Tablet weaving designs

Creatures in squares – Sulawesi style

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Introduction

This is a collection of some designs I created to make various creatures and animals in a "square" to allow variation of the known theme "Dog biting its tail". I did most of them for a set up of 32 pattern cards (16 pairs) and some with the original 24 cards, since 32 cards gives a greater freedom to experiment.

In Sulawesi you form pairs of 2 cards that always turn together (below, card 2-3, 4-5, etc). Also, you always do 2 picks before you change turning direction of the cards.
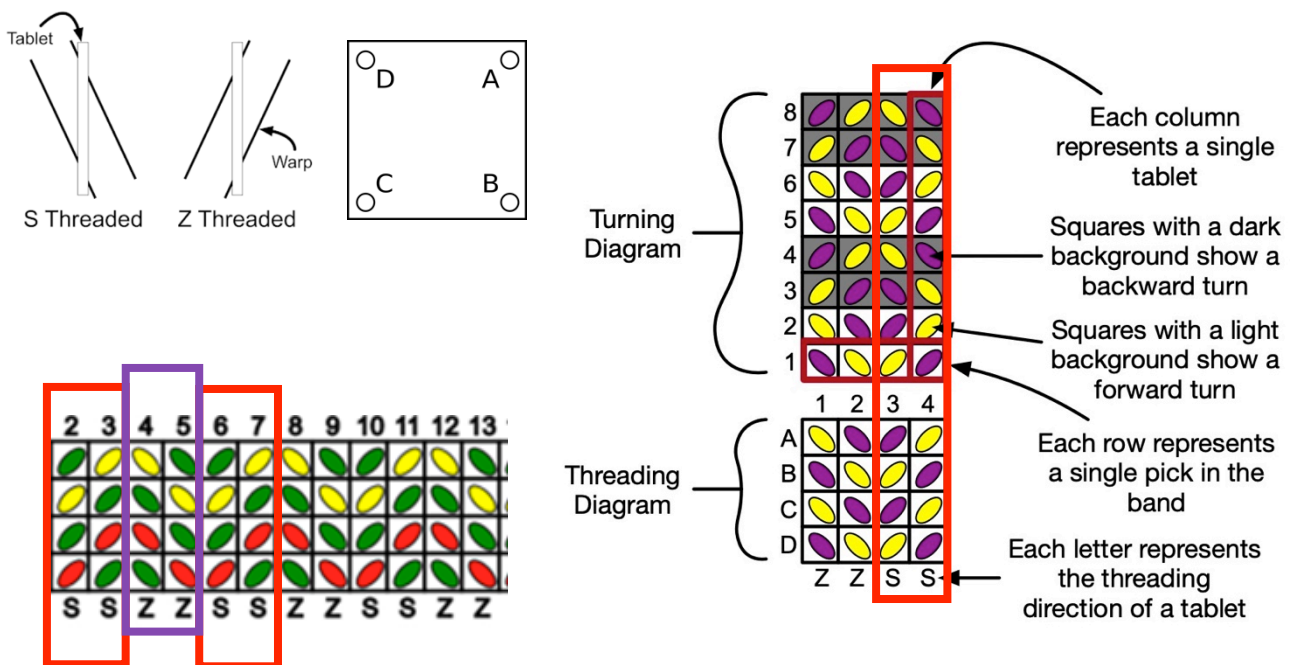
I hope you enjoy weaving them as much as I have.

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I have used the Tablet Weaving Draft Designer to illustrate my designs and the turning diagrams. Below is a description of the card naming, turning diagram and S vs. Z threading.

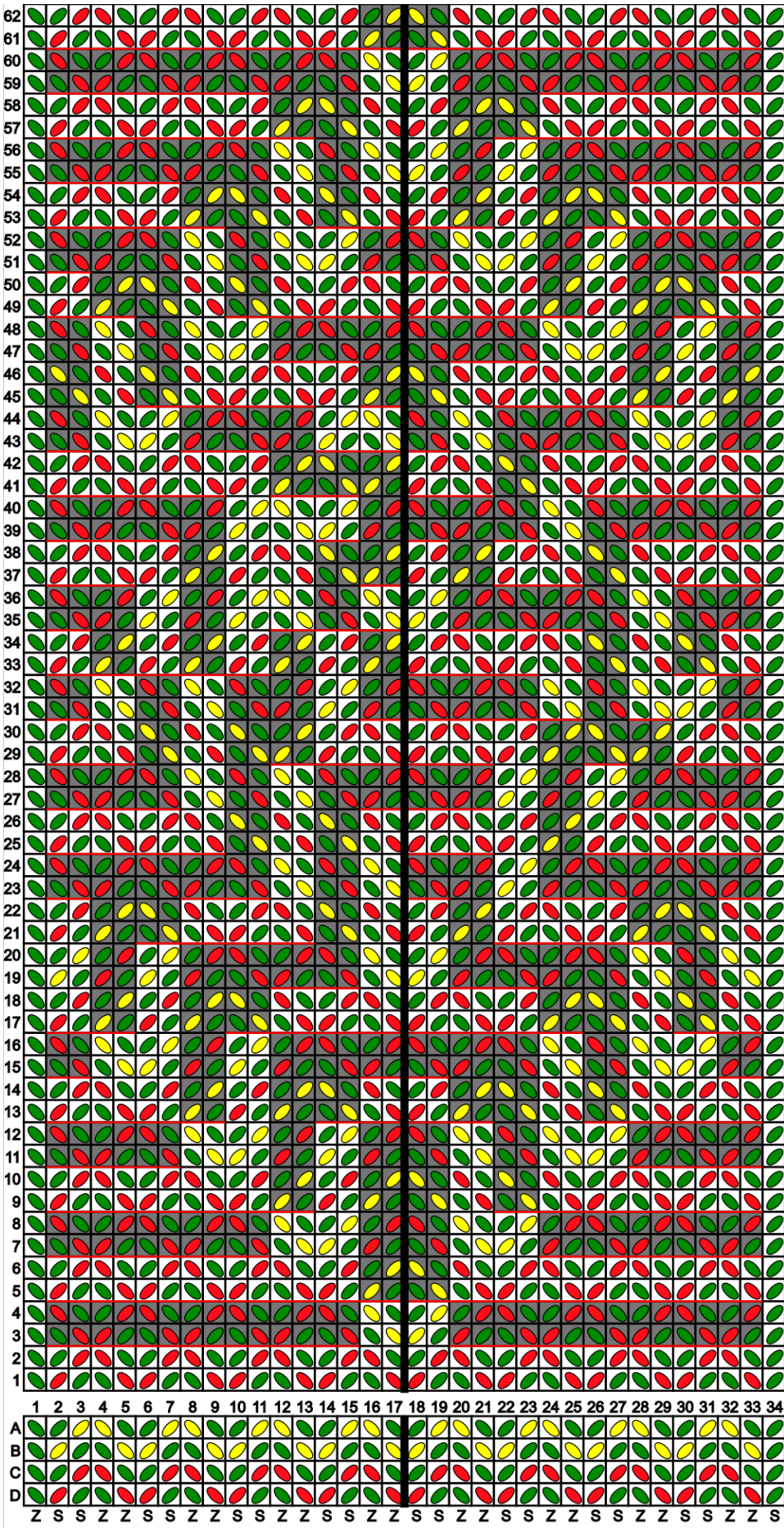Please feel free to check out this excellent resource here:

https://jamesba.github.io/tabletweave/

When you start weaving, the cards should be aligned with A and D on top, with D closest to you. C and B should be at the bottom, towards the "floor". The A-D markings should be facing to the right when starting to weave.

Each red or purple square above represents
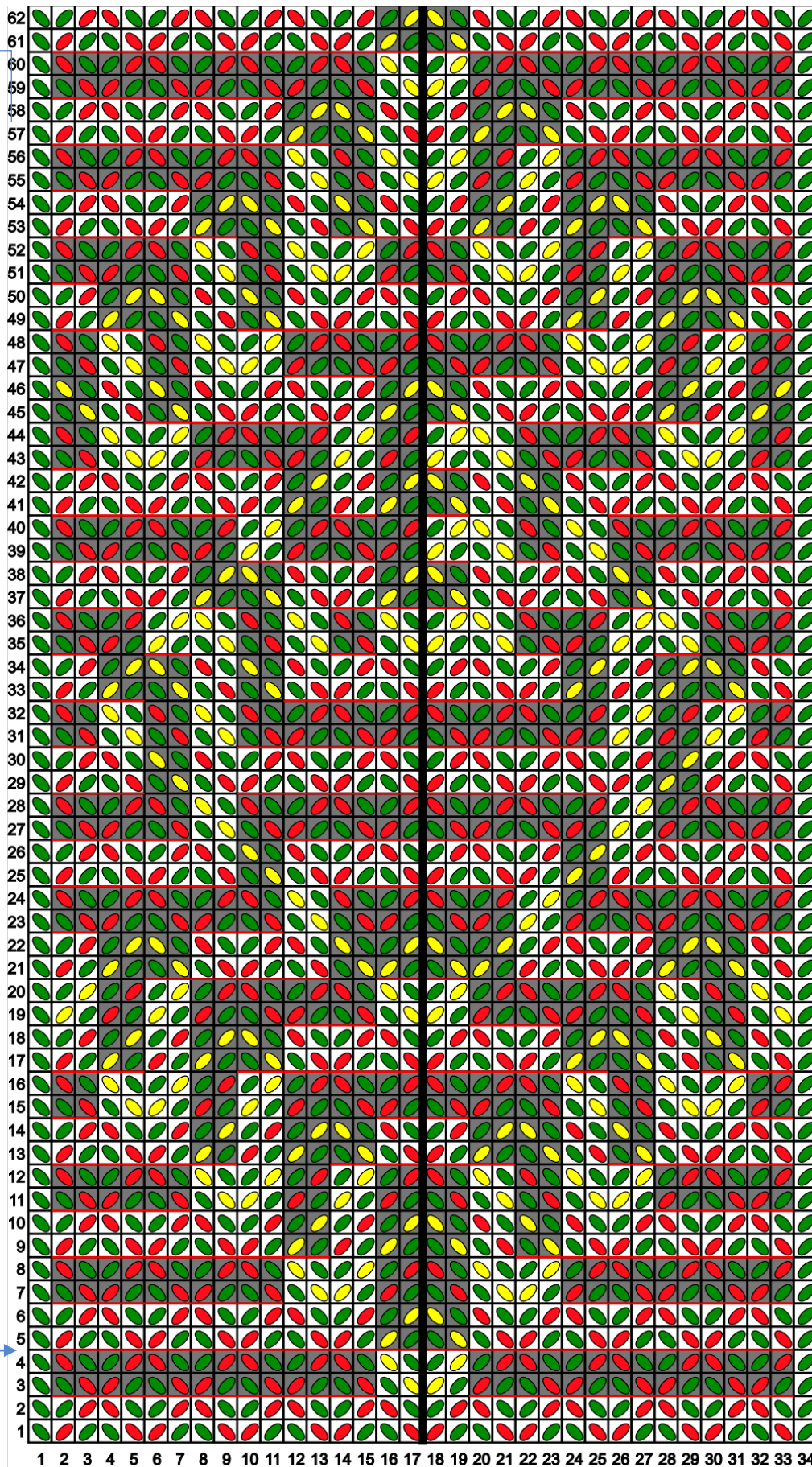a pair, i.e. they are turning together.

Threading the Sulawesi designs - 2, 3 or 4 threads per card for 32 pattern cards

Below is the classical threading of a Sulawesi design (card 2-33) with 2 border cards (1 and 34).

Design color: Yellow, Accompanying color: Green and Background color: Red.

A) Threading using all 4 holes in the card. The designs in this file will show the designs with 4 threads, but all ow them can be threaded with 3 or 2 threads and woven accordingly.

B) Threading with 3 threads per card, omitting the background color.

C) Threading with 2 threads, omitting the accompanying color.

Examples of B and C (Sitting Dog)

Background Design

Below is the background design, and if you would like to design your own elements, you can fit it into the frame below (inner (24 cards) or outer square (32 cards)). After row/pick 60, the pattern can be repeated (go to row/pick 5) with the same or another design.

Remember, light boxes: The cards turn one pick away from you.
Dark boxes: The cards turn towards you.

Sitting Dog

Repeat (5-60)

Rows numbered 1–62 (left axis).

Columns numbered 1–34 (bottom axis).

Card rows: A, B, C, D

Thread directions: Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S S Z Z S

Crab

Repeat (5-60)

Threading the Sulawesi designs - 2, 3 or 4 threads per card for 24 pattern cards

Below is the classical threading of a Sulawesi design (card 2-25) with 2 border cards (1 and 26).
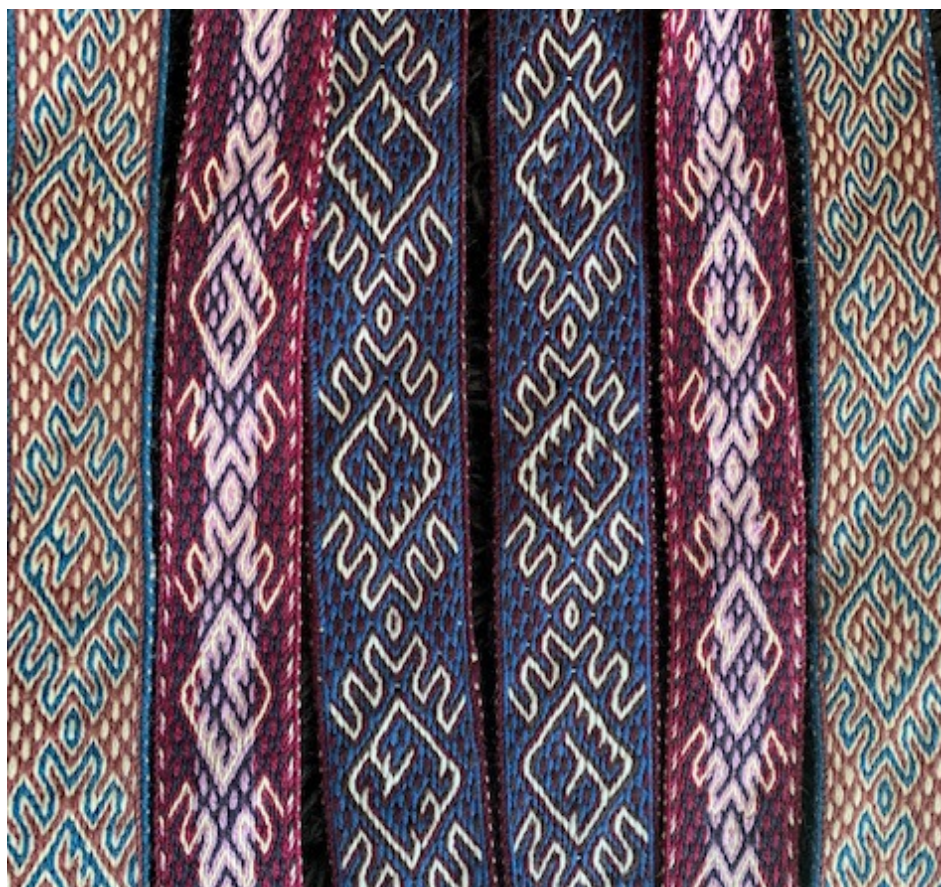
Design color: Yellow, Accompanying color: Green and Background color: Red.

Threading using all 4 holes in the card. The designs in this file will show the designs with 4 threads, but all ow them can be threaded with 3 or 2 threads and woven accordingly.

All patterns can be woven with 2, 3 or 4 threads per card. See first section.

Examples:

Dog

Turtle