

# I am Finished

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Kaleeb and the Warp Weighted Loom

All of the items I am entering in the Pentathlon could have been used by an Anglo-Saxon Woman living in England around the year 700AD. Most of the items could easily have been made in the home and would not have required imported supplies. I believe the needles are a partial exception to this rule. The items are mostly items that a woman would have been responsible for the production of, if she lived on a remote farm and not in town. If I lived in a town, somebody else would make my shoes.

I usually write a better story for my Pentathlon entry, as that makes the entry easier to do. This year I am not doing that. I am **finishing** my entry. Several years ago I did the embroidery on my tunic, but I ran out of time. I know my limitations, if I wear an incomplete garment once, I will not go back and **finish** it. I put so much work into designing and embroidering the neckline, that I did not want to run it through the sewing machine. Time has passed and I have **finished** hand sewing the tunic and embroidering the matching cuffs. I am entering the tunic. Along that same line of thinking, I started a pair of shoes during an Arts and Sciences meeting. I have a hard time making shoes and I usually need to make three before I have a pair. So, I put these down when the going got tough. I have **finished** them. In the fall several ladies and I got together and entered the supply chain competition at St. Luke's Artisans

Faire. (I had a fantastic time.) I was the end consumer and promised the other two Ladies a small pouch. I got side tracked and never completed the pieces, but now I have **finished** them. At that same event I entered some needles in the Needful Things Competition. I got the needles to work, but I wanted to do some more experimenting. I have now done that experimenting and I am working on a better How to Article and a Pennsic class. I am almost **finished** with that project. Unfortunately after that event, I acquired an other long term project, as I have begun to research dye plants for my summer garden. While the project is long term it will need to be planted soon, so I at least have a deadline. For my final item, I wanted to start a long term project. I have been looking longingly at several fiber related tools sets. Well I am **finished** with that. I am going to make my own set. I have a warp weighted loom, which I take to demos and now I have a reel to put next to it.



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