Make a Tapestry Journal Cover

During my years of tapestry teaching I have created a lot of samples that I lovingly call my “tiny tapestries”, anywhere from 1 inch to 3 inches in size. As my stash grew I began to play with the idea of combining these pieces with another passion of mine, sketching. I experimented with several handmade sketchbooks embellishing them with painted papers, collage, and other mixed media, layering papers to get the effect I wanted. Sometimes I enjoy letting the warp and weft threads show, at times I hide them on the back of the piece. Beads could be sewn on, twigs attached, buttons added...what ideas do you have to personalize your special book?

Tiny tapestries make a great addition to sketchbook and journal covers. Try these simple steps to turn your book into something special.

Supplies needed:

- Tiny woven tapestry
- Journal or sketchbook
- Piece of corrugated cardboard (painted if desired)
- Variety of decorative papers, card stock weight
- Scissors, needle and thread
- Glue

Follow these steps:

1. Carefully fold over the ends to the back of the tapestry.

2. Cut a piece of heavy weight paper just a bit larger than the size of the tapestry. Sew all four sides of the tapestry to the paper.
3. Cut the corrugated cardboard to the desired size and place on book cover. Other decorative papers may be used to create borders for the tapestry.

4. Lay the sewn tapestry on top of your arrangement to check and see if it is the effect you want.

5. Glue the cardboard in place, then glue any other papers one at a time and wait until dry.

6. Apply glue to card stock paper and press the tapestry into place.

Your unique journal cover has been created!