

Checklist for Weaving

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- ___ 1 Decide on project FINAL width and length, and weaving structure to be used
- ___ 2 Choose yarn and decide on a sett, ends per inch (epi)
- ___ 3 Check a drawdown to prevent floats too long for the type of project
- ___ 4 Fill out a project sheet:
 - ___ 5 Calculate width on the loom: _____
 - ___ 6 Calculate total number of threads: _____
 - ___ 7 Calculate length on the loom: _____
 - ___ 8 Calculate number of threads per shaft and note on project sheet
- ___ 9 Check that the number of total threads needed for the project match those needed for the pattern
- ___ 10 Wind warp
 - ___ 11 Make sections not more than 1" wide
 - ___ 12 Make bouts no more than halfway on the pegs of the warping board
- ___ 13 Count heddles on each shaft to ensure there are enough for the project
- ___ 14 Attach warp to the back rod in several places, approximately every 2-3"
- ___ 15 Make sure the warp goes over the backbeam
- ___ 16 Add lease sticks in the cross and attach them to the loom
- ___ 17 Separate groups in the raddle, centering the warp
- ___ 18 Dress the loom: warp should go on easily and straight – all threads in parallel
- ___ 19 Stop and shake warp if tangles appear – avoid manipulating the warp to prevent uneven tension
- ___ 20 Remove raddle before threading, NOT THE LEASE STICKS
- ___ 21 Thread according to threading plan of the structure
- ___ 22 Choose the most appropriate reed and calculate the ends per dent if not a 1 to 1 ratio
- ___ 23 Sley the warp
- ___ 24 Remove lease sticks before tying the warp
- ___ 25 Tie the warp to the front rod, using the most appropriate method for the project in groups ~1/2"
- ___ 26 Add floating selvages if needed
- ___ 27 Tie the treadles for the most efficient way to weave
- ___ 28 Spread the warp
- ___ 29 Hem if needed
- ___ 30 Weave: open the shed, insert the weft, beat, close the shed, repeat
- ___ 31 Hem at the end if needed
- ___ 32 Repeat steps 29, 30 & 31 if weaving more than one item, spacing in between each
- ___ 33 Take off the loom
- ___ 34 Trim excess, MEASURE width and length and calculate take-up
- ___ 35 Wet finish as appropriate
- ___ 36 When dry, trim close to the fabric, MEASURE width and length and calculate shrinkage