

Inkle Band Surface Embellishment

Greetings!

In this class we will be weaving a sampler inkle band with different embellishing techniques. We will use embroidery floss, various yarns, and beads to add pizzazz to our bands. The techniques learned in this class can be used on any warp face band. Below you will find information about what to bring and the warping draft.

Things to know:

1. You will need to warp your loom prior to class. Please bring a **warped** inkle loom, a belt shuttle, weft yarn, and scissors.
2. A little about heddles: We will need 21 for our band, but it is always a good idea to have a few extras on hand. If you already have some made and enjoy weaving with them, there is no need to make new ones, I just wanted to share my thoughts. String heddle yarn should be non-stretch and non-sticky (no wool). Examples of good heddle yarns are cotton warp, waxed cotton, waxed linen, seine twine (warp yarn used for tapestry). Some weavers have been buying Texsolv brand heddles and cutting them length. My favorite heddle material is nylon crochet thread. The brand I use is Omega and it is available on Amazon.
3. Your band will have four colors. The border and center stripe consist of three colors and the main body of the band will be a fourth. The fourth color should be a light neutral color, such as white, ecru, or very light grey. This will allow our embellishments to really show. The weaving draft is in grayscale for illustration purposes, you may choose any colors you like, just remember to keep the area indicated as white a light neutral color.
4. You will need 100% cotton yarn. Yarns in either weaving size 3/2, crochet cotton size 3 (like Aunt Lydia's), or DK weight (I like Lion Brand 24/7) are best for this sample band. Aunt Lydia's and Lion Brand 24/7 are both easily bought at your local craft store and both make beautiful bands. If you are very comfortable with weaving inkle bands with other yarns and you have a stash, please warp your band to be between 1 3/8" to 1 1/2".
5. I will bring beads, yarn, and perle cotton embroidery floss to play with. You are welcome to bring so embellishments to play with if you would like.

I look forward to weaving with you soon. If you have any questions about anything above or anything else, please, do not hesitate to ask me.

Pattern for Inkle Band Surface Embellishments with Jennifer Williams

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