Weaving Costing Calculator Instructions

Thank you for trying our weaving calculator. This was developed to help cost weaving, in a professional manner. There is no doubt in my mind that there are other ways of doing this, but this was our way.

In no way does this calculator tell you how you should cost your work, it is quite flexible.

This spreadsheet has been tested on
>   Excel 2003
>   Excel 2007
>   Open Office 3.3 => Macros do not work. some format issues.

If you use it on another application, and it works, then let me know.

NOTES :

This spreadsheet has macros (which help it clear data only). You can enable or disable then as you wish, the calculations still work fine.

The squares / cells you don't write in are locked so you cannot overwrite them

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Process to use

Data is entered into the squares (cells) coloured purple.

- Step A
  For your weaving project collect the information required
- Step B
  Enter your yarn in the 'Yarn Costings Sheet'
- Step C (Optional)
  Enter all your costs of running your studio in the Overheads Calculator
- Step D
  Fill out the Weaving Calculator. This is the part you will use most often..

Each of the following tables describes each of the information you need to fill in, for each calculator

Yarn Costings

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
Yarn	Yes	Text	This is the yarn description you see in the Weaving Calculator. Use something you recognise (Wool – Freds Shed)
Company	No	Text	This can used to help record where the yarn was purchased
Cost	Yes	$	This is the cost of the yarn to you
Margin	No	%	If you want to charge a little extra for the yarn, add a percentage here

Overheads Calculator

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
Number of weeks I want to works	Yes	#	This is an estimate of the number of weeks a year you weave
Number of hours a week I work	Yes	#	In the weeks you weave, how many hours a week do you weave (estimate)
Item	No	Text	Description of cost (eg electricity)
Monthly / Yearly /Weekly	Yes	M / Y / W	Please use capital M Y or W. This tells the calculation whether this is billed monthly (electricity), once year (insurance), or every week (rent)
Amount	Yes	$	The amount you pay per week / year/ month. Average it out if it alters month to month.

Weaving Calculator per Warp

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
Yarns Used Box			
Type	Yes	From box	This uses a drop down box. A small arrow pointing down (▾) appears when you click in the square. Click on it and select the yarn you used (entered in the Yarn Costings Sheet)
Weight	Yes	Grams (gm)	This is the weight of the yarns you used.
			Note : Not all 10 lines have to be used.

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
Weaving Inputs Box			
Date	No	Text	Any date you wish to record, the date your finished the weaving, the date you started
Warp Length	Yes	Feet	How long was the warp you put on
Warping Time	Yes	Hours	How long to wind the warp, put on the loom, and thread it up.
Time to weave / foot	Yes	Minutes	How long did it take you to weave a foot (on average)

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
Costs Inputs			
Hourly Rate	Yes	$	This is the rate you would like to be paid per hour
Overheads	No	$	This is to account for your studio costs and is added to your hourly rate. Either use the one from the Overheads Sheet, or one you estimate for yourself.
GST / Tax	No	%	This is allow for adding sales tax / GST, well any sort of tax!
Profit	No	%	The cost of your weaving is hours / yarn / overheads... now usually you want ot make a profit on that, enter the percentage above cost you would like. (If you like this is your wholesale rate).
Commission	No	%	This accounts for the commissions that gallery's charge, useful for checking the price after it enters their shop.

Heading	Must Use	Value	Description
The Weaving Section			
Item Code	No	Text	Some studios use a number to track the weaving, you can enter this here.
Item	No	Text	A description of each item (scarf / wrap / shawl)
Number made	Yes	#	How many of each item did you make. If 1 then enter 1
Number of inches	Yes	#	What length was the weaving you made, measured in inches
Finishing time	No	Minutes	How long to finish each item (hem stitching, washing, sewing, labelling)