

Webb Works



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LINDY'S ASHFORD ADVICE

WEAVING WITH BOAT SHUTTLES

Boat Shuttles are generally used on Table and Floor Looms for neater selvedge edges and ease of weaving. I don't do much weaving on table looms as I find the Rigid Heddle Loom (also known as the Knitter's Loom) a much better tool to teach weaving on, as it is more portable and gives the student a better understanding of how the fabric is formed. However, boat shuttles can also be used for Rigid Heddle weaving.

The reasons for using a boat shuttle rather than the stick shuttle are:-

- Don't need to have long arms for wider warps
- Faster as yarn unwinds itself as you 'throw' it through the shed
- Quicker to wind bobbins than stick shuttles
- Can do multiple colours much easier as you can have lots of bobbins wound. Just pop them in the shuttle when required instead of having to have a large number of shuttle sticks
- Much easier to unwind unwanted yarn from bobbin when project is finished
- Great for finer yarns
- Not as likely to get caught in shed and pick up the wrong warp threads.

Ashford Boat shuttles come in two lengths - 29cm - \$40 (rrp \$46.50), 35cm - \$42 (rrp \$42).

Nylon Bobbins in packs of 10 are \$11.50 and Paper Bobbins are \$7.25. The Boat Shuttle Winders are available either in Metal - \$157 (rrp \$185) or Wooden - \$96 (rrp \$112.50). Both include 1 bobbin. Both are easy to use as they can be clamped to the table for hands free winding. Both work well provided you wind correctly - starting along the full length of the bobbin and working across, gradually moving in to the centre part of the bobbin - www.youtube.com/watch?v=wir6aDIAPVO - is a good site for instruction.

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Doctors say fibre is good for ewe, so enjoy !!!

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