A + B = C
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Not everything learned at a weaver’s conference is learned at the structured workshops. While on a trip down the Ohio River during Convergence 1976, I met a charming lady from Canada, Ada Pretatis. She told me about her system of using two different overshot drafts, for example, Whig Rose and Snail Trail, combing them, and threading this combined form on eight harnesses. She then could weave either the Whig Rose Pattern or the Snail Trail pattern.

When I returned home, I tried to work out the formula from the hasty notes I had made during my trip on the River. I was not only able to combine two overshot threadings on eight harnesses, but I discovered that I could combine an overshot with a Bronson threading, or two unit weaves, such as Summer and Winter and Monks Belt.

In fact, I found I could combine any two four-harness threadings on eight harnesses, or any three four-harness threadings on twelve harnesses. It is also possible to integrate the two weaves when weaving. For example, it is possible to weave part of a project in Summer and Winter and part in overshot. The table runner was woven in this manner. (See Illustration 2 and 3). Illustration 4 is a sampler of two overshot drafts using integrated draft No. 2.

This system of combining two four-harness threading drafts not only gives the weaver almost unlimited possibilities for originality, but also allows one to weave from two completely different threadings. No retreading or resleying of the loom is necessary. The only rule is that the two threading drafts must have the same number of ends.

The following is an example of how two four-harness threadings are combined to form one eight-harness draft. Figure 1A is a small overshot threading draft (Iris), and Figure 1B is a Summer and Winter threading draft.

Overshot Draft

FIGURE 1A

Summer and Winter draft

FIGURE 1B

Place draft B under draft A, as shown in Figure 2.

FIGURE 2

Drafts A and B will now be combined into (in reality, replaced by) one eight-harness threading draft. One warp will be prepared. In this example, the warp will have 212 ends and will be threaded according to the new eight-harness draft C.

COMBINING TWO DRAFTS

To combine threading drafts A and B into threading draft C, the first end in draft A and the first end in draft B will be replaced by the first end in draft C. It is simpler at this point to assign the new draft C harness numbers to each new combination of A and B as noted on line 2L in Figure 2. Place these combinations in a column as shown in Figure 3.
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*Note that there are only eight different combinations of A and B, indicated by the asterisk (*).

From line L in Figure 2, develop threading draft C as shown in Figure 4.

**FIGURE 4**

**Threading Draft C.**

![Threading Draft C](image)

**TIE-UP**

There will be two tie-ups for draft C. One tie-up will be used for weaving the overshot patterns, and the other will be used for weaving summer and winter patterns. However, both of these will have the same plain-weave tie-up, since in plain-weave, every other end is in the "up" position. In Figure 4 at line M, note how the plain-weave tie-up is found. (a is 1, 3, 5, 8 and b is 2, 4, 6, 7.)

In order to weave the overshot patterns on four harnesses, use the standard tie-up. See Figure 5.

**FIGURE 5**

**Tie-up**

![Tie-up](image)
In order to find the equivalent tie-up in column C (Figure 3), look at the harness numbers in column A and their equivalents in column C. For tie-up 1, 2 of the standard tie-up (Figure 5), 1 in column A (Figure 3) is equivalent to 1 and 8 in column C, and 2 in column A (Figure 3) is equivalent to 2 and 7 in column C. Therefore, A 1, 2 is equivalent to C 1, 2, 7, 8, which is the first tie-up for draft C. The complete equivalent tie-up for draft C is:

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In order to weave the summer and winter patterns on four harnesses, the tie-up combinations in Figure 6 are used.

**FIGURE 6**

To find the equivalent tie-up for threading draft C, look at the harness numbers in column B only (Figure 3) and their equivalents in column C. For the tie-up 1, 3 (Figure 6), 1 in column B is equivalent to 1 and 8 in column C, and 3 in column B is equivalent to 3 and 5 in column C.

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When tying up the loom, place the “a” tabby on the extreme right, and the “b” tabby between the overshot and summer and winter tie-up, and another “a” tabby on the extreme left. With this tie-up, it is easier to treadle either the overshot or the summer and winter patterns.

**FIGURE 7**

This now completes the eight-harness threading draft and tie-up. It is, in reality, two four-harness drafts which have been combined into (or rather replaced by) the eight-harness draft. Through the tie-up, either one of the two original four-harness drafts can be extracted and woven.

**TREADLING**

To weave the overshot patterns, follow the treadling directions for the four harness patterns. It should be clear that for this particular eight-harness threading draft, 1, 2 has become 1, 2, 7, 8; 2, 3 has become 2, 3, 5, 7; 3, 4 has become 3, 4, 5, 6; and 1, 4 has become 1, 4, 6, 8. The tabby or plain weave sheds are a-1, 3, 5, 8 and b-2, 4, 6, 7.

To weave the summer and winter patterns, follow the treadling system for summer and winter. For example, for floats in the A block, treadle block, 1, 4; 2, 4; 2, 4; 1, 4. For floats in B area, treadle 1, 3; 2, 3; 2, 3; 1, 3, using, of course, the eight-harness equivalent tie-up with alternating tabby.

Illustration 1 is a woven sampler using this integrated draft and tie-up. (Draft C.) Illustration 2, 3 are table runners using this draft. All the variations of these weaves may be woven as well.

For every combination of four-harness threading drafts, the plain weave tie-up will be different, even when two overshot drafts are combined. The pattern tie-ups will also vary. The eight-harness threading drafts will seldom be symmetrical or balanced, as is the case with overshot drafts on four harnesses.
Summer and Winter and Iris, an original overshot draft

MATERIALS:
WARP: Lily Pearl Cotton, Article 114, Size 10/2 natural 862
SETT: 24 epi
PATTERN WEFT: Lily Article 121 Six Strand Floss, Signal Red 228
Lily Article 114 Pearl Cotton, Peacock Blue 1455
TABBY: Same as Warp.

Draft C

FIGURE 8

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*New Key to Weaving, Mary Black, Pg. 257
Summer and Winter
Iris
Use integrated draft C and tie-up, Figure 8.

MATERIALS:
WARP: Size 20/2 Linen
SETT: 24 epi 12½” 297 ends
WEFT: Lily Art. 121 6 Strand Floss Signal Red—228.
       Lily Art. 114 Pearl Cotton Green—459.
TABBY: Same as Warp

Start with 6 picks of plain weave. Weave with Tabby. Numbers refer to treadle numbers in tie-up (Figure 7).

a) With Green  2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 2, - 2 times
b) With Red    Summer & Winter. Block A, B, A
c) With Green  2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 2, - 2 times
               6 picks plain weave
d) With Red    Treadle 5 - 4x
               2 - 2x
               4 - 6x
               2 - 2x
               5 - 4x
e) With Green  Block A - 4x
               Block B - 1x
               Block 3 - 2x
               Block 2 - 6x
               Block 3 - 2x
               Block B - 1x
               Block A - 4x
f) Repeat d
2” plain weave
g) With Green  Block B - 15x
               Block A - 1x
               Block B - 1x
               Block A - 1x
               Block B - 15x

Center
JEANNE’S RUNNER

Illustration 3

Summer and Winter
Iris
Use integrated draft C and tie-up, Figure 8.

MATERIALS:
WARP: Size 20/2 Linen
SETT: 24 epi 12½” 297 ends
WEFT: Lily Art. 121 Six Strand Floss Signal Red —228.
TABBY: Same as Warp

Jeanne Sutton wove areas of pick-up overshot. For directions, see page 1.
4” plain weave
1 row 2/2 leno
7/8” plain weave
a) Treadle for Iris—See Sampler 1a
  7/8” plain weave
  1 row 2/2 leno
b) Pick up two center motifs in the overshot treadling using treadle 2
  2 - 8x
  4 - 4x
c) Summer and Winter Block B - 3x
  Block A - 2x
  Block B - 3x
d) Pick up four center motifs in overshot treadling using treadle 2
e) Repeat c
f) Pick up as in part b. (but reversing)
  4 - 4x
  2 - 8x
Plain weave center - 8”
Weave sections f, e, d, c, b, a,

SAMPLER

Flower of Flanders and Orange Peel from Miniature Patterns
for the Handweaver by Josephine Estes.

Illustration 4
Monks Belt and
Summer & Winter

a) Weft Art. 111 Lily Weaving Wool Art. 111 used double in the bobbin
   Color 143 rust - 143
   Color 124 Dark Brown - 124
a) Monks Belt Treadle No.
   Rust 3, 2, 3
   Dk. Brown 2 - 4x
   Rust 3 - 4x
   Dk. Brown 2 - 4x
   Rust 3 - 4x
   * Dk. Brown 2 - 4x
   Rust 3 - 8x  Reverse from *

b) Summer & Winter—Weft Art. 121 6 Strand Floss Color 183 Leaf Green
   Block A - 4x
   Block B - 2x
   Block A - 4x
   Block B - 1x
   Block A - 4x
   Block B - 2x
   Block A - 4x

c) Monks Belt—Dk. Brown Weaving Wool
   Treadle No.
   3 - 6x
   Summer & Winter - Block B - 2x - rust weaving wool
   Monks Belt Treadle 3 6x

d) Weft 3/2 Art. 1 blue
   Block A - 2x
   Treadle 2 - 5x
   Block A - 2x

e) Weaving Wool - Rust
   Treadle 2 - 2x
   Treadle 3 - 2x
   Treadle 2 - 2x
   Summer & Winter  Block B - Art. 121  Six Strand Floss  Color-202 Tangerine
   Treadle 2 - 2x
   Treadle 3 - 2x
   Treadle 2 - 2x
f) Monks Belt Weaving Wool
   Treadle 2 - 4x
   Treadle 3 - 4x
   Treadle 2 - 4x
   *Summer & Winter Tangerine Floss
   g) Summer & Winter Block A 2x
      Monks Belt - Treadle - Rust Wool
      2
      3
      2  *Reverse from

PROFILE DRAFT
Monks Belt and Summer and Winter
Each square equals 2 threads
See Illustration 6 & 7

Integrated Draft 3
Threading Draft
Read Threadings from right to left.

THREADING ORDER
right selvage border A to B
1 to 3 as many times as desired
end on 1 to 2
left border - B to A
MATERIALS:

WARP: Size 20/2 Linen
SETT: 24 epi 322 ends
WEFTS: Lily Art. 111 Weaving Wool Color 143 Rust
       Color 124 Dark Brown

Used Double in the Bobbin
TABBY: 20/2 Linen Oyster

a) 3” plain weave for hem
   1 row 2/2 leno, then 8 picks plain weave
b) With Dark Brown Wool Treadle No. 3 - 6x
   2 - 4x
   3 - 6x

c) With Rust Wool Block B 2x
   A 4x

2 picks plain weave
d) With Orange Floss Treadle No. 2 - 2x
   3 - 2x
   2 - 2x

2 picks plain weave
With Dark Brown Wool Block A - 4x
With Rust Wool Block B - 2x
Center plain weave 10” Then reverse weave parts
   (d, c, b, a)

RUNNER

MATERIALS:

WARP: Size 20/2 Linen
SETT: 24 epi 322 ends
WEFT: Lily Art. 111 Weaving Wool Dk. Brown No. 124, Rust No. 143; use
double in the bobbin - Art. 114 Size 3/2 Color 1455 Peacock
3” plain weave - using 20/2 linen (for hem)
2/2 leno; 8 picks plain weave

a) Dark Brown Treadle 3 - 7x
Rust 2 - 4x
Dark Brown 3 - 7x
2 picks plain weave
Blue 3/2 Cotton Block B - 1x
Repeat Part A - 2 times, end with Monks Belt, 6 picks plain weave
Dark Brown Weaving Wool
Block B - 1x
Block A - 1x
Treadle 2 - 8x
Block A - 1x
Block B - 1x
Block A - 1x
Treadle 2 - 8x
Block A - 1x
Block B - 1x
6 picks plain weave
3/2 cotton - Block B - 1x
10” plain weave for center - reverse motifs - (end with leno and 3” plain weave)

BRONSON AND OVERSHOT
Susan Ross - from Josephine Estes
Miniature Patterns for the Handweaver

Illustration 8

WARP: Size 20/2 Linen
SETT: 24 epi - 348 ends
WEFT: Art. 121 - 6 strand floss - Tropic Orange 461
OVERSHOT
9 repeats of "Susan Ross"
36 ends x 9 — 324 ends
2 selvages at 12 ends — 24 ends (twill)
348

BRONSON
Right selvages — 48 ends (plain weave)
18 blocks x 6 — 108 ends
plain weave center — 36 ends
18 blocks x 6 — 108 ends
Left selavage — 48 ends
348 ends

Susan Ross

9 repeats of Pattern

Bronson profile with plain weave center and selvages

12 ends
12 ends

Block A
1 3 1 3 1 2
Block B
1 4 1 4 1 2
Plain Weave 1 2
THE WOVEN QUILT

Illustration 9

MATERIALS:  WARP:  Lily Pearl Cotton, Article 114, Size 10/2 Natural
            SETT:  24 epi
            PATTERN WEFT:  Lily Pearl Cotton, Article 114, Size 5/2 Skipper Blue
            TABBY:  Same as warp
            QUILTING:  Lily Quilting Cotton

In the previous pages I have discussed the combining of two different four-harness drafts, for example, an Overshot and a Bronson draft. In this case instead of combining two or three different drafts in order to integrate them, or to be able to weave several projects of each of the different threadings. I used this system to create loom-controlled areas of design.

In THE WOVEN QUILT only one draft is used: “Rose in Dorn” from A HANDWEAVER’S PATTERN BOOK by Marguerite Davison. This draft is combined in three different forms in order to create the loom-controlled design and plain weave areas. This new draft, \( A + B + C = D \) required thirteen harnesses.

I wove fifteen 18" by 18" squares for the top of the quilt.

For the three side panels, the same draft was combined in four different forms in order to create the loom-controlled design and plain weave areas. The narrow Rose Path border along the bottom of the panel and the blue warp-face band long the top edge of the panel did not contribute to the number of harnesses needed. In this case, \( A + B + C + D = E \), and this necessitated the use of seventeen harnesses.

All the squares and three side panels were sewn together by machine. After the batting and unbleached muslin backing were basted in place, all the quilting was done by hand.

In both the squares and in the side panels there is a small area that was picked-up by hand. Since all the weaving was done wrong side up, this presented no difficulty.

NOTE: Eight squares woven using the Star-Fashion treadling
    Seven squares woven using the Rose-Fashion treadling
    Side panels woven using the Star-Fashion treadling.