

East London Textile Arts

invites you to

**Skill Sharing,
Tea
and Chat**

RAG TIME

FREE!

Transforming textile waste using ancient ways of making things.

School 360, Sugar House Lane, Stratford, London E15

WELCOME ! EVERYONE ! WELCOME ! EVERYONE ! WELCOME ! WELCOME

M A N I F E S T O

We find all textile waste to be a precious opportunity for creativity.

We educate ourselves in how fabrics were made and how their manufacture affected the environment.

We see all our colours and textures as good and waiting for their right place.

We love the transformation of materials.

We are activists, responding to the local and global crisis of textile waste.

Our residency at School 360 is re-generating community in Newham. Remote collaboration with those who live far away is also welcomed.

We invite everyone to become a part of East London Textile Arts' Weave Shed.

We welcome all forms of weaving and wish to learn from your heritage. New weavers also welcome. No previous skills are needed.

We aim to make artwork of the highest quality, exploring new and old techniques.

We cherish the stories and memories carried through our materials. We appreciate some of these are best forgotten.

We enjoy what we do.

Our projects are designed to enrich our lives. We make works on a long term developmental basis, for ourselves, our community and the environment.

How to cut a retired sock into one continuous thread.

Cutting textiles creates dust. Have your Hoover ready and wear a mask if necessary.

The toe piece is the only part of the sock to be wasted. Perhaps you can find a use for it!?

Take a sock. Lie it flat. Thank it for its service to feet and thank nature for providing this material.

Cut lines with scissors as shown by the red dots. Do not cut all the way to the far edge. The far edge becomes a 'spine'.

Now make **diagonal** cuts along the spine, cutting sock in a spiral to form a thread. For further explanation, You Tube search, 'How to make T-shirt yarn.' This method works for t-shirts, pillow cases, or any textile formed in a tube.

Wind yarn into a ball



What We Do

East London Textile Arts invites you to join the pioneering 'Rag Time' Studio at School 360. We established in 2021 to experiment with creating art works from textile waste. Our materials are brought from home or donated from London's fashion industry. Pictured here are sections of our picnic rugs, made to highlight the environmental work of the River Roding Trust. We took inspiration from the colours of reflections in the water and skies over the waterways of Newham. Every term we start a new community project. Please come and find out what we are working on now!

We choose to work both alone and together, welcoming all forms of weaving. Some of the work we make is portable so you can take it home to make it grow during the week. If you don't feel like weaving, there are always good times to be had on the cutting and ripping table.

The atmosphere is busy and peaceful with riots of colour and plenty of tea breaks. Stories we share of used garments and furnishings can be both funny and tragic. Re-weaving of textile waste has been practiced by communities in all cultures since weaving began. Rag Time enables us to re-discover of these ways of making things whilst enriching lives.



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**Please join our Free Weave Shed on Fridays 10.30am- 1pm, during term time.
You do not need to bring anything. No previous experience necessary.
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