

square dance mat



If you already have warp on your loom from the Autumn Windows Runner, you are ready to re-thread for the Square Dance Mat. If not, follow the warping instructions for the Autumn Windows Runner on page 129 up to the point of threading the heddles. A 72" (183 cm) warp will give you plenty of length to weave the Square Dance Mat and to experiment with a second piece.

Thread your warp following the block plan from the Autumn Windows Runner (page 130), but using the two threading blocks on page 142. The A blocks are threaded just the same as they were in the Autumn Windows Runner, but the B blocks now have a new threading sequence.

Sley 4 threads per dent in an 8-dent reed and tie on. Tie up your treadles according to the tie-up plan in [Figure 58 on page 143](#). Have two shuttles ready with your background color, either boat or stick shuttles. For your pattern colors you will be weaving a small amount at a time with each color; wind one color at a time onto a stick shuttle.

When weaving areas of background only, weave with your two background color shuttles, alternating with one for the top layer and one for the bottom layer, following the treadling sequence in [Figure 57 on page 142](#). Start both shuttles from the left and interlock wefts.

When weaving areas of pick-up, weave with one of your background color shuttles and with one of your pattern colors, following the treadling sequence in [Figure 58 on page 143](#). Change to a new pattern color each time you come to a new area of pick-up design.

Begin by weaving ½" of solid background on top for a turned-in hem. Then continue weaving following the graphed design ([Figure 59 on page 146](#)). After finishing the graphed design, weave an extra ½" of solid background on top for a turned-in hem.

In this graphed design, each square on the graph represents two dents in the reed, or four threads from each layer. This means that the treadling sequence is repeated twice for each row of the graph. The entire treadling sequence of four weft picks in each layer is woven for each row of the graphed design.

