My First Towels

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This kit is made from beautiful Egyptian 8/2 cotton threads, from Sweden. You will need 2 or 4 shafts, 12 dent reed, 18 inches weaving width and 432 heddles.

Warp color order for each bout (chain).

Natural	12 threads
Red	12
Natural	24
Yellow	12
Natural	24
Blue	12
Natural	24
Red	12
Natural	24
Yellow	12
Natural	24
Blue	12
Natural	12
TOTAL	216 threads

Another great kit from:



This kit contains 8/2 cotton on 8.8 oz tubes, 1 tube natural, 1 tube bleached, 1 ea, red, yellow and blue (2 lbs 12 oz of thread).

Wind 6 yards to make 6 towels.

Number of heddles needed on each of 4 shafts: 108 Total # of ends: 432

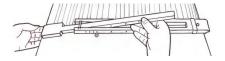
Warps/inch: 24 Warp Length: 4 yards

Sley: 2 per dent Wefts/inch: plain weave: 18-20 Twill: 26-30

Warp and weft: 8/2 Egyptian cotton This kit makes six towels approx. 17" x 23"

Wind 2 bouts (chains) with 216 ends in each bout.





Use a temple. It will help you to get a nice tight weave, a more even beat, keep your weft straight and make the weaving and beating easier. It will also prevent broken warp threads at the selvages.

To thread and weave the towels:

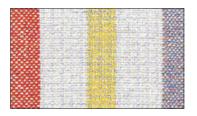
Select and thread plain weave or one of the other weaves below.

- 1. Weave 1 inch hem in the selected weave.
- 2. Decide if you want to weave only with the natural or if you will weave some west stripes with the colors. Weave approximately 18-20 wefts per inch for plain weave, 20-24 for other weaves. Weave colored stripes 10-12 wefts to make them 1/2 inch.
- 3. Weave the towel about 24 to 26 inches long.
- 4. Weave 1 in hem.
- 5. Weave one thread of a different color to mark a cutting line, then start the second towel.

Plain Weave

Plain weave is good for beginners and for weaving the first towel. If you are using a table loom with levers, raise shafts

1&3 and weave 1 shot of weft. Release 1&3 and raise 2&4 and weave 1 shot of weft.



Plain weave Treadle threading draft Tie-up







Treadling draft



Treadle

Tie-up

Twill

Table loom treadling for twill: 1&2, 1&4, 3&4, 2&3,

Weave 20 to 24 wefts per inch. Use the same treadling for hems. If a selvage thread is not being caught after weaving four wefts, unweave these four wefts and begin on the opposite side. If you still do not catch the selvage warp thread, remove this thread and let it hang off the back of the loom. When changing colors, start the new weft in the same direction the previous weft would have gone.

Broken Twill

Table loom treadling for broken twill: 1&2, 3&4, 4&1, 2&3 Use the same treadling for hems.

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Twill threading draft

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Herringbone or Goose eye for more a advanced weave

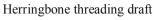
A floating selvage is not needed for weaving the herringbone. If a selvage thread is not being caught, simply cut off the thread. It is helpful to use a floating selvage when weaving the goose eye. To do this, take the first and last threads of your warp out of their heddles before you tie up the warp threads. To weave, enter the shuttle above the floating selvage and exit be-

Table loom treadling for herringbone 1&2, 4&1, 3&4, 2&3

Table loom treadling for goose eye: 1&2, 4&1, 3&4, 2&3, 1&2, 1&4, 2&3, 3&4, 4&1, 1&2, 2&3, 3&4,

Finishing your towels

Wash your towels in your washing machine using warm water. Dry in the sun or use your dryer. Expect shrinkage in length of about 2 1/2" in, or 10-12 %





Treadle Tie-up



Herringbone





Goose eve

