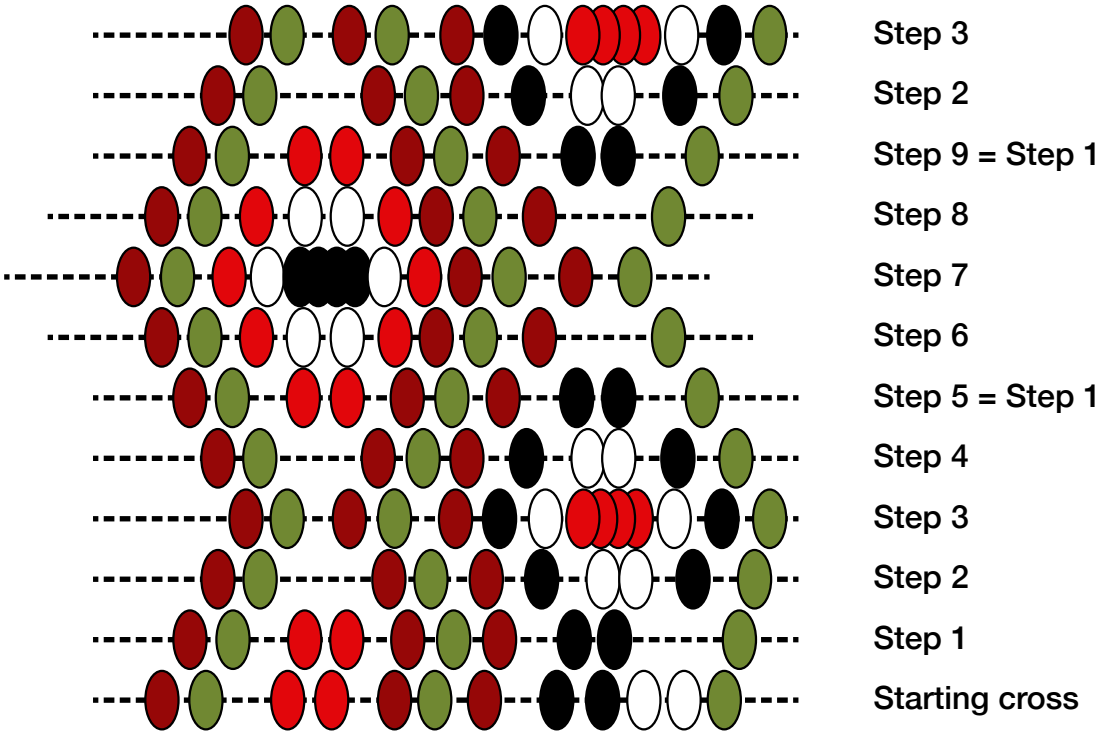
ÑAWI AWAPA (EYES ON A CLOTH) BRAID



The warp is made in the same way as for the crossed-warp braids but this time shed sticks are needed — the ones here were cut from mounting board and are 12cm long. ('T' is for top to make sure I attached the warp to myself the right way up when I started working.) You will also need a holding stick of a similar size plus something to attach one end of the warp to a support and the other to yourself. I used 100% wool double knitting yarn for the warp and found it better than acrylic yarn for this braid.

The Ñawi yarns are red, black and white, the lista stripe between the red and black warps is 'brown, green, brown', and the other, split in two parts here, but between the red and white warps when the tube is formed, is 'green, brown, green'. I suggest starting with a warp about 1m long.

I have provided written instructions for working this braid on the next two pages but looking at my videos at https://youtu.be/T2AMNC7VoGo and https://youtu.be/brmYxeL8PR0 will probably give you a better idea of what's involved.



The colour arrangement of the upper warp in the video at each step — it doesn't tell you how to work the braid but helps you check each step as you work

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Working the Braid

Step 1
Near side of cross, drop the two white threads. Pass weft Right to Left.

Step 2
Black Ñawi opening, **red** Ñawi closing

From the right
1. Pick up, drop
2. Pass 2 black threads across for now
3. Drop, pick up x 3
4. Drop 2 red threads (red Ñawi closing)
5. Pick up, drop x 2

Now work on the Ñawi threads
1. Drop black threads as a pair and bring up partners on either side of pair (*or* pick up, drop followed by drop, pick up).
2. Bring up 2 white threads between the dropped black threads.
Pass weft Right to Left. **Keep the shed on a holding stick**

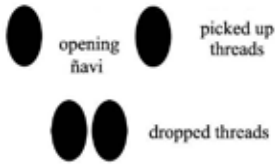
Step 3
From the right:
1. Pick up, drop
2. Pass black and white threads for now
3. Drop, pick up x 3
4. Pick up, drop x 2

Now work on the Ñawi threads
1. Drop black threads and bring up partners from the outside (*or* pick up, drop, pass white threads, drop, pick up).
2. Drop white threads as a pair and pick up partners on either side (*or* pick up, drop followed by drop, pick up).
3. Bring up all 4 red threads through the centre of the dropped white threads.
Pass weft Right to Left

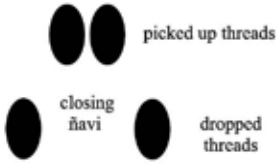
Step 4
Open shed saved on holding stick, that is, raise warps lying on top of holding stick and beat.
Pass weft Right to Left
Remove holding stick.

N.B. When to 'pick up, drop' and when to 'drop, pick up' can be confusing at first. I have tried to explain this below but to start with it's probably best to just follow the instructions!

Opening Ñawi: threads are picked up outside the dropped threads so working from right to left 'pick up, drop' followed by 'drop, pick up'



Closing Ñawi: threads are picked up inside the dropped threads so working from right to left 'drop, pick up', followed by 'pick up, drop'



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Step 5
As step 1 — drop the 2 white threads and pass weft Right to Left

Step 6
Red Ñawi opening, **black** Ñawi closing

From the right
1. Drop, pick up
2. Drop 2 black threads (black Ñawi closing)
3. Pick up, drop x 3
4. Pass 2 red threads for now
5. Drop, pick up x 2

Now work on the Ñawi threads
1. Drop red threads as a pair and bring up partners on either side of pair (*or* pick up, drop followed by drop, pick up).
2. Bring up 2 white threads between the dropped red threads.
Pass weft Right to Left. **Keep the shed on a holding stick**

Step 7
From the right:
1. Drop, pick up
2. Pick up, drop x 3
3. Pass red and white threads for now
4. Drop, pick up x 2

Now work on the Ñawi threads
1. Drop red threads and bring up partners on the outside (*or* pick up, drop, pass white threads, drop, pick up).
2. Drop white threads as a pair and pick up partners on either side (*or* pick up, drop followed by drop, pick up).
3. Bring up all 4 black threads through the centre of the dropped white threads.
Pass weft Right to Left

Step 8
Open shed saved on holding stick, that is, raise warps lying on top of holding stitck and beat.
Pass weft Right to Left
Remove holding stick.

Step 9
As step 1 — drop the 2 white threads and pass weft Right to Left

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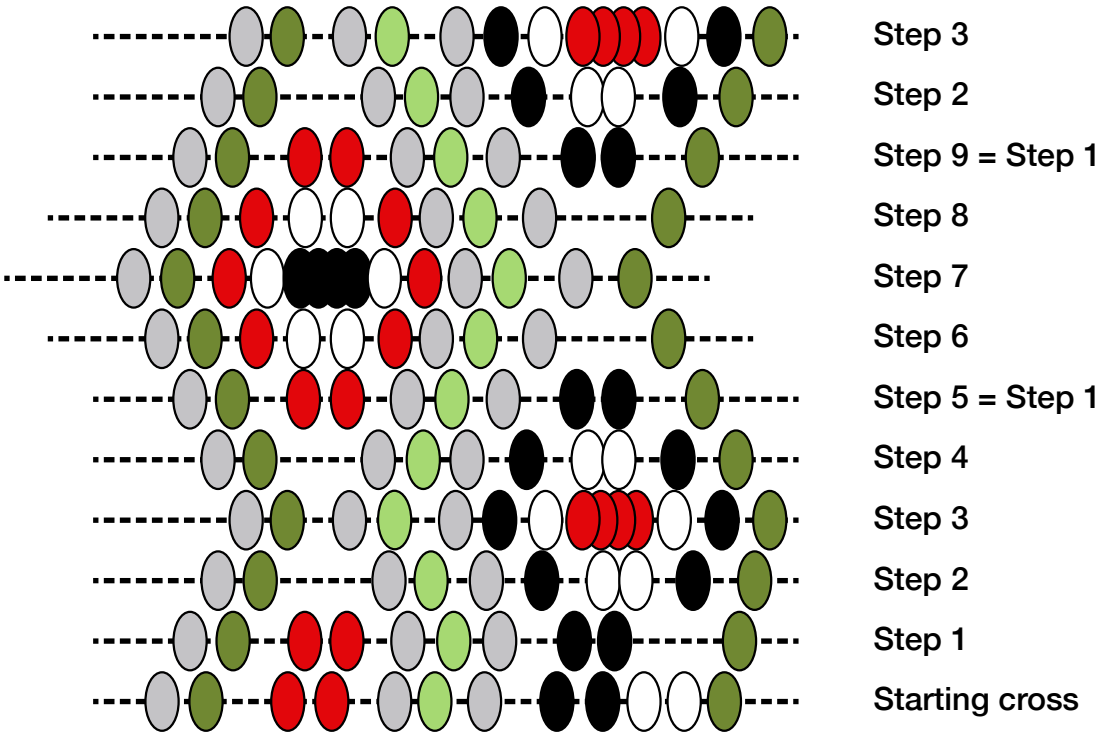
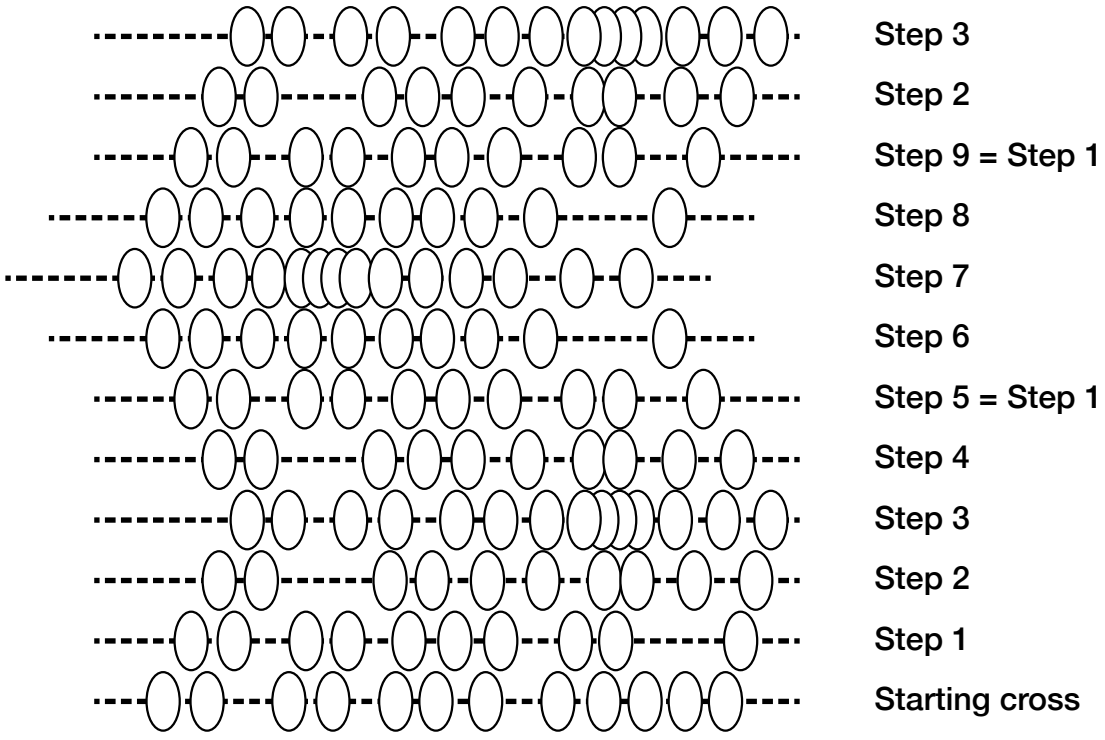


Colour arrangement for the braid on the first page



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