

# Oklahoma Inkle Pins and the Oklahoma Flag

The inkle band pattern given here was designed by Amy Abbott to be made into pins that were given away in the "goody bags" for the attendees of the Handweaver's Guild of America 2006 conference, Convergence.

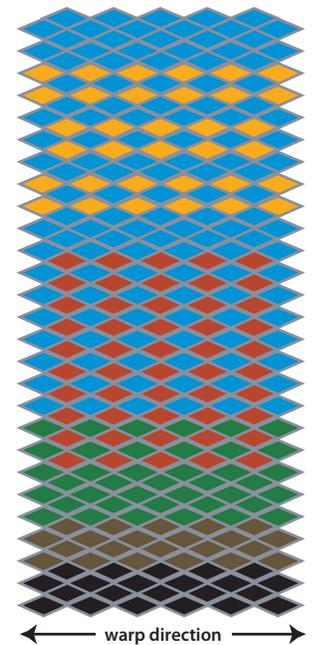


The colors are based on the colors of the Oklahoma state flag. The flag consists of a field of sky blue, in the center of which is an Osage Indian warrior's shield decorated with six painted crosses and fringed with seven pendant eagle feathers. Superimposed on the face of the shield is a calumet (peace pipe) crossed at right angles by an olive branch, and underneath is the word Oklahoma in white letters. Each color in the flag (as are the colors in the pin) is symbolic:

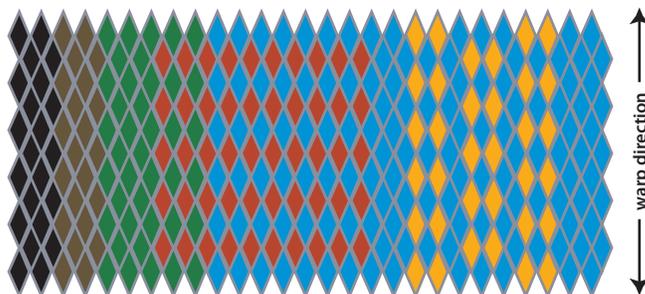
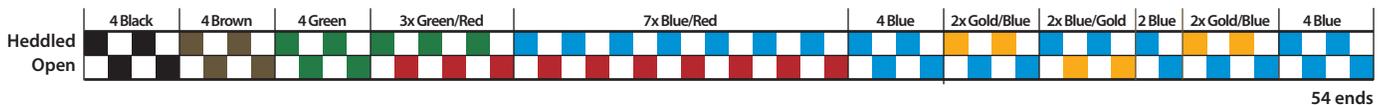
- Blue:** for the blue of the Oklahoma skies and signifying loyalty and devotion.
- Gold:** Gold crosses in the flag are Indian graphic signs for stars and represent high ideals.
- Brown & Green:** The calumet and the olive branch override the warrior's shield, to bespeak a predominant love of peace by a united people.
- Red:** The state's name, Oklahoma, comes from the Choctaw language, "okla" meaning "people" and "humma" meaning "red."
- Black:** The pin adds the color black for the oil that has played a vital part in Oklahoma's culture and industry.

Inkle bands for the pins will be woven of 5/2 pearl cotton from UKI following the pattern given below. Note that the pattern is woven sideways on the loom, as shown below the threading and color order. When mounted for pins, the bands will be turned so that the warp threads are horizontal (see the drawdown at right).

Warp the inkle loom following the draft given below. Use blue as the weft. Because the blue selvedge will be at the top of the finished pin, it is more important for the weft to match the blue warps.



## Threading and Color Order for Oklahoma Inkle Pins



- Gold (UKI California Gold #89)
- Blue (UKI Royal #16)
- Red Ochre (UKI Burnt Orange #149)
- Green (UKI Wintergreen #136)
- Brown (UKI Dark Sierra #99)
- Black (UKI Black #116)