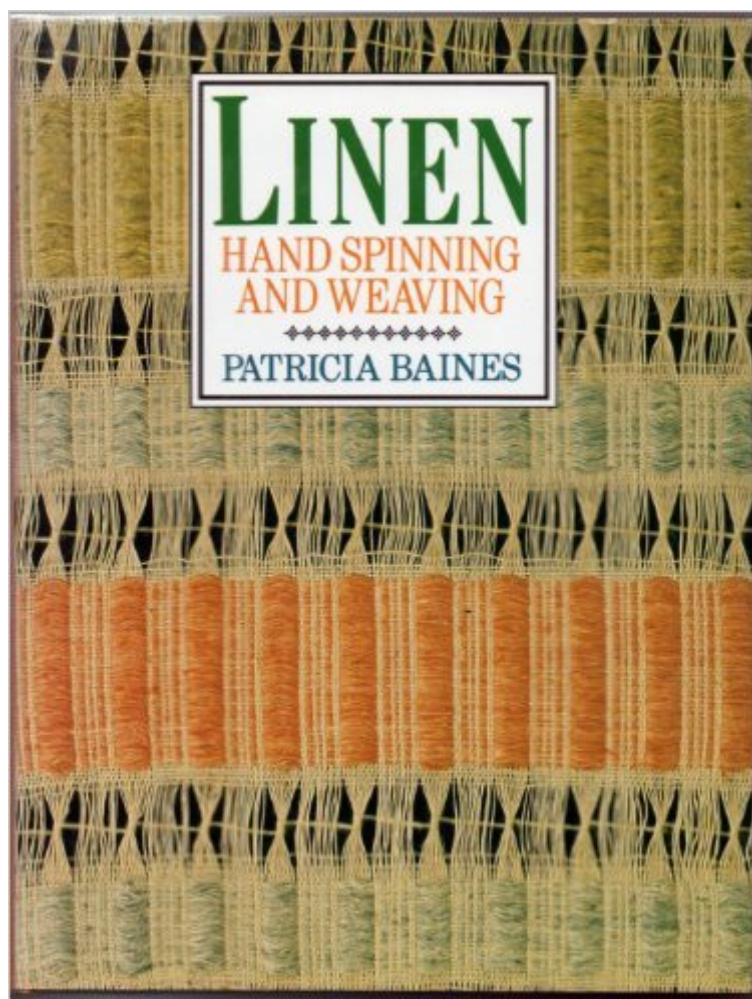


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# Linen: Hand Spinning And Weaving



## Synopsis

A description of techniques of spinning flax and weaving with handspun linen, with intention of encouraging more textile craftsmen to use this fibre. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

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