



Cotton Boucle Tea Towels

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Instructions:

Fabric Structure: Plain Weave

Width in Reed: 22"

Finished Dimensions: 18" x 26"

Warp Length: 6 1/2 yds includes take-up, shrinkage and loom loss

Warp & Weft: Cotton Boucle (1500 yds/lb)

Warp Order: 264 Ends. See colour sequence chart below.

E.P.I.: 12 **P.P.I.:** 12

Take-up and Shrinkage: 13%

Reed: # 8 1,2 per dent or #6 2 per dent
(a #12 dent reed will strip the boucle)

Colour Sequence:

# of ends	Summer Sea	Desert Sunset	Country Renaissance
54	Dusty Blue	Pale Orange	Burgandy
52	Turquoise	Apricot (yellowish)	Brick
52	Lilac	Plum	Olive
52	Robin's Egg	Salmon	Gold
54	Teal	Peach (lightest)	Purple

Weaving: Your warp is long enough to make 6 towels, 30 inches each. Using the warp sequence, you can weave different size rectangles to create many different towels. By dividing the 5 colours into 30 inches, you get 6 inch rectangles or you can play with the weft colours to create stripes of many different sizes. You may even wish to weave 5 towels each in a solid colour, plus one towel with rectangles. The possibilities are numerous.

Begin by weaving 2 inches of plain weave using the 8/4 cotton. Then weave 30 inches using the boucle in the colour sequence you have chosen. Weave 2 more inches of 8/4 cotton. At this point, lay in a heavy strand of yarn as a dividing thread to separate this towel from the next. You are now ready to start your next towel.

Finishing: After you take the fabric off the loom, machine stitch along either side of the dividing thread and then cut the towels apart between the machine stitching. Hem the raw edges, folding twice up to the weft row where the boucle begins. Sew by hand or by machine. Machine wash in warm water, tumble dry on low, and then press.

Happy Weaving!

Jane Stafford

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