

Inspired by the Garden Weavers Study Group Swatch Exchange

Finished Swatch Size- 5" x 5" (approximate)
Colors- OPEN
Structure/Pattern- OPEN
Techniques- OPEN
Fiber- OPEN
of Harnesses- OPEN
Skill Level- OPEN
Total Participants- 14



Welcome to our first swatch exchange! Here is an opportunity to try new patterns, techniques or structures and benefit from the work of others. Instructions for participation are listed below and there is a "Weaving Record" form to fill out when you are finished. Please keep your commitment to the rest of the group and complete the swatches by the September deadline. Join us over the summer, if you like, for the monthly Weavers Study Group meetings (see the newsletter for locations). We will be visiting each other's studios over the next several months, call Ruthanne Robertson (816-836-8335) for information on where the meetings are. You do not have to attend the study group meetings to participate in this exchange (although we would love to see you, if you have the time!). Also, if you are a novice weaver, remember to call on other members for help or tips.

Instructions

- 1) Design or find a draft for a fabric that is "Inspired by the Garden". Inspiration may come from color, motif, the final use of the fabric, etc. This is just a starting point- it's your choice.
- 2) Weave enough fabric for 1 swatch per person and finish the fabric as needed. Swatches can be hemmed, fringed, stitched (whatever is appropriate). You may weave at whatever width suits your 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.

If you are not sure about the shrinkage percentage, use 20% (after finishing) as a general guideline. Some patterns or designs may not be suitable for a 5" x 5" format- use your best judgement, so that participants receive swatches that reflect the pattern woven and provide plenty of visual and tactile information. (For example, a fabric with different blocks across it's width might require a sample of 20" wide x 2".)

- 3) Fill out the "Weaving Record" form and make sufficient copies for all participants. Attach your finished swatches to the Record form. (One of these is for your own notebook.) Bring or send your samples to the Weavers Study Group meeting in September (September 21, 2005- location to be determined later).

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