

The Braid Society
Online workshop May 2020
Week One activity

Analysing photographs of warp-faced plain weave bands.
Check my blog for the answers on 8th May



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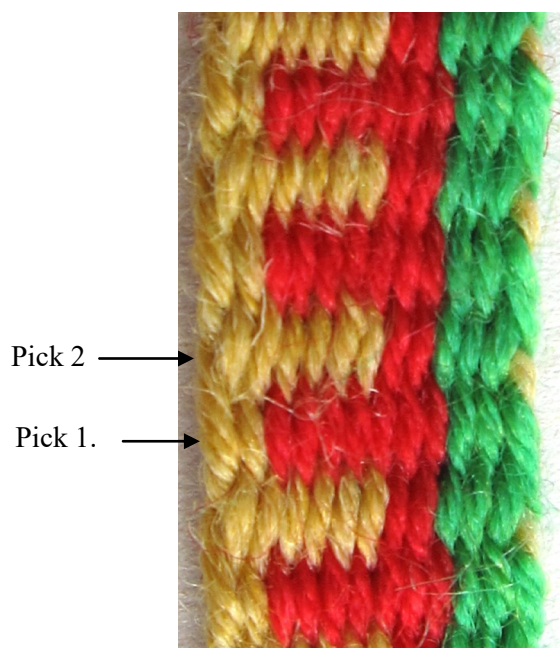
This is an added exercise for you to try. The answers will be given next week on my blog.

I have been researching woven bands for many years, I have found that I need to take photographs of the bands to analyse the pattern.

The photograph is necessary as some bands are made with fine thread and it is difficult to see the warp threads (particularly as I am getting older).

So, I have given you three close up photographs of bands from north Sweden –Sami, Estonia and another sanada-himo band from Japan.

What I want you to try is to work out the colour order of the warp threads. For these warp faced plain weave bands there are two picks only. You need to focus on two rows of the pattern and count the colour threads **across the width** of the band.



Band 1

On Pick 1 you can count 2 yellow warp ends, then 7 red warp ends then 3 green warp ends.

On Pick 2 you can count 6 yellow warp ends, then 2 red warp ends then 3 green warp ends.

The weft is yellow and only shows on the green selvedge.

The band is a trim from a Sámi costume.

Threading Chart

Y		Y		R		R		R		R		R		R		G		G		G
	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y		R		R		G		G		G	

Now you can fill in the warp chart.

Warp Chart

Yellow																				
Red																				
Green																				

For the next three bands, try completing the threading chart and the warp chart. **Answers will be given on my blog for next week on 8th May 2020.** <https://durhamweaver64.blogspot.com/>

Band 2

Estonia



Threading Chart

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Total number of warp ends is

Warp Chart

[illegible]

Band 3

Japan

A sanada-himo band.



Warp Chart

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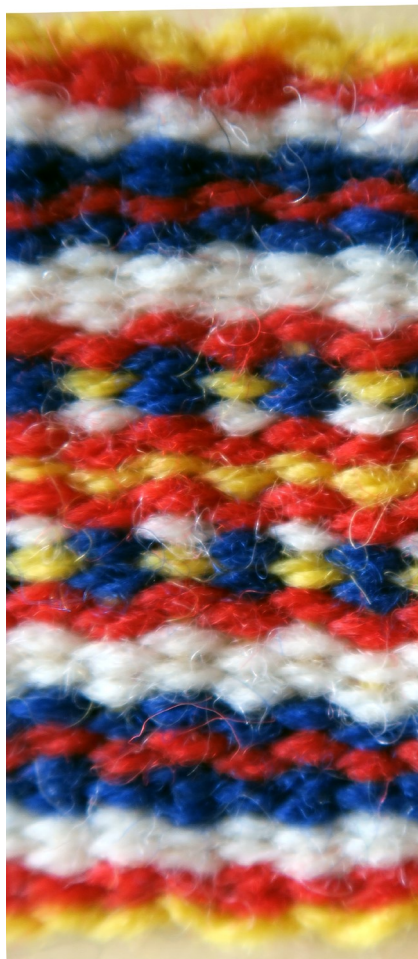
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Threading Chart

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Band 4

Sami



Total number of warp ends is 59

Warp: 4 ply wool yellow, red, white and blue

West: 4 ply wool yellow

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Warp Chart

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