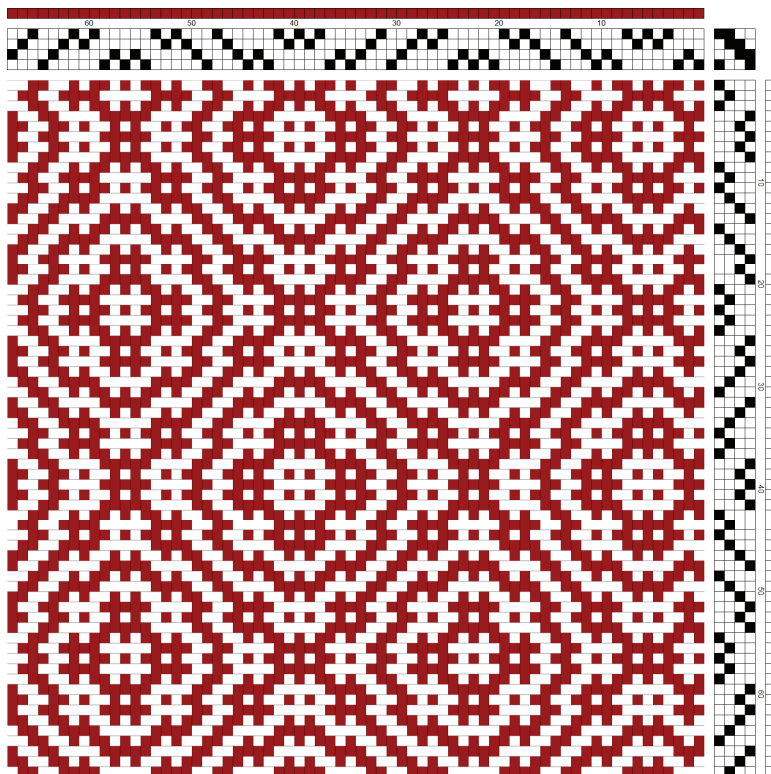


Design Thoughts by Doreen McLaughlin



A color & weave draft for 4 shafts, #63054, from <http://www.handweaving.net> is at left.

The maximum float length, in both the warp and the weft is 5. To keep fingers and utensils from getting caught in the floats, I would want to keep the woven float length to less than a quarter of an inch. What sett and picks per inch (ppi) would allow me to do that? A 8/2 cotton, sett at 20 ends per inch (epi) would be my starting point. A 20/2 cotton, sett at 32 epi, would take care of any float worries.

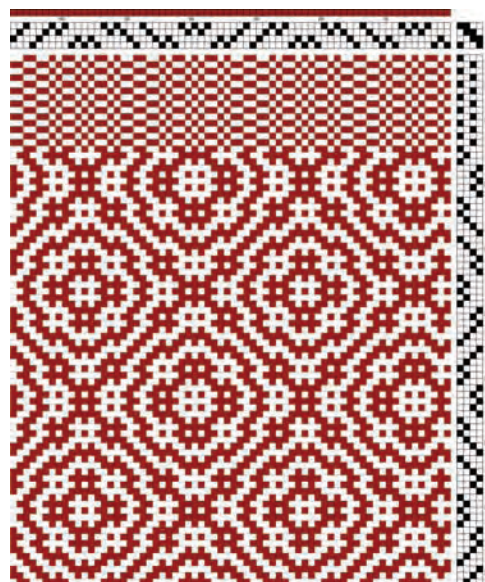
Edges would be my next consideration. I could add two treadles and set up a tabby, but would that be the best solution? Perhaps an edge of opposites, say 1-4 vs. 2-3. Below is this edge on the top of the draft.



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