



Textile Tapestry Artist

Joe Zanger visits Chicago tapestry artist Frank Connet, who shares not only his beautiful textile artwork, but the creative concepts, homemade dyes and stitching techniques he uses to make them.



Figure A

Artist Frank Connet uses needle, thread and homemade dyes to create his unique wall hangings.

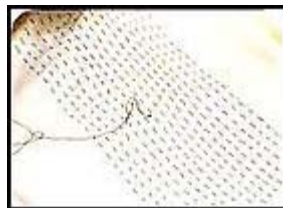


Figure B

Connet uses a Japanese stitching technique to make his designs. After stitching the fabric is dyed, and the pattern that emerges is determined by how the threads were pulled and aligned.



Figure C

After an initial dyeing in indigo, Connet will add further layers of color to this piece. Connet makes his dyes from natural ingredients such as roots and walnut husks.



Figure D

Connet claims natural dyes are much more beautiful than synthetic dyes and offer complex, blended colors that come from the delicate interaction of the various components in the natural ingredients.

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