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Four Striped Dish Towels

These striped dish towels by Tien Chiu are woven with a pointed twill, reversed for each stripe. The balanced cotton warp and weft give a perfect soft and durable towel texture. The warp is calculated to weave four towels.

To purchase:

1 cone Color #1, 1 cone Color #2 of Maurice Brassard 8/2 unmercerized cotton.

Materials:

Warp: 6 oz 8/2 cotton unmercerized yarn, Color #1 (approx 1350 yards)

Weft: 1 oz 8/2 cotton unmercerized yarn, Color #1 (approx 55 yards per towel)

4 oz 8/2 cotton unmercerized yarn, Color #2 (approx 150 yards per towel)

Project Notes

Tools: 4 shaft table or floor loom, 15" wide, 10 dent reed, shuttle and bobbins

EPI: 22.5 (*threaded 2,2,2,3*) - a substitute reed to give 22 epi can also be used

Width in Reed: 15"

Warp Ends: 328

Warp Length: 4 yards

Finished Dimensions: 4 towels at 13.5" W x18" L

Finishing Details: 1" hand rolled hem, stitched

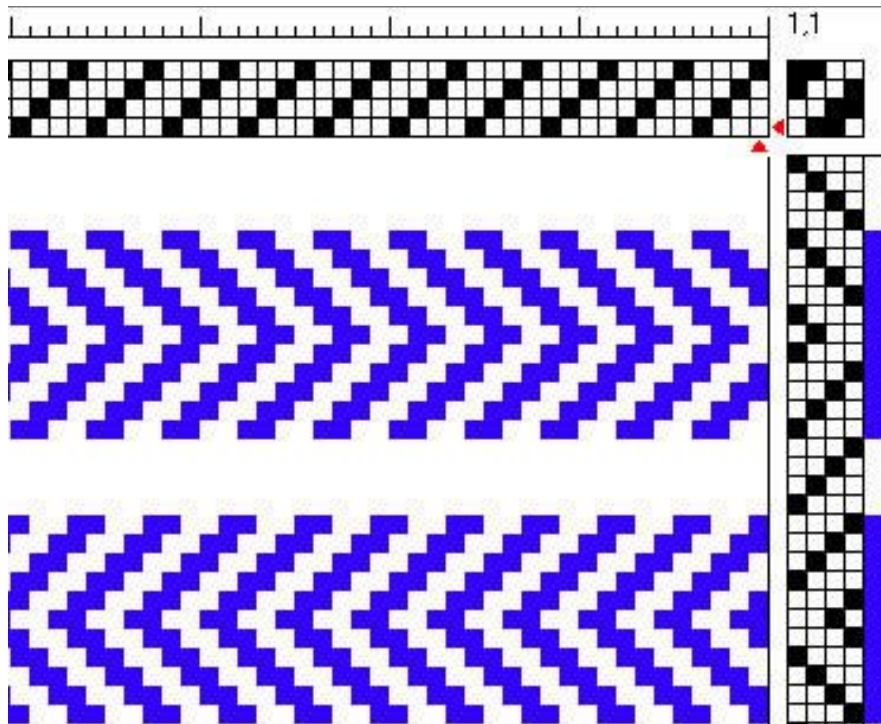
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Weaving & Finishing

Using the draft above, follow the threading and weaving sequences. Threading is a straight draw from selvage to selvage and tie up is a 2/2 twill.

Begin:

1. Wind a 4 yard warp with 8/2 unmercerized cotton yarn in Color #1. A total of 328 threads are needed to make these 15" wide towels.
2. Thread the heddles in a straight draw, following the sequence in the draft.
3. Sley the 10-dent reed with 2 threads per dent, and 3 threads every fourth dent for a pattern of 2,2,2,3.
4. No need to begin or end with a hem stitch because these will be folded and sewn hems.

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5. For each towel, weave 15 repeats of the pattern to complete a total of 22" on the loom, which should be 30 color stripes.

Pattern:

Weave the following sequence with 8/2 unmercerized cotton, using the draft above.

- section 1 (Color #1): 4 ends
- section 2 (Color #2): 11 ends
- section 3 (Color #1): 4 ends
- section 4 (Color #2): 11 ends

Finishing:

Wet finish in hot water, tumble dry and press. Hand stitch rolled hem 1".