



Sola Fiedler stands in front of her yarn picture showing the city of Vancouver.
Photo by Amanda Skuse

Artist weaves beautiful pictures of cities

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Can Sola Fiedler, 78, is a **fiber** artist.
She makes beautiful pictures.
She makes pictures of cities, like Vancouver.
She makes these pictures with **yarn**.

No paint

She does not use paint to make her pictures.
Paint is expensive.
She uses old sweaters!
Where does she find them?

Sola goes to **thrift stores**.
In thrift stores she finds cheap thread to make her art.

Sweaters of every colour

Sola pulls all the threads or yarn from sweaters.
She looks for different colours.
To make Stanley Park, she used parts of a dark green sweater.



Fiber artist Sola Fiedler has made a picture of Vancouver with yarn collected from thrift stores.
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Sola uses yarn like this to make her pictures.
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Thirty years ago

The artist did not have a camera.
She said she could not paint.
And she could not draw.
But she could **knit**.
So, she thought I will
“paint a picture with yarn”.
She made over 40 pictures.



Sola paints pictures with different colours of yarn.
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Weavings become history

People come to look
at her pictures.
They get excited!
They look for their house,
or the place they work,
or a favourite restaurant.
Sola is weaving her way into history.

Love your work

Sola's picture of Vancouver
is large.
It is 12 X 6 feet (3.7 x 1.8 metres).
She started it in 2009.
It took her 5,000 hours
to weave the picture.
Sola says, “I love what I do.
I'd rather do this
than anything else.”



A closeup picture
of some of the buildings in Sola's weaving.
Photo by Amanda Skuse

Vocabulary

1. **fiber:** the thread part of a plant or artificial material which can be made into cloth (for example, wool, cotton, silk threads).
2. **yarn:** thread used for knitting, weaving, or sewing.
3. **thrift stores:** shops that sell used clothes and things for the house at cheap prices
4. **knit:** to make clothing or blankets, etc. by interlocking loops of wool with knitting needles or on a machine.
5. **weave:** to make cloth by crossing long threads over and under each other on a special machine called a “loom”.

Links

See pictures of other cities made
by Sola Fiedler on her website:
<http://www.solafiedler.com>

Yarn photo by Elliot Margolies:
<https://flic.kr/p/9kq6ZW>