



I'LL TAKE THE CHECK

This little check pattern looks very nice and crisp and is quite easy to weave using your 12 or 14" tri loom. I see no reason it can't be done on the smaller sizes but it will not have quite the same overall appearance.

To start I used a bulky colored yarn and a thin dark yarn. You can try various color combinations, of course, to suit your own tastes. This check can also be woven using two yarns of the same weight. I just like the bit of texture I get with the two sizes. (These samples were woven with my own handspun wools.)

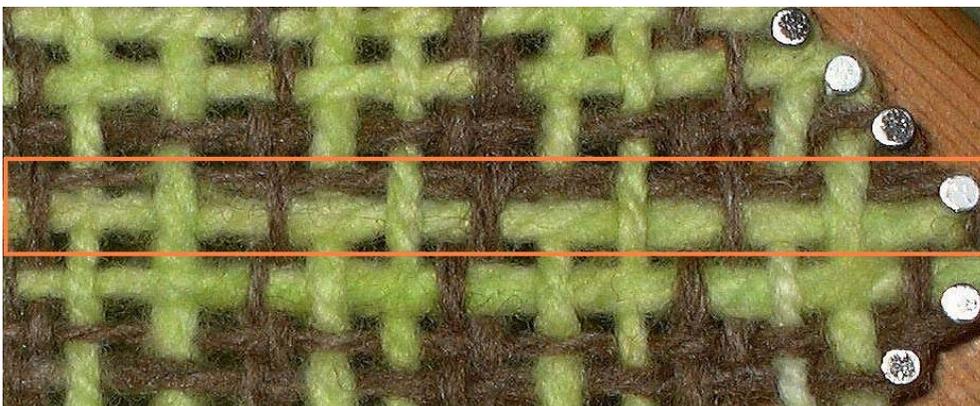


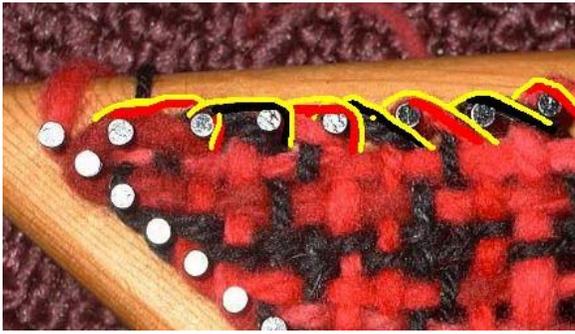
LEFT: I start with the bulky and weave the first two rows (from left to right and back for us right handers) then I stick the thin yarn on the velcro dot and weave two rows with it. Now you'll bring the bulky yarn over the top of two nails on the hypotenuse and weave another two rows.

Repeat, with the thin yarn. Continue in this manner until you reach the center.

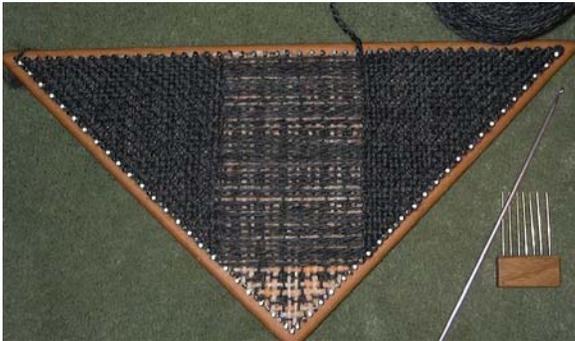


RIGHT: Cut the tail of the last yarn... it will be the bulky one, and will need to be long enough to reach the tip of the tri and back to the top plus a few inches. Weave this tail through in the normal way and then pull the cut end through and out the tip. You are going to weave this end back up to the hypotenuse but you will be doubling the thin yarn on the right of the center. This will not be obvious without searching for it! **BELOW:**





Before you go on to weave the second tri, on the left side of the loom where the yarn goes over two nails, pick up the loop from the second nail (the right one of the pair, and drop it, leaving only the first loop over the nail as in the illustration to the left.



Now you've finished the first tri, push it to the bottom of the nails and weave another over the top. I like to use the dark color that I used in the first tri but that is a personal decision. I don't find any problems with the little bit of difference in the weight of the two tri*s in my blanket project. For another type of project you may want to use a yarn midway between the two used in the first tri, just to be on the safe side.



When you have finished weaving the second tri we will chain them off the looms together. If you have not done this before, it is easy to do and you end up with a square block.

Insert your crochet hook through the first top loop on the corner nail of the right hand side of the hypotenuse and lift it off, leaving the loop on the hook. Insert your hook into the bottom loop on the same nail and left it off, then pull it through the loop already on the hook. Lift off the top loop on the next nail and pull it through the loop on the hook. Lift off the bottom loop on that nail and pull it through the loop on the hook. Continue in this manner across the hypotenuse, pulling the beginning end of the weaving off the velcro dot and all the way through the last loop on your hook.



Remove the triangles from the loom and pull it square. Try it with kitchen cotton or on your square loom!