



*A Year of Weaving... or as I like to
call it Monthly Mug Rugs!*

Call it what you like. Either way it will be a year of creative weaving and learning as we work our way through a different technique each month while making fun and functional Mug Rugs.

How does it work? It's easy. Just check the Kromski Fun Facebook Group for a link to the Kromski blog each month where you will find the update and pattern.

What does it cost? Nothing but a few hours of your time!

What do you need to participate? Any of the Kromski rigid heddle looms will work. We will be using worsted weight cotton (colors as listed in each project), and an 8 dent heddle.

Each month we will be warping enough to make 4 Mug Rugs. These will represent an idea that coincides with the month. They will not be an exact rendition, but rather a concept to invoke a suggestion of the idea.

Using the suggested colors per pattern, warp the loom to a length of 1.5 yards. Most of the patterns will require 50 ends, so you may wish to mark your heddle with a piece of string so that you don't need to count from the edge each month to center it.

* If you need help with warping, please refer to this link <http://kromskina.com/how-to-warp-the-kromski-harp-forte/> for assistance.*

Before starting to weave, be sure to use some waste yarn to spread the warp. If you are new to weaving, this simply means that you will use some scrap yarn (choose a color different from the project) and weave about 6-8 passes. You will see the yarns begin to align themselves so that they run parallel, alleviating the gaps caused by the tie on knots. This will ensure that you have a nice even edge to begin with.

Each rug will also need to be hemmed to prevent unraveling. You will find information on that here: <http://kromskina.com/hem-stitch-for-weaving/>

For our mug rugs we will be stitching the yarn around 2 strands of warp, not 3 as depicted in the tutorial.

We need to separate each rug from the previous one and allow for fringe. Take 6 sheets of plain paper and fold them so that each is 1.5" wide. After each Mug Rug is complete (don't forget your hem!) open the shed and insert a folded paper. Change the shed and insert a second folded paper. Now you are ready to begin the next rug. Do not remove these as you advance the warp.



After all of the weaving is complete, take the entire warp off of the loom. Remove the paper and wash it as one piece in a washing machine. Place it into the dryer, set on medium heat. I find it best to remove it from the dryer before it is completely dry. Otherwise it tends to wrinkle excessively. Lay it flat and allow it to air dry the rest of the way. When they are dry, cut them apart, centering the cut so that the fringe is even. A rotary blade and straight edge make this task easy and precise. But you can use scissors if you don't have that.

For subsequent washings, the fringe will hold up better if they are hand washed and dried flat. If you would rather be able to wash and dry them by machine, then you should make longer fringe (wider paper strips) and twist it. This will prevent the fringe from fraying and knotting up. You will also need a longer warp for this, so plan ahead.

For the 1st set of Mug Rugs you will need one ball each of the following colors:

Dark Blue
Light Blue
White
Coral
Pink
Orange
Red
Yellow

For our examples I used Sugar and Cream yarn, but any worsted weight cotton will be fine. We will be using these in other Mug Rugs, so don't lose track of the leftovers!

Are you ready! Our 1st set will be on the blog January 1st!