

# Crackle (Traditional)

Crackle is a supplementary weft weave (see *Blocks*) with some characteristics of both overshot

(see entry) and summer and winter (see entry). The threading is based on a 3-shaft pointed twill; four blocks are available on four shafts and each block has 4 threads. Adjacent blocks do not share a thread; any time two sequential threads occur on the same shaft, an incidental thread is added (in contrast to overshot where one is removed). This is shown in the drawdown on the left, which has two repeats in the threading; in the first repeat, the incidental threads are in dark yellow.

When incidental threads are

added, they must preserve the odd and even sequence (for the tabby); in addition, to prevent a float longer than three threads, the threading must reverse after a maximum of four-threads; that is, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 is not allowed; 1, 2, 3, 4, 3 must be used.

The drawdown shows the traditional treadling, first as the blocks appear, then as it is actually woven with a tabby. The warp and tabby weft are the same size, the supplementary weft larger and loftier. The fabric above shows each block in a different color.

