

✧ **The Life of a Handwoven Towel** ✧

The luckiest handwoven towels belong to weavers. These towels are caressed daily and they likewise caress and care for their owners and belongings. They are exercised and groomed often. They never want for light, air of companionship. Pity the handwoven towel given as a gift to the non-weaver. It spends most of its life waiting for a special occasion; all dressed up with no place to go! It lives in a drawer surrounded only by other towels, each one calling "Pick me! Pick me!" when the drawer is opened. A few of these towels may eventually be selected by the executor of an estate as items worthy of an appraisal. Some may even end up in museums. They will never be bathed, as the fibres might deteriorate. They will never be touched, stroked, or loved, as this might impart oils. They will be handled with gloves, protected from bright light, and admired by only a few, who will be overheard to say, "Oh, I've got one like that at home! I've never used it, it was my Mother's."

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