

Do you have a favorite family photograph? Would you like to turn it into a cherished heirloom?



The image on the front of this flyer began as a black-and-white snapshot from my mother's photo album, taken about 1930. The people in the image are my maternal grandmother and her six children. That's my mother in the middle, wearing a scarf.

I scanned the photograph, cleaned up the image in Adobe Photoshop®, and transformed it into a weaving using just two yarn colors - black cotton and ivory cotton. 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 shades of grey in the original photo.

What does it take to turn your favorite photo into a woven heirloom? It's easy! 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. Have the photo scanned at a high-enough resolution so that the image is at least 1,500 pixels wide.

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Your local camera shop 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 on the back of this flyer.

Let me know how you'd like to display the portrait. Your choice means a difference in the width of the weaving; framing or mounting on a canvas stretcher require side borders, while hanging tapestry-style does not. There are three possible ways to display the portrait:

1. I can hang it like a traditional tapestry, with a thin metal rod in the top hem and a very thin rod in the bottom hem (this helps ensure that the weaving hangs straight).
2. I can mount the weaving on a canvas stretcher, like a painter's canvas. Then you can take it to your local framing shop and have any frame you like put on it.
3. I can mount it on a canvas stretcher, and then frame it in a plain black frame like the one you see in the booth. I'll provide the frame, but there will be an additional charge of \$ 100 for the custom frame.

Once you tell me your display preference, 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 of the weaving is \$ 300. If the image requires a lot of editing to clean up (to remove distracting elements, for example), I'll need to charge for the additional time at the computer. 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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