

Treadling Methods

Treadling methods do not have threadings of their own; they are treadling sequences applied to other threadings, generally twills, or twill-based structures, for example, overshot. In some cases they are called “weaves”, for example, waffle weave (see entry), but they are not truly weaves which have a threading and a “tromp as writ” treadling.

In some cases, for example, waffle weave, the treadling sequence is unique. In other cases, there is a variation of the weave’s own treadling, for example swivel, which modifies plain weave (see entry). In yet other cases, the treadling is changed to have one or more supplementary wefts, for example echo (see entry).

The Weaving Book Pattern and Ideas by Helen Bress (Scribner, 1981) below includes on its cover “Nearly 3,000 variations of Plain Weave, Overshot, Twill, Monk’s Belt, and Huck Weaves.” We won’t run out of options. Here we discuss a few of the choices.

