

Raghzabofi

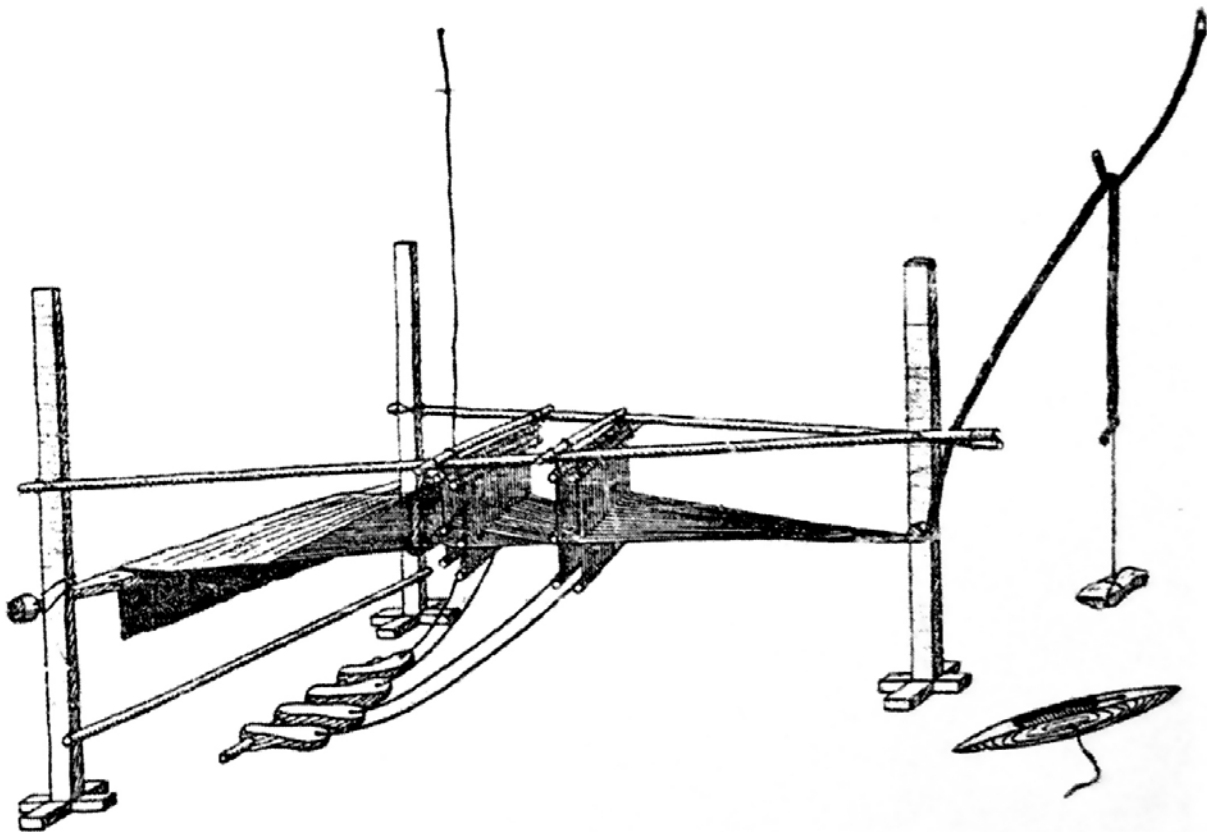
Raghza refers to a felt textile made from sheep wool. Unlike felt the *raghza* is woven. *Raghza* is widely known among the mountain societies of Tajikistan. The sheep-wool yarns are made during the winter when the women have less work around the farm. Than *raghzsa* is woven using these yarns in frames.

After the fabric is knitted it is kept on steam

to soften it. Afterwards it is stretched on a board to make it even and flat. Once it is dried it is removed from the board and then used to make various clothing primarily outer garments.

The *raghza* fabric is used to make special overcoats called *chakman* worn by the shepherds or other people during the winter on top of their clothing. The *raghza* fabric sometimes it is





waxed to make it water proof. *Raghza* is used as foot wrap for the winter or in Darvoz they make special trousers worn by the hunter in the winter during the hunt.

Raghza fabrics have natural color depending on the color of the yarn that is white, brown or

black. The white *raghza* sometimes made from processed wool are used for special vests worn on top of the shirts. Sometimes the *raghza* clothing is decorated by means of applique forms made from felt or other embroidery.

