



Swatch Notebook Instructions

Planning & Draft

Design or find a draft for a fabric as a sample on the warp for a project you have planned or just for the MSWG Swatch Notebook. Any number of shafts may be used. Simple looms (rigid heddle, frame) to complex multi-shaft looms may be used. Any fiber or weave structure may be used.

Design at whatever width suits the fabric, loom or project. Swatches may be cut out of larger pieces of fabric. Aim for a finished size of approximately 5" x 5". Take this number into account in your calculations, allow for shrinkage in finishing. (20% is a general guideline)

Some patterns or designs may not be suitable for the 5" x 5" format – use your best judgment.

Finish with fray check, fringe (if secured), stitching, masking tape, or knots. Choose an edge finish that is appropriate for your yarn and fabric. Wool fabrics should be fulled, cotton fabrics washed. This will set the weave and give a better indication of hand.

Fill out the Swatch form. Attach swatch to the record form. Place in plastic sheet protector for a 3-ring binder. Bring to a regular guild meeting and present to the Librarian.