

Tubular Tablet Weaving

In order to help make this class hands on, you will need to bring a pre-warped loom to class. Unless you are trying to reproduce the extant example exactly, there are several fibers and threading variations you can use for this. I will explain the options you have as far as materials and warping and leave you to choose for yourself.

Looms

Any loom that you normally use for tablet weaving will work fine. You will only be warping up a small length to weave. The main consideration is that the loom you use will be portable, so that you can bring it with you.

There will not be any looms available at the class.

Weaving Fibers

The documented examples are made from the equivalent of 2/30 natural silk. However, for learning purposes, you can use whatever fiber you have and are comfortable tablet weaving with. I have used 3/2 cotton, wool-silk and silk successfully; linen would work as well. The thicker the fiber you use to weave, the larger the diameter will be on your final tube.

I do not recommend starting with 2/30 silk, the tube it forms is very, very tiny. The 3/2 cotton (or equivalent) is easy to work with and will make a tube that is roughly the diameter of your index finger. Anything between 2/30 silk and 3/2 cotton can be used.

Warping Your Loom

Using 12 cards**, you will need to warp approximately 20"-30" onto your loom – **we will be cutting the weaving from the loom during class – if you warp more than this you will lose it as loom waste!** For this class, please warp all 12 cards in S/Z pairs (card 1: S, card 2: Z, card 3: S, card 4: Z....etc). If you wish your final piece to have stripes, you are welcome to use more than one color during warping.

Warp your loom completely with the 12 cards. Wind your weft thread onto your beater. Please do not start weaving – just bring the loom to class like this.

***If you are using 3/2 cotton (or fiber of the same thickness) only warp 8 cards.*

Please bring to class:

Pre-warped loom, beater wound with your weft thread and scissors

You are welcome to email me with any questions at headrick@intergate.com. See you in class!

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