



Woven Portraits

Do you have a favorite family photograph?

Would you like to turn it into a cherished heirloom?

The image on the left began as a tiny (2-inch by 2-inch) black-and-white snapshot from my favorite aunt's photo album. She is seated in the middle, making flower crowns for my sister and me. One glance at our faces tells me that we were having a lot of fun, although I was too young at the time (maybe 4?) to be able to remember the event now.

When I first saw the photo, after my aunt's death, it spoke to me of good times, and of people and places with great meaning to me.

I scanned the photograph, cleaned up the image in Adobe Photoshop®, and wove it using just two yarn colors - black cotton and natural ivory silk. By creating weaves that bring varying amounts of one or the other yarn to the surface of the cloth, I can create shades of grey in addition to the black and ivory of the yarns, accurately reproducing the tones in the original.

What does it take to turn your favorite photo into a woven portrait? It's easy! Read on...

First of all, a photo with an uncluttered background is best. (You want to focus on the subject, not the background!) It can be a black-and-white photo or a color photo - but it will be woven in black and white.

Send me an unframed photo, or have the photo scanned locally at a high-enough resolution so that the image is at least 1,000 pixels wide. Your local camera store or business services outlet is a good place to start if you don't have your own scanner.

If you have your photo scanned locally, send me the digital file containing the image as an email attachment. My email and postal addresses are at the end of this flyer.

Let me know whether you'd like to hang the portrait from a slender acrylic rod or if you would prefer to have it framed. Your choice means a difference in the width of the weaving; framing needs side margins, while hanging tapestry-style does not. (I'll let you take care of the framing, so you get the style you like best.)

I'll create a digital "preview" file to email back to you that will give you an idea what the photo will look like when woven, for your approval.

Once you approve the preview, I can give you a target completion date.

The base price is \$ 250. If the image requires a lot of manipulation in Photoshop to clean up (to remove trees growing out of heads, for example), I'll need to charge for the additional time required. When I receive your photo, I can estimate how much extra time (if any) is involved.

And that's it! You'll have an heirloom to treasure, and to pass on to your family.

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