

## More about Karuna

Karuna Peralta Twill Textile Design

Kia Ora. I was born in Chile, then moved to England where I studied textile design at Central St Martin's, London and later at Herriot Watt University, Scotland. I've worked as an in-house and freelance designer of industrial textiles for over 20 years. I also taught as a visiting lecturer at various UK universities before moving to Nelson in 2007 with my family.

I love anything that involves colour, texture and pattern; but I'm most passionate about weaving – the ancient process of interlacing threads to make cloth. My work focuses on traditional techniques, natural materials and vibrant colour combinations – I'm always inspired by my surroundings, experiences and research findings.

As well as making handwoven scarves and accessories, I teach regular weaving workshops (through [www.nztextileexperiences.co.nz](http://www.nztextileexperiences.co.nz)) and have developed a range of portable looms and kits in the hope that others might be inspired to try weaving.

Twill Textiles runs from a home studio in central Nelson. This creative space is home to looms, tools, equipment, samples, shelves full of colourful yarn and supplies. Visitors are always welcome by appointment.

I have been a member of the little Beehive Co-op since July 2016. It's pretty special to be a part of this dynamic and supportive group of local artists/designers who all pride in making quality New Zealand products for our lovely customers and visitors. My work can also be seen at the wonderful Suter Gallery, Nelson Classic Car Museum, Made it Wellington and online through my little Etsy Shop.

