
MY PROJECT – LADY CECILIA ROSA DE SANCTA MARIA

Project: Tablet woven, double weave heraldic garter with motto

Status of project: Finished (took 1 week from design to final touches)



I was preparing information for the upcoming tablet weaving workshop (September 29-30th) and wanted to test some pattern design software developed by an SCA participant in the USA. In testing the software I designed a pattern based on my primary heraldic charge, and added a Latin motto using a textura style font. The resulting design looked lovely when ‘drawn’ up in the program so I wanted to see what it would look like as a real sash.

As this was a trial run of the design (which meant a tight budget) I used regular 4 ply cotton crochet thread in red and yellow for the primary design and black for the plain selvedge edges. Since I was using an inkle loom and working with a 2 colour design, I was able to use the ‘quick-n-easy’ warping method which got me up and ready to weave in less than an hour.

The actual weaving took less than a week, resulting in a sash approximately 2 ½ feet long. There are a few pattern and technique changes I’ll make next time (like beating the weft tighter in order to keep the design scaled properly). I hope to start a full length sash (5 feet) as soon as Ken and I finish designing and building a floor model of the inkle loom.

Resources: Basic Tablet Weaving (<http://www.stringpage.com/tw/basic-tw.html>)