Inkle looms are the perfect choice for weaving trims, belts, bookmarks, and straps. On the Schacht inkle loom you can wind up to 8 ½ feet of warp yarn and weave bands up to 4” wide. For this band, we used 5/2 pearl cotton (2100 yd/lb) to create a smooth and strong band with dots of color in the center field.

**STRUCTURE** Warp-faced plain weave.

**EQUIPMENT** Inkle loom and belt shuttle.

**YARNS**
- Warp—5/2 pearl cotton in red, 107 yd; blue, 46 yd; and gold, 56 yd.
- Weft—5/2 pearl cotton in blue, 40 yds.

**WARPLength:** 8 ½ feet (102”).
- Warp ends: 74.
- Width: 1 ¾”.
- Begin warping with an open thread, and follow the warping plan below.

**WEAVING**
Weave a few inches to establish the width of your band. You want the band to be tightly woven with a woven width of approximately 1 ¾”. I use a small ruler to check my width as I weave and correct as I go to maintain a consistent width for the length of the band.

Because bands are fairly narrow, the selvages are an important element of your band. For a handsome result, keeping even and tidy selvages is important. My method is to pass the shuttle from one side of the band to the other, change sheds, and then, pulling on the weft yarn to draw it into place, then using both hands, using the belt shuttle to press the row tightly into place. It is helpful when pulling the weft tight with one hand, to hold the edge of the weaving on the other to prevent the band from drawing in unnecessarily. If you find that your weft is not positioned well, correct it before proceeding to the next row.

If this is your first inkle band, I suggest you practice for at least a foot or two before beginning your band. I like all things, it takes a little trial and error to perfect your technique. Once you’re off and weaving, you can take your loom most anywhere. Kids even as young as eight can easily weave on the inkle loom.

For more on inkle weaving, refer to the Schacht Inkle Manual or visit the Schacht website and click on “support” and then product manuals for our online inkle instructions.

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**WARping Plan**

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