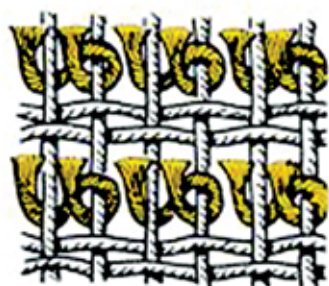
Weavers who weave on a regular basis have a very good speed in knotting. They tend to develop this speed over a span of time. One or more weavers work on a loom depending on the size of the carpet. Each weaver makes individual

knots row after row.

In carpet weaving there are four types of knotting, these are: Persian knot, Turkish knot, Persian *jutfi* (pair) knot and Turkish *jutfi* (pair) knot.

The most important tool in carpet weaving is called loom. Traditional loom is made usually





of wood, but recently metallic looms are also utilized and is in prevalent, due to its advantages. Other tools used by the carpet weavers are scissors, iron rod, levers and comb beaters.

Nowadays the traditional art of carpet weaving is developing across the country where young women are attracted to learn and revive this form of traditional craft.

