

## Studio Tour, February, 2022



Macomber on the left and Norwood on the right



The Macomber was manufactured in Saugus, MA before the company was moved to its current location in York, ME

My “Studio” is a bit more crowded than it was a year ago. The wonderful 4-shaft Norwood continues to produce beautiful towels and baby blankets. The bed was moved out and replaced with a murphy bed last spring given that I needed to make room for a 24”, 51 year old Macomber 8-shaft which I purchased from the White River Craft Center.



Top left: Valley Yarns "Blue & White Striped Dishtowel" by Barbara Elkins  
Top right: Valley Yarns "Modified Star-Work Dishtowel" by Barbara Elkins  
On the loom: Handwoven March/April 2018 "Pool-Inspired Towels" by Connie Westbrook

The Macomber came with a sticky shed which responded well to a heavy cleaning of the shaft grooves along with silicon spray as recommended by Macomber. The loom has been up and running since early January and I'm on my third short warp. This loom, with its heavy steel harnesses and steel heddles is a very different weaving experience for me, but I am thrilled with the detail of the fabric I've produced so far. And now I can go back through all my issues of "Handwoven" to weave those 8-shaft drafts I have ignored.