

Holiday Themed Napkin Exchange 2009

Announcing the first ever weavers' exchange for BRSWG. Let's make and share napkins this year. There are no restrictions on design or color, however the winter holidays should serve as your inspiration. All napkins must be functional and have a finished measurement of 18" x 18" to 20"x 20". Participants are suggested to submit 5 to 11 napkins and will receive an equal number of napkins in return.

Napkins MUST be received by Nov 1, 2009 and will not be accepted after this date. They will be distributed at the BRSWG Holiday luncheon meeting Nov/Dec 09, unless you opt to have them sent to you or make other arrangements with me.

If you would like to participate, please send me an email so that I can keep you up to date of any news about the exchange: Paeonn@aol.com.

For those that will be sending me money for postage: any extra money collected will be donated to the BRSWG education funds.

Let this be a way to stretch yourself and try new weaving patterns or new color combinations!!!

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Napkin Exchange Rules:

Fiber: natural cellulose fibers only: cotton, linen, hemp, ramie; no synthetics allowed.

Measurements: FINISHED size 18 x 18 to 20 x 20 inches square. (Be sure to allow for hemming and shrinkage!)

Finishing: hemmed or fringed; please wash and iron before turning them in to the exchange.

Quantity: 5 to 11 suggested (you will not receive one of your own, therefore you may want to make a few extra of yours to keep). You will receive an equal number of napkins in exchange.

For EACH napkin you submit, please include:

- 1: a copy of your pattern and drawdown
- 2: your materials list
- 3: short biography email information
- 4: photo of you and/or your studio (optional)
- 5: \$10 US check or cash if you want your napkins mailed to you (and please include a self addressed mailing label).

Planning advice for new weavers:

We as a guild are here to help you if you get stuck!!!! Please ask me or anyone if you need some advice/help/support (also good for a shoulder to cry on or pat on the back).

The following is to get you started. To give you an idea about how much material you will need to make about 8 napkins: for each napkin allow 22-24" woven length (measured without tension on your warp). This should approximately allow enough room for shrinking and hems, (however, you may want to weave one napkin, then cut off and finish it to see if the size will be adequate—you may need to add extra yardage to account for this sampling).

For 8 napkins: $8 \times 24 = 192'' + 36''$ (waste estimate) $= 228'' = 6.3$ yards
6.3 yards X number of ends will give you the total yardage needed for warp.

Please ask me if you need more clarification on this.