

## **Traditional weaving in Otavalo, Ecuador**

## **Traditional weaving in Otavalo, Ecuador**

## **Traditional weaving in Otavalo, Ecuador**

A woman sits on the ground manipulating a small loom. She is wearing a white and red embroidered blouse and weaving a multi-color band of fabric.

This craftswoman is using a traditional loom to weave the fabric. This time-consuming practice is only still in use in very remote areas of the Andean highlands.

Otavalo is in the highlands of Ecuador, between the rainforest and the coast. Many of the inhabitants of the area continue to practice traditional ways of life, including retaining their Quechua language, wearing traditional garments, and practicing age-old occupations. Otavalo in particular is known for its highly-skilled weavers. In a tradition that pre-dates the arrival of the Incas, Otavalo weavers are famous for their wool ponchos, blankets, and wall coverings. These products and more can be found in Otavalo's large market.



Usage Statement:

## Creative Commons BY-NC-SA

This item has a Creative Commons license for re-use. This Creative Commons BY-NC-SA license means that you may use, remix, tweak, and build upon the work for non-commercial purposes as long as you credit the original creator and as long as you license your new creation using the same license. For more information about [Creative Commons licensing](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/) <sup>[1]</sup> and a link to the license, see full details at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/> <sup>[2]</sup>.

---

Source URL: <https://www.ncpedia.org/media/traditional-weaving-otavalo>

### Links

[1] <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/> [2] <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>