

Name Drafts

- Name drafts are a tool you can use to design an overshot pattern using a word or phrase
- Each letter of the alphabet is assigned a number from 1 – 4 which will correspond with the shafts on your loom
- This is an overshot pattern and is designed and woven the same as any other overshot pattern
- Incidentals may have to be added in order to keep the twill sequence

Steps to create drawdown

- Choose your word or phrase
- To make your draft symmetrical, do a mirror image of the work or phrase. The last letter of the phrase will be the turning point unless you add an incidental between the phrase and the mirror image
- Choose the code you want to use
- On graph paper write your phrase, under it insert the code for the letters remembering to keep the odd – even and twill sequence.
- Add incidentals where they are needed

Codes

Common Codes

#1

1. AEIMQUY
2. BFJNRVZ
3. CGKOSW
4. DHLPTY

#2

1. ABCDEFG
2. HIJKLMN
3. OPQRSTU
4. VWXYZ

Codes from Sigrid Piroch Handout

#3

1. EQRTWY
2. ADFGHS
3. BCMNVXZ
4. IJKLOPU

#4

1. EZRTUWY
2. ADFIOPS
3. GHKLVXZ
4. BCJMN

#5

1. ADJNSUX
2. EFKPTYZ
3. BGILQV
4. CHMORW

How to add incidentals – general rules to keep the twill order

- Between 1 & 1, use a 4
- Between 2 & 2, use a 3
- Between 3 & 3, use a 2
- Between 4 & 4, use a 1
- Between a 1 & a 3, use a 4
- Between a 2 & a 4, use a 3
- Between a 3 & a 1, use a 2
- Between a 4 & a 2, use a 1

The “general rules” do not always make a pleasing design and you may have to break them.

After a 1, you can use a 2 or a 4,

After a 2, you can use a 1 or a 3

After a 3, you can use a 2 or a 4

After a 4, you can use a 3 or a 1

The same applies to:

Between a 1 & 3, you can use a 2 or a 4

Between a 2 & 4, you can use a 1 or a 3

You may have to experiment.

The following slide is one repeat of Prairie Weavers. I have not reversed it to make it symmetrical.

Incidentals are written in red.

Remember, incidentals are added between two numbers that are the same, or between two numbers that would make a tabby, like 1,3 or 2,4.

The code for this is:

1 – A,E,I,M,Q,U,Y

2 - B,F,J,N.R.V.Z

3 - C,G,K,O,S,W

4 - D,H,L,P,T,X

