



## Westfield Weavers Guild

### 2021-2022 Guild Challenge: Collaboration – Connection

This year's guild challenge is called Collaboration – Connection. Because meetings have been virtual for so long, we were looking for a way for members to be more connected. We hope you will find this challenge to be fun and rewarding. Here are slides from the October meeting, and some brainstorming ideas below.

Jean and Ellen

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Collaboration – Connection between people and ideas

## **Collaboration**

col·lab·o·ra·tion

noun

/kəˌlæbəˈrɑːʃ(ə)n/

the action of working with someone to produce or create something



Working with someone to create something new, maybe out of your usual repertoire.

## **Connection**

con·nec·tion

noun

/kəˈnekʃ(ə)n/

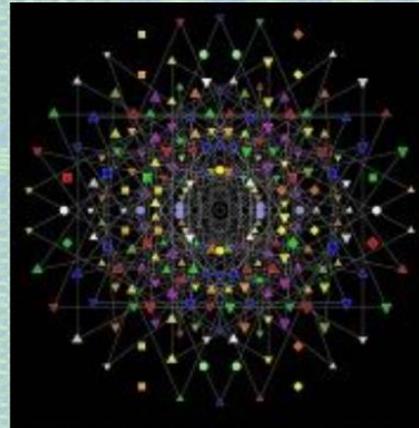
a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else.



Making connections between different fiber arts or media.

The concept of Indra's Net comes from Indian mythology. It's a universal net that has a multi-faceted jewel at each intersection; each jewel represents a single person. Each jewel reflects the other jewels.

## Indra's Net - interdependence



*The Net of Indra is a profound and subtle metaphor for the structure of reality. Imagine a vast net; at each crossing point there is a jewel; each jewel is perfectly clear and reflects all the other jewels in the net, the way two mirrors placed opposite each other will reflect an image ad infinitum. The jewel in this metaphor stands for an individual being.*

*Stephen Mitchell*

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The Latin prefix *com-*, meaning "with, together, or jointly," is a bit of a chameleon - it has a tricky habit of changing its appearance depending on what it's next to. If the word it precedes begins with "l," "com-" becomes "col-." In the case of *collaborate*, **com- teamed up with *laborare* ("to labor") to form Late Latin *collaborare* ("to labor together")**. *Colleague*, *collect*, and *collide* are a few more examples of the "com-" to "col-" transformation. Other descendants of *laborare* in English include *elaborate*, *\_laboratory*, and *labor* itself.

*Colleague, collect, and collide*

Co-Laborare work together What works together? Partnership of people or techniques

**Possible Collaborations - Connections**  
**by an individual member or between 2 guild members**

spinning	dyeing	Dyeing fiber or handspun yarn
spinning	weaving	create cloth from handspun
spinner	knitting / crocheting	create piece from handspun
weaving	weaver	combine 2 woven fabrics
weaving	embroiderer	embellished cloth
weaving	felt maker	felted cloth art piece garment
weaving	sewer	handwoven art piece or garment
felting	embroiderer	embellished fabric
felting	sewer	embellished felt art piece or garment
surface design (dye, print, paint)	embroidery	embellished cloth or art piece
surface design (dye, print, paint)	sewing	garment or art piece from embellished cloth
surface design (dye, print, paint)	quilting	art piece or garment from embellished cloth
knitting / crocheting	felting	felted knit or crochet
knitting / crocheting	weaving	knit cuffs or bands onto woven garment
beadwork	macrame	micro-macrame with beads
basketry	macrame	knotted components to a basket form