

# APRONS

Aprons provide a project so well within the capacity of the hand loom, and offer the handweaver opportunity to go "all out" in color, individuality, and daintiness.

Two types of aprons are shown in this lesson. The first is made in the usual way, that of laying the design across the warp, with the warp and apron widths coincident. The second type employs the warp width as the apron length, and the design accomplished lengthwise of the warp. The ease of weaving the narrower width will appeal to many, particularly the small loom owners. The designs offer great latitude for adaptation. The weaver may use the pattern and details as shown or substitute other treadlings, yet use the general layout.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT APRONS

### Materials—

All of the aprons shown are on 24/2 natural cotton warp, sett 30 ends per inch. This size of thread is most desirable both for its satisfactory woven weight of material and the cost. However, the unmercerized thread slightly soils more easily, and shrinks a bit more than the mercerized thread. Either the 24/2 or 20/2 are good sizes, the latter making a slightly heavier apron.

	YD. LB.	SOURCE
<b>Warp:</b> 24/2 Cotton, or Perle 20, or 20/2	10,000 8,400	S/7 S/7
<b>Weft:</b> Same as warp size Pattern Thread—Cotton Floss	2,500	S/7

### Apron Sizes:

	WARP WIDTH ON LOOM	TOTAL WARP LENGTH INCL. TIES	FIN. APRON WIDTH	FIN. LENGTH
Type I (Wider Warp)	34"	31"	32½"	19"
Type II (Narrower Warp)	22"	48"	34"	19-20"

Shrinkage allowance of 2 inches per apron length is included in the above amounts.

## THE WEAVING

### Amount of Yarn—

Type I	WARP REQUIRED	PURCHASE	EXACT WARP LENGTH	SETT (15 dent reed)
For 1 Apron	*878 Yds.	1 tube	*31 inches	34 inches wide
For 2 Aprons	2550 Yds.	3 tubes	2½ yds.	30 ends per inch
For 4 Aprons	4273 Yds.	5 tubes	4 yds. 7 inches	
For 6 Aprons	6375 Yds.	1 lb. cone	6¼ yds.	
<b>Type II</b>				
For 1 Apron	*990 Yds.	1 tube	48 inches	22 inches wide in reed
For 2 Aprons	2255 Yds.	3 tubes	3 yds. 15 inches	30 ends per inch
For 4 Aprons	4015 Yds.	4 tubes	6 yds. 23 inches	
For 6 Aprons	5610 Yds.	1 lb.	8¾ yds.	

\*No loom waste allowance included. Waste of 27 inches is included in all other amounts.

Weft Required: Approximately one 2-oz. tube per apron.

Floss Required: Only a fraction of a tube is used on any apron shown.

### Pattern Threading—Adaptation of "Weavers' Fancy"

		4	4	4		4	4	4		4
3			3	3			3	3		3
2				2	2	2				2
1				1	1	1	1			1
										Repeat

Type I Aprons

## TYPE I

**Note:** Always release warp tension before measuring. \*Use tabby between all pattern shots on the same treadle. Correctly alternate all tabby shots. Use opposite treadles on rising shed looms. Color numbers refer to Lily Mills cottons, Art. 114.



Apron No. 1



Apron No. 2



Apron No. 3



Apron No. 4

### Apron No. 1

**Design:** Radiation theme of unequal areas of pattern equal-spaced.

**Weave:**

- (a) 3 Inches Tabby: 1,3 — 1 x; 2,4 — 1 x; repeat; of 20/2 weft.
- (b) 1 3/4 Inches Pattern—using floss. See pattern treading.
- (c) { 3/4" Tabby.  
Single Tabby—Floss.  
3/4" Tabby.
- (d) 1 1/8" Pattern.
- (e) Repeat (c).
- (f) 1/2" Pattern
- (g) Tabby to make 31 inches—plain.

**Pattern Treading:**

- 1,2 — \*3 x — Floss.
- Tabby 3 x — 20/2.
- 1,2 — \*3 x — Floss.
- Tabby 5 x — 20/2.
- Repeat.

**Suggested Colors:**

- #773 with #1449; #1451, or #407.
- #1462 with #1455; #407; #562; or #1447.

### Apron No. 2

**Design:** Equal area stripes, equal-spaced.

**Weave:**

- (a) 3 Inches Tabby. Natural 20/2.
- (b) 1,2 — \*20 x — Floss. Navy #522.
- (c) Tabby 32 x — Natural.
- (d) Repeat (b) — Floss. Pimento #773.
- (e) Tabby 32 x — Natural.
- Repeat, forming 3 dark and 2 light stripes total.
- (f) Tabby to make 31 inches of length.

### Apron No. 3

**Design:** Close pattern movement in fine lines, using a pattern segment repeated.

**Weave:**

- (a) 2 1/2 Inches Tabby — Darker or related color weft thread—20/2 for bottom stripe and hem. This is used here only.
  - (b) 1" Tabby — 20/, Background color.
  - (c) Tabby: 1 x — Floss; 5 x — 20/2; 1 x Floss; 7 x — 20/2.
  - (d) 3,4 — 2 x — Floss.
  - (e) Tabby 7 x — 20/2.
  - (f) Repeat (c) through (e) to make 23 inches of length.
  - (g) Tabby 8 inches plain, using background color for ties. Plain preferred for ease in sewing neatly.
- Suggested Colors: #1450 with #406; #1262; or #1462.  
Hem Color: #1450 — 20/2.

### Apron No. 4

**Design:** Decorated area at apron bottom turned up to form pocket across width.

**Pattern:** Swedish Rose Path is shown. Weavers' Fancy can be used, treadled same.

**Weave:**

- (a) 2 1/2 Inches Tabby — Background color.
- (b) 1,2 — \*3 x — Floss.
- (c) Tabby 6 x — White or natural 20/2.
- (d) 1,2 — 1 x — Floss.
- (e) Tabby 6 x — 20/2.
- (f) Repeat (b) to (e) — 7 x, ending with (b). Trim area approx. 6 inches wide.
- (g) Tabby to complete 36 inches of length, using background color.

**Sew:** Turn under 1/4 inch and then turn hem toward front, stitching it to beginning of trim area. This results in approx. 1 inch of plain area at top of pocket. Turn the pocket up so trim area only shows on pocket front. Hand whip sides of pocket and machine stitch in matching color a 1-inch square block at pocket top at 1/2-width intervals.

**Suggested Colors:** #773; #993; #1411; #404; or #574, all with white.

