

RIGID HEDDLE WEAVING: BEYOND PLAIN WEAVE

PRE-WORKSHOP INSTRUCTIONS

Supplies to bring:

- Pre-warped rigid heddle loom, minimum 6" weaving width
- One heddle, 7.5, 8, 10, 12, or 12.5-dents per inch (in the loom)
- 2 pick-up sticks
- 2 shuttles
- Yarn – about 125 yards smooth, solid color. Use this yarn for warping the loom; bring the rest to use as weft. See table below for yarn suggestions.
- A few yards of a thicker or contrasting color yarn
- Tapestry needle appropriate size for yarn
- Dowel, 8-12" long

Setup: Warp your loom with 48 ends, 1½ yd* long using the heddle and yarns of your choice. Tie on and weave a little plain weave until the warp is evenly spaced.

**1½ yd is enough for a full-day class. For a shorter half-day class, you may put on less warp (1 yd) or use the full amount (1½ yd) and have leftover warp to weave more samples and experiment after class.*

Heddle/ Sett	Width in heddle	Suggested yarns (or similar size)
7.5 epi	6¼"	Worsted-weight yarn, Sugar & Cream cotton
8 epi	6"	
10	4 ⁸ / ₁₀ " (~4 ³ / ₄ ")	DK- or light worsted-weight yarn, 4/4 cotton, 3/2 cotton, Sugar & Cream Sport, Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece
12	4"	Sport- or fingering-weight yarn, 3/2 perle cotton, 8/2 unmercerized cotton used doubled
12.5	3 ³ / ₄ "	

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