

WEAVER

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Becoming a Weaver places you in a respected and essential role within your community, crafting textiles that are the fabric of everyday life. You are entrusted with transforming raw materials like wool, flax, and silk into garments, tapestries, and goods that not only serve practical needs but also convey status and beauty. Your skilled hands weave together the threads of society, creating durable clothing for the peasantry, fine fabrics for the nobility, and ornate tapestries that tell the stories of heroes and history. This career will offer you a unique blend of artistry and practicality.. You will ensure that through your looms, the richness of medieval life is clothed in colour, pattern, and texture.

MAIN TRACK: WEAVER

1. **Wool Washer** - Being a Wool Washer marks your first step in the transformation of raw fleece into valuable textiles. You will meticulously clean the wool, removing dirt, grease, and impurities, preparing it for the spinner's wheel. This task, though physically demanding, is vital, as the quality of the washed wool directly affects the texture and quality of the final fabric. Your hands, though weathered from the water and work, are essential in ensuring that the wool's natural beauty and properties are preserved and enhanced. Through your diligence and attention to detail, you will play a crucial part in the textile production process, supporting the creation of garments and goods that warm, protect, and adorn society.
2. **Spinning Wheel Apprentice** - You will now embark on a journey through the timeless art of turning raw fibres into thread and yarn. Under the watchful eye of the Master Spinner, you learn to operate the spinning wheel with precision and care, feeding wool, flax, or cotton through your fingers as you transform them into strands of potential. Your days are filled with the rhythmic hum of the wheel and the satisfaction of seeing piles of fibre become something so essential. This craft not only requires patience and dexterity but also instils in you a deep appreciation for the artisan's role in clothing and tapestry making. You not only become adept at spinning but also gain insights into the dyeing and weaving processes that will follow, preparing you for a vital role in the textile industry.
3. **Loom Assistant** - You will now support the experienced weavers in the bustling textile workshop. You are tasked with preparing the looms, threading the warp and weft threads, and maintaining the equipment to ensure everything operates smoothly. Your days are filled with the rhythmic sounds of shuttles passing back and forth as you help create fabrics that range from simple linens to elaborate tapestries. This role not only demands physical stamina but also keen attention to detail, as the quality of the cloth reflects on the workshop's reputation and your prospects for advancement in the textile trade.
4. **Journeyman Weaver** - You have now moved beyond the apprentice stage to refine your skills under the tutelage of a master weaver. You are responsible for the entire weaving process, from

preparing and maintaining the looms to selecting the appropriate threads and executing intricate designs. Your role is crucial in producing durable and decorative fabrics, such as wool for clothing and linen for household use. Precision and creativity are your tools, allowing you to contribute significant artistic and functional textiles to your community, enhancing both your reputation and potential for future advancement within the weaver's guild.

5. **Guild Member** - You will play a vital role in maintaining the integrity and quality of textile production in your community. You are involved in every aspect of the craft, from sourcing the finest fibres to weaving complex patterns that meet the guild's stringent standards. In addition to your weaving duties, you will participate in guild meetings, contribute to the training of apprentices, and help enforce the regulations that keep local weaving practises competitive and fair. Your expertise not only aids in producing textiles that are both functional and artistic but also ensures the sustainability and reputation of the weaver's guild within the broader market.
6. **Royal Tapestry Maker** - You now hold a prestigious position within the royal court, tasked with creating magnificent tapestries that depict historical events, scenes, or emblems. Your work is a blend of artistry and diplomacy, as each piece must not only be visually stunning but also convey political and cultural messages favoured by the monarchy. Working with the finest silks and threads, you collaborate closely with artists and designers to ensure that each tapestry tells a story that is both beautiful and beneficial to the crown. This role requires a meticulous eye for detail and a deep understanding of both weaving techniques and the symbolic language of the elite.
7. **Master Weaver** - You are at the pinnacle of your craft, overseeing the entire weaving operation within your guild. You not only produce textiles of the highest quality but also innovate new weaving techniques and patterns that set the standard in the industry. Your responsibilities include managing journeymen and apprentices, ensuring they adhere to the guild's rigorous standards. You also represent your guild in trade negotiations and maintain relationships with merchants and nobility, securing lucrative contracts that sustain your workshop. Your role is crucial not only in crafting exquisite textiles but also in mentoring the next generation of weavers. Well done.
8. **Guild Master** - You now hold the highest authority within the Guild. You are now responsible for overseeing all operations of the weaver's guild. Your role extends beyond managing production; you set strategic directions, uphold quality standards, and resolve disputes among members. You will lead the negotiations with suppliers and buyers, ensuring the guild's economic viability and prosperity. You will spearhead the education of apprentices and the certification of journeymen, maintaining the craft's esteemed tradition. Your leadership is vital in fostering collaboration among members and promoting the guild's reputation both locally and in broader markets. Congratulations - you've made it to the top!