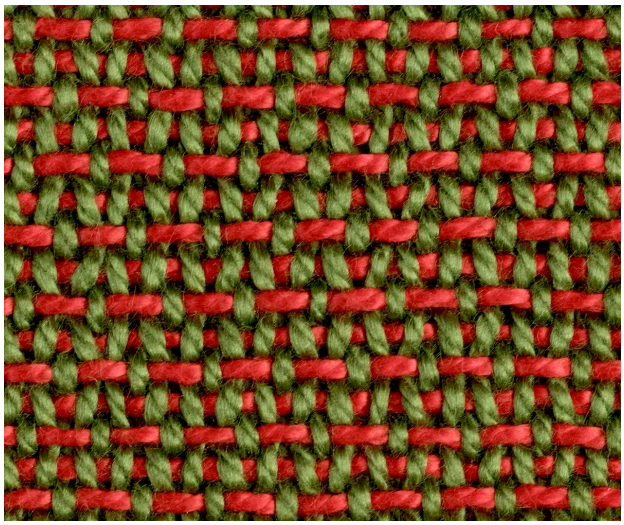
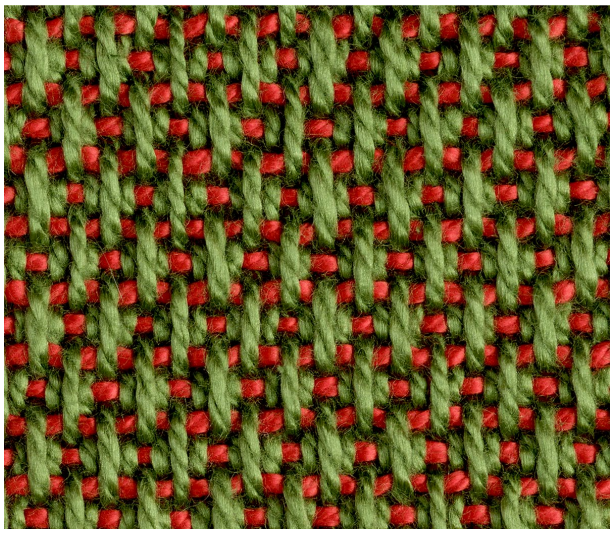
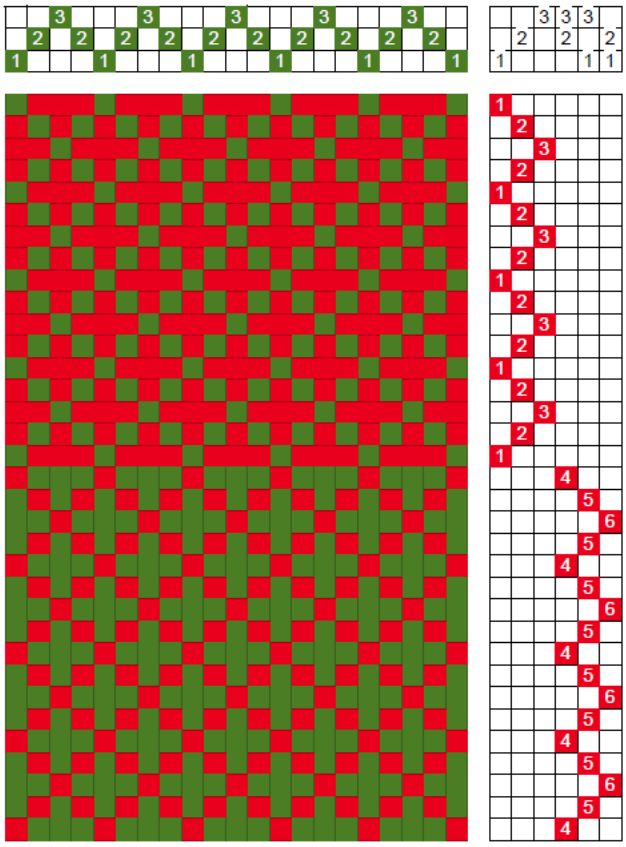
Three-Shaft Pointed Twill

Below are pictures of the two sides from a sample of a three-shaft pointed twill, weft floats on one side, warp floats on the other.







However, both weft and warp floats can be woven on the same side of the fabric as shown in the drawdown (rising shed) on the left. The top portion of the drawdown was used for the sample above.

Variations for this pointed twill include treadling a straight draw – 1, 2, 3 – and treadling 1 & 3 *vs*. 2 for plain weave.

Three-shaft structures are very versatile; perhaps because they seem to be limited by the number of shafts, they are often overlooked.

The book *Weven op 3 schachten. Weaving on 3 shafts* by Erica de Ruiter and edited by Selma Sindram and Marian Stubenitsky (2021) offers may options.