

SHARON A. BROWN

WEAVING

Sharon retired after working for many years as an occupational therapist. She received her training at the University of Iowa and moved to New Mexico in 1978. In addition to weaving, her interests include working with stock dogs, horses, and returning to the piano.

Her favorite type of weaving is the making of cotton rag rugs. As a teenager on her grandmother's farm in southern Iowa, she helped sew and roll balls of "rags," which were then taken to a local weaver. Some of those rugs were woven with bright polyester knits given to her grandmother in the form of scraps. Her grandmother considered them nearly offensive, because all of the guilts she made were of cotton. Consequently, these knit scraps were cut and sewn for rugs. (However, more than 40 years later, the cotton warp on these rugs has faded and frayed, but the knit weft remains strong and brightly colored!)

