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# Test Your Threading

Test Your Threading / OVERSHOT DEPARTURES

Before you start weaving, make sure your threading is correct (or as correct as you want it to be!)

To do this, use [Tie-Up #1](#) and a weft that's about twice the size of your warp (so, standard overshot pattern weight) and a contrasting color.

Then follow these instructions (which are repeated below in the form of a lift plan and treadling):

1. Weave some plain weave. Only four picks are shown below but you might want to weave more than that.

In this section, look for any interruptions in the plain weave. In particular, watch for pairs of warp threads that travel together side by side. This could mean a threading error or threads crossed in the heddles or behind the reed.

2. Weave some straight draw in each direction, i.e. go across the treadles from left to right for a few repeats, then turn around and go right to left for a few repeats.

In this section, look for interruptions in the design lines formed by the weft. Sharp breaks horizontally or motifs that aren't the same shape or size as their counterparts are indications of threading mistakes.

If you don't beat hard, you don't need to use any tabby when you're weaving these tests. If you can't see the wide diamond motifs, add some tabby and try again.

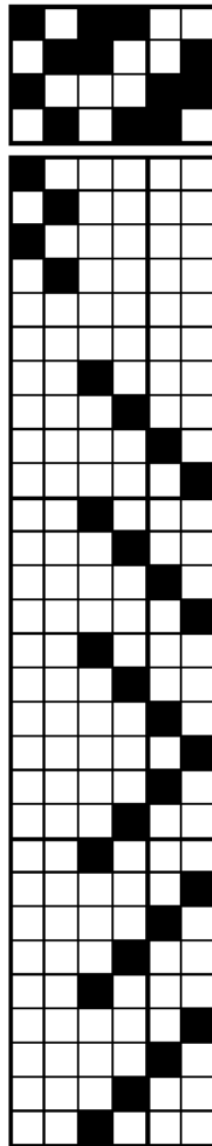


# Liftplan and Treadlings

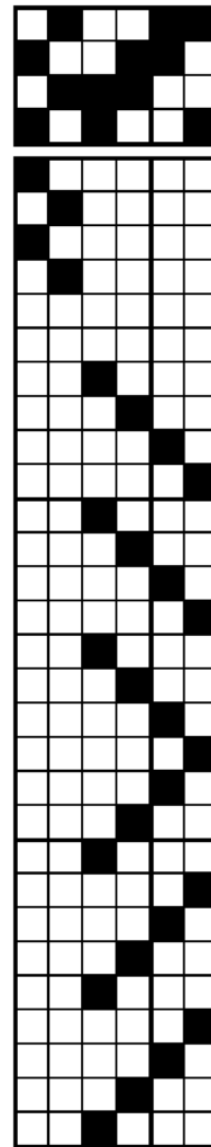
Liftplan

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Rising shed



Sinking shed

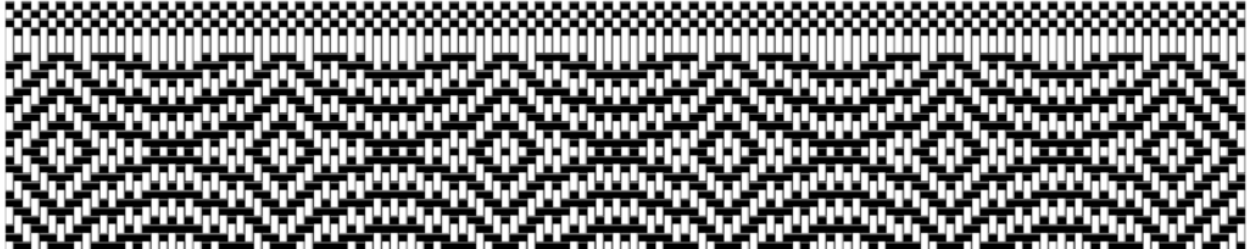




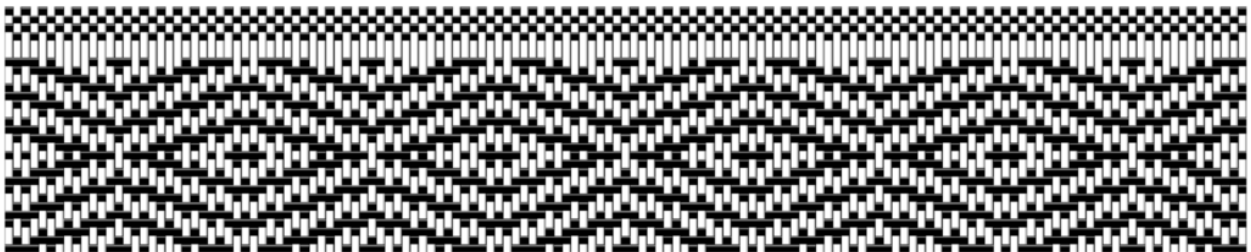
## Drawdowns

If you're using one of the suggested threadings, your fabric should look something like one of these drawdowns.

### Honeysuckle



### Diamonds



### Ron's d4

