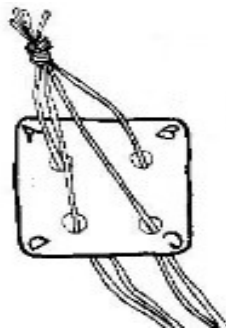
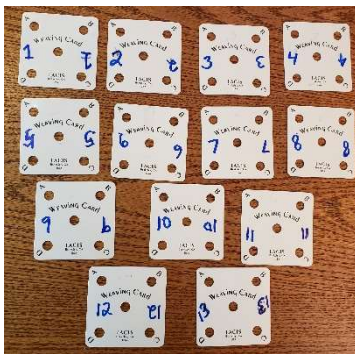


Basic Card/Tablet Weaving – Speed Warping and First Patterns

Materials:

- 2 balls each of 2 different colors of yarn/thread. Crochet Cotton size 3 (larger) or 10 (smaller) is best
- 13 Tablet Weaving Cards (4 hole)
- Inkle or Card Weaving Loom and Shuttle
- 4 boxes(or bowls) to hold the balls of yarn
- large safety pin (for holding cards)
- Big Sharpie marker
- Big C-clamp
- Scissors



Warping the Loom:

1. Number the cards #1-#13 with sharpie marker, stack them into a Pack with printed faces up, #1 on top, #13 on the bottom, with the Letters ABCD aligned the same through all the cards.
2. Put a ball of thread in each of the boxes/bowls. Feed threads through stack of cards, from back/unprinted side and out the front/printed side. DARK color up through holes A and B, LIGHT color up through holes C and D. A crochet hook can be used to pull the threads through the holes in the pack of cards. Tie an overhand knot with all 4 threads on the front/printed side.
3. With your loom laying on a table with the pegs up, drop the knot over the far left peg/tension bar. Looms vary greatly, so your peg arrangement and warping may be different from mine, but use this as a guideline! A big C-Clamp can be used to hold the loom to the table and keep it from sliding around as you warp.
4. Your LEFT hand holds the cards with printed faces UP, and so the threads can pull evenly from the boxes. LEFT hand should stay poised over the boxes.
5. With your RIGHT hand, pick up the top Card #1, and drop it on the table. With RIGHT hand, gather the threads between Card #1 and the Pack in your hand, and pull the threads over each peg in sequence. Keep tension on the threads as you warp over the pegs.



6. When your RIGHT hand reaches your starting point, squeeze the pack and threads with LEFT hand and use it to keep the tension. With RIGHT hand, press down on the 4 threads on each peg from first to last, to make room on the pegs for the next pass of threads.
7. RIGHT hand now takes the next card off the top of the pack and drop it on top of card #1. Do not worry if the cards flip over or turn as they lay here, you will orient them later.
8. Continue from Step 5 until you have warped all the cards, and your last pass is brought up to the starting point.
9. CROSS CHECK your warping to ensure you have not dropped 2 cards at once, or forgotten to drop a card. Also check that threads have not missed a peg or crossed over where they should not be. Fix before proceeding (you may need to pull off your warping to back it up to the problem point.)



10. Snip the 4 end threads leaving about 6 inches extra, keeping tension on them.
11. Pull the knot from Card #1 off the tension peg, and tie the knot starting threads to the 6" of ending threads, keeping tension while knotting.
12. Undo the C-clamp, and move the loom so it is upright, with the cards facing you (weaving position).
13. Turn and flip the cards so the printed faces are to the left, and the A-hole is the top and towards you (Weaver View). In this configuration, all the cards will be warped Z.
14. You can use the big safety pin to secure the pack of cards together, so they do not get misaligned. Pin your cards whenever you leave the loom, or when you advance the warp.
15. Wrap shuttle with one of the colors of thread. I recommend wrapping in a figure-8 on the spine of the shuttle instead of around the flat part. This will reduce wear on the threads as they pass through the shed, and also remind your hands the orientation of the knife edge of your shuttle.
16. Start weaving! See Pattern pages for instructions.

