

# Backstrap Band Weaving

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*With patterns from Heather Torgenrud's three books*

Called bandgrind or bandsked in Swedish, this band reed is also called a ribbon reed. Traditionally made of wood, it is a frame of slender rigid heddles often with a handle.

Two day workshop, including warping,  
for beginners and experienced band weavers  
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Materials fee, warp and weft, \$20.

Band looms available for \$15, pick up shuttle \$20.

Weave band weaving patterns from Heather Torgenrud's second book  
***Swedish Pick-up Patterns, Charts from an Orsa Apron Band.***

The Orsa band, which is in the Dalarnas museum in Dalarna Sweden, was hand woven and came from the town of Orsa in Dalarna. Heather's book includes sixty five patterns from this band.

When this band was woven, weavers challenged themselves to weave bands with many patterns which move smoothly from one to the next without many repeated designs. This was a sign of an excellent weaver. The original band was woven in red and green wool on a background of fine white linen.

Warp your own band loom with 13 pattern warp threads to weave Heather's patterns, like the one here.

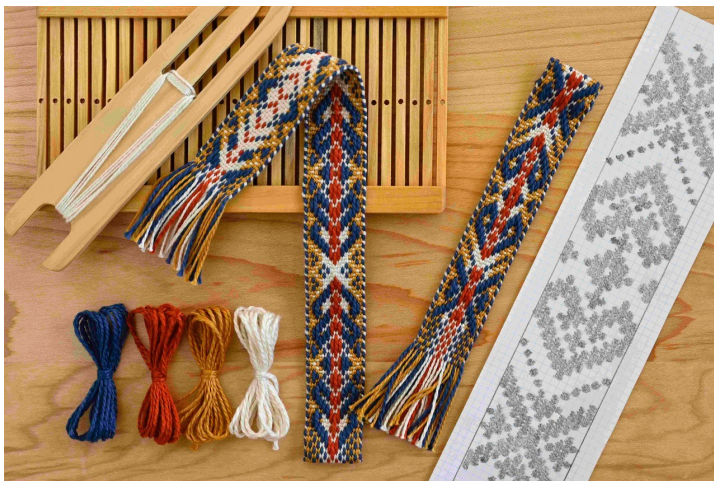


Photo from Heather's new book, Pick-Up  
Bandweaving Designs

Beginners start with a plain weave band. Band looms with pre-made warps will be available. Warped band looms with pick up weaves for 5, 7, 9 and more pattern warp threads will be available for you to explore weaving patterns. Then you can warp your own loom.

Heather's basket of beautiful  
colorful bands.

