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Local weaver Esther Grav gets ready



Esther Grav with some of her handwoven items for the upcoming show and sale

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of the Belleville Weavers and Spinners Guild.

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Esther Grav likes the unlimited creativity afforded her by weaving and spinning.

"Sometimes a project just sort of evolves on the loom, and I go with it," said Grav. "I'm able to make items that can't be found in the stores, with blends of yarn I spin myself."

For Grav, the enjoyment of constructing fabric on her loom goes back to the early 1980s, when a friend of her mother's introduced her to the world of weaving.

A member of the Belleville Weavers and Spinners Guild, she's now completing works for the guild's annual show and sale, slated for Nov. 12-13 at the Belleville Recreation Centre.

An entire room in Grav's east Belleville home houses several looms, spinning wheels, and supplies of raw materials, such as wool, silk, cotton and acrylics, which

Grav spins into yarn before weaving.

And what began as a hobby for her is now a business, and Grav also travels regularly to Kingston (she's

a member of that city's weavers guild) to participate in shows and sales.

Among projects she's made recently are wool scarves, wool-blend hats and

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