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Cotton Tea Towels

Instructions:

Fabric Structure: Plain Weave

Finished Dimensions: 21" x 28"

Warp & Weft: 2/8 Cotton 3,360 yds. lb.

E.P.I.: 18 **P.P.I.:** 18

Reed: # 12 1,2/dent

Width in Reed: 21"

Warp Length: 6 yds includes take-up, shrinkage and loom loss

Warp Order: 378 Ends.

Stripe sequence: 2 Gold
6 Purple
2 Green
6 Purple
2 Gold

Make your warp in this order:

- 1 Stripe Sequence
- 72 Brightest Red
- 1 Stripe Sequence
- 72 Fuschia
- 1 Stripe Sequence
- 72 Cherry Red
- 1 Stripe Sequence
- 72 Rust
- 1 Stripe Sequence

Take-up and Shrinkage: 13%

Weaving: Your warp is long enough to make 5 towels, 30 inches each.

Start by weaving:

- 1 1/2" of a solid red which will be used for your hem.
- 1 stripe sequence (like in your warp).
- 6" of your brightest red
- 1 stripe sequence
- 6" of Fuschia
- 1 Stripe sequence
- 6" Cherry Red
- 1 Stripe Sequence
- 6" Rust
- 1 Stripe sequence
- 1 1/2" red for your hem.

I throw 2 picks of a heavier yarn between my towels as a divider.

Finishing: After you take the fabric off the loom, machine stitch along either side of the dividing thread and then cut the towels apart between the machine stitching. Hem the raw edges, folding twice up to the beginning of your stripe sequence. Sew by hand or by machine. Machine wash in warm water, tumble dry on low, and then press.

Draft: start rising shed

4		4
3	3	
2		2
1	1	
	1	1

Happy Weaving!

Jane Stafford

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Tea Towel Facts:

1. a good size for a tea towel is 22" wide x 30" long
2. if you use 8/2 cotton for a plain weave towel, your sett should be 20 epi and ppi 18-20
3. if you use cottolin for a plain weave towel, your sett should be 18 epi and ppi 18
4. if you want to make:
 - 4 towels, you need to make a 5 yard warp
 - 6 towels, you need to make a 7 yard warp
 - 8 towels, you need to make a 9 yard warp
5. 3 tubes of cotton or cottolin make 4 towels
4 1/2 tubes of cotton or cottolin make 6 towels
6 tubes of cotton or cottolin make 8 towels
6. when you are designing, don't forget to think about Fibonnacci, stripes of different sizes, colour and weave, gradations, analogous colour systems and zingers to make your towels a joy to use