

## Brocade Tablet Weaving Basics: If I Can Do This, So Can You!

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### Brocade Basics

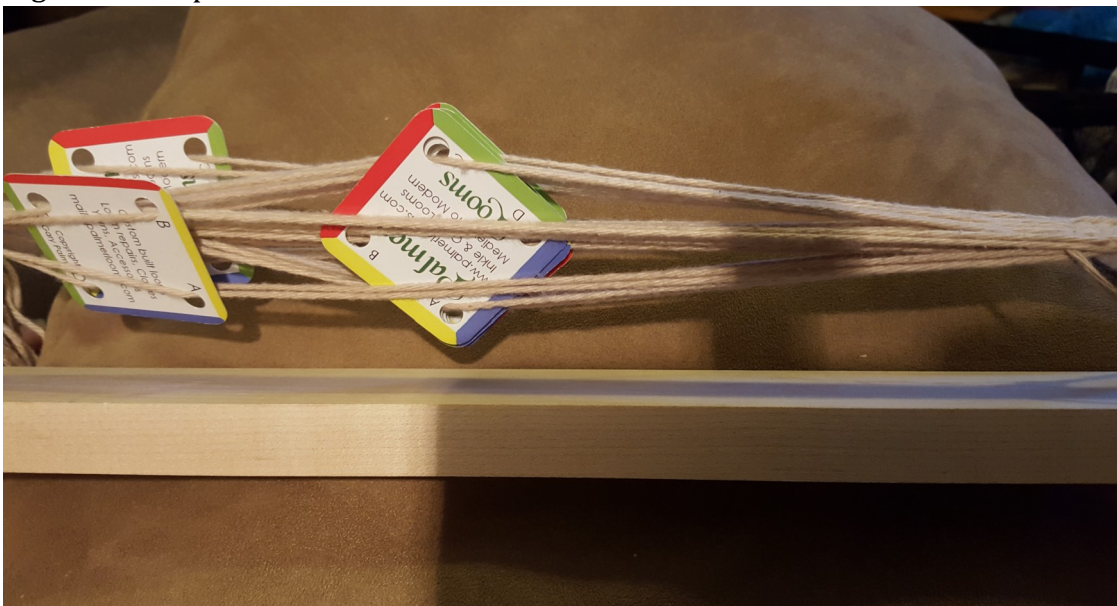
This class is assuming you know the basics of tablet weaving already.

Brocade uses a supplementary weft on a ground weave.

All brocade patterns are graphed, and cross-stitch patterns could be used for inspiration.

Use a thicker thread for brocade, preferably something that can spread out (example: embroidery floss, nothing too tightly spun)

1. Create your ground weave using alternating cards in the S/Z pattern (differentiate the middle card/cards). Weave some ground weave using a single ground weft.
2. When ready to start the pattern, introduce the brocade weft at least one line before the pattern will begin. When weaving the brocade weft, leave one or two cards as a border and come up inside the border card(s), and pass the weft through the brocade shed and bring your brocade weft all the way down before the other border card.
3. Turn all your cards, and beat down the new shed.
4. Pass the ground weft. Leave a small loop of ground weft that you will tighten later.
5. Select the pattern cards and border cards and slide them away from you.
6. Angle the non-pattern cards to create the brocade shed.



*Illustration 1: Creating the brocade shed. Turn your non-pattern cards slightly forward if turning all cards forward, or turn slightly backward if turning all cards backward.*

7. Bring the brocade weft up on the inside of the border card(s), then pass the brocade weft and bring it down on the inside of the opposite sides border card(s). Pull taut.



*Illustration 2: Bringing brocade weft up inside of border*



*Illustration 3: Pass brocade weft through brocade shed*



*Illustration 4: Bring brocade weft down inside border cards.*

8. Turn all cards so that they are all on the same side, and bring the full pack together, beat the new shed, and pull the ground weft loop taut.
9. Repeat from step 4 (pass ground shed)

Lets try a practice pattern! (start at the bottom and work your way up)

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**Congrats!** You did it. Now go make something wonderful!

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