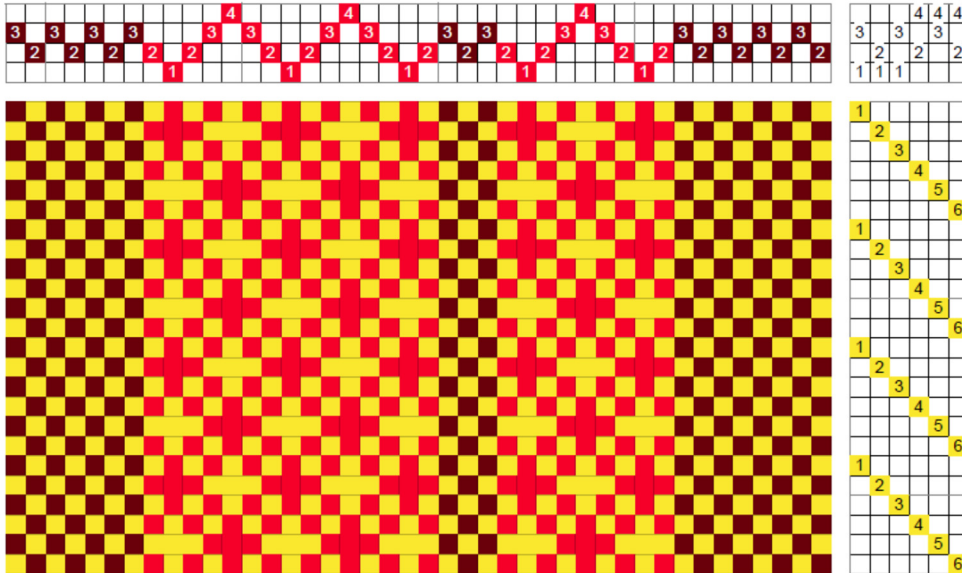


Lacey Stripes

I consider this a treading method (see *Treading Methods* entry); there are two sections, each of which always weaves the same throughout the cloth and can be repeated as long as we wish: plain weave, threaded 2, 3 shown in brown in the drawdown below, and lacey stripes, shown in red, which are



made up of two unit, threaded 2, 1, 2 (A) and 3, 4, 3 (B); at the end of a repeat, we balance the stripe with unit A; the following plain weave, then, starts on shaft 3.

Sleying is easiest if the denting of the reed is the same as the tabby sett for the warp yarn, so the plain weave section is sleyed 1 per dent. The sleying for the lacey units is as follows:

- 2, 1, 2 in one dent
- Skip 2 dents
- 3, 4, 3 in one dent
- Skip 2 dents

The treading only requires 4 treadles since, for each repeat, there are two shots on 1 & 3 and on 4 & 2; using the 6 treadles usually available with a 4-shaft loom makes the treading easier and more efficient.

After wet finishing, the lacey stripes, aided by the bunched denting, are more obvious as can be seen by the picture of the cloth on the right.

