

Jacquard Weaving at the Textile and Materiality Cluster

Attend an information session, if possible, and discuss your project with the support technician or faculty involved in the area.

Choose the best path for your project. From here on you will be working closely with the support technician and maybe one of the specially trained weavers. Working on the Jacquard loom is a big commitment, requiring time, training, and lots of collaboration. We promise it is all worth it!

Option 1: You have an image and you want it woven.

Hire a weaver to translate your image or idea into a weaving. This is a collaborative process, but also a commission. Hourly rates for designing and weaving are determined by the cluster. Sometimes work exchanges can be arranged on a case-by-case basis.

- We will discuss your ideas and come up with a translation method.
- The weaver will design your file in Pointcarré.
- Materials will be chosen and samples woven.
- Adjustments will be made as well as more samples.
- The piece will get woven. Credit your weaver!

Option 2: Learn to translate an image into a Jacquard file yourself.

Develop your own files in Pointcarré, and hire a weaver to check and weave them.

- Become a member of the Textiles and Materiality cluster. Any graduate student wishing to contribute knowledge, skill, and time to the cluster can become a member.
- Undergraduate students will need special permission and sponsorship by a cluster faculty member.
- Sign up for a Pointcarré workshop.
- If needed, work with the support technician to develop more fluency in Pointcarré, and look into the intensive workshops held at the Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles.
- There is a priority ranking for access to the Pointcarré station. Access will be granted after an agreement with the support technician and will be possible through the PIR booking system.
- Once your files are ready to be woven, go over them with the technician, pick your materials, and have your samples woven by a weaver.
- Go over the woven samples. If you would like to make changes, adjust your file, and have more samples woven, this will need to be paid for.
- Once you are satisfied with your samples, your piece will be woven. Credit your weaver!

Option 3: You are a weaver, and want to weave on the Jacquard loom.

Follow the previous steps to become fluent in Pointcarré. We will then arrange training on the loom with the support technician, and you will be granted access to the loom on the PIR booking system. Bookings will be monitored to insure a fair and equitable usage of the resources amongst all the members.