

Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum

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Pattern Name(s): Irish Chain

Weave Structure: Double Weave

Type: Geometric

Grid: Horizontal/vertical

Size: 78.3" length x 87.5" width.

Number of Panels: 2

Number of Blocks: 4

Probable Loom Type: Treadle – 16 Shafts

Warp Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial

Dye: Commercial, Natural dye

Pantone Color: Dress Blue, #19-4024 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Warp Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial

Dye: None

Pantone Color: Angora, #12-0605 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Warp Yarn 3: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial

Dye: Commercial, Natural dye

Pantone Color: Ginger Spice, #18-1535 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Weft Yarn 1: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2

Spun: Z, Tight twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial

Dye: Commercial, Natural dye

Pantone Color: Dress Blue, #19-4024 tpx

Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Weft Yarn 2: Fiber Content: Wool

Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2

Spun: Z, Medium twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial

Dye: None

Pantone Color: Angora, #12-0605 tpx
Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Weft Yarn 3: Fiber Content: Wool
Estimated Yarn Size: 10/2
Spun: Z, Tight twist, Two Ply, Plied S, Commercial
Dye: Commercial, Natural dye
Pantone Color: Ginger Spice, #18-1535 tpx
Ends/Inch: 18 per layer

Edge: Rolled hand stitched hem on top, bottom fringed, selvedge sides repaired with whip stitches. Top & Bottom rolled by hand

Border: Integrated, left bottom corner has small bit of crochet

Weaving: Pattern squared: Yes
Borders mitered: Yes
Threading errors: No
Treadling errors: No
Even beat: Yes
Panels match: Yes, hand sewn

Condition: Shows much wear, mends on both sides in all quadrants, white layer is disintegrated

Date received by museum: August 17, 1988, Gift

Donor: Norma Bowles Utley

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State: Colorado

County: El Paso

For further information on the weaver or coverlets with similar motifs or design features see:

Bress, H. *The Coverlet Book*, Vol 2. Gaithersburg, MD: Flower Valley. 2003. ISBN 1-886388-52-0. p. 346, Figure D-91, p. 601

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