## Artist Melissa Johnson...

My work is full of texture created with primarily natural and recycled fibers. I use a lot of wool (mostly my own hand-spun), cotton, and silk, but also explore other natural fibers. I enjoy the hands-on process of going from raw fleece to yarn, to finished tapestry. As I weave, the colors, textures, and my own intuition guide my hands as I create my art. The experience of weaving for me is very meditative and relaxing.

I love how woven pieces naturally soften a space, creating a feeling of warmth and hominess. Touching is encouraged. The magic of fiber art is the tactile experience of the materials.