

Warp Yarns and Sett Recommendations for Tapestry Weaving

Sett recommendations vary considerably from weaver to weaver but here is a place to start. Note that in the sizes of the Cotton Seine Twine yarns, the higher the second number, the thicker and heavier the yarn is, and the fewer yards per pound it has.

I have all the sizes of cotton seine twine listed below.

Recommended Setts (ends per inch) for Cotton Seine Twine

| Yarn Name | Yards/Lb | Widest Sett (in epi) | | Closest Sett (in epi) |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| 12/18 seine twine | 560 yd/lb | 3 epi | 4 or 5 epi | 6 epi |
| 12/15 seine twine | 672 yd/lb | 4 epi | 5 epi | 6 epi |
| 12/12 seine twine | 840 yd/lb | 6 epi | | 8 epi |
| 12/9 seine twine | 1120 yd/lb | 8 epi | | 10 epi |
| 12/6 seine twine | 1680 yd/lb | 10 epi | | 12 epi |

I also have a wool warp which works well at 5 to 8 ends per inch. It is slightly more challenging to beat and most tapestry teachers do not recommend it for beginners. Linen can also be used for tapestry warp but it is also not the best choice for beginners.

If you have the ***Tapestry 101*** book by Kathe Todd Hooker, a warp/weft chart on page 104 is a helpful starting place for matching warps to weft bundles.