

# DECIPHERING TABLET WEAVING PATTERNS

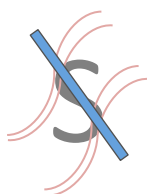
## KNOWN FACTS & HOW WE LIKE TO WORK:

A **forward turn** is away from you.

A **backward turn** is toward you.

Think bicycle wheel!

S card slant = Z threaded:

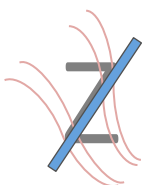


forward turn = S twist

backward turn = Z twist



Z card slant = S threaded:

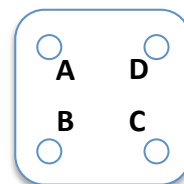


forward turn = Z twist

backward turn = S twist



Tablets face to the right.



**A & B** are nearest to you

**C & D** are furthest from you

With this setup, four forward turns puts A, B, C & D in order at the start of your band.

So when we find a pattern online that doesn't specify if S/Z refers to slant or thread, or what it means by ABCD (if marked), then we can use what we know to work it out:

### S/Z – slant or threaded?

Looking at the start of the pattern find a tablet that turns forward a few rows. Look at the direction of the twist on those first rows of that tablet:

**Tablet 1** turns **forward** and has an **S twist**. Knowing that an **S slant card** (**Z threaded**) produces an **S twist when turned forwards** we can establish that the S/Z notation refers to the threading of the tablet.

	Pick	Forwards	Backwards
12	19	1; 10-12	2-9
11	18	1; 10-12	2-9
10	17	1; 10-12	2-9
9	16	1; 4-7; 10-12	2-3; 8-9
8	15	1; 4-7; 10-12	2-3; 8-9
7	14	1-3; 8-12	4-7
6	13	1-3; 8-12	4-7
5	12	1-12	
4	11	1-12	
3	10	1-12	
2	9	1; 10-12	2-9
1	8	1; 10-12	2-9
	7	1; 10-12	2-9
	6	1; 4-7; 10-12	2-3; 8-9
	5	1; 4-7; 10-12	2-3; 8-9
	4	1-3; 8-12	4-7
	3	1-3; 8-12	4-7
	2	1-12	
	1	1-12	

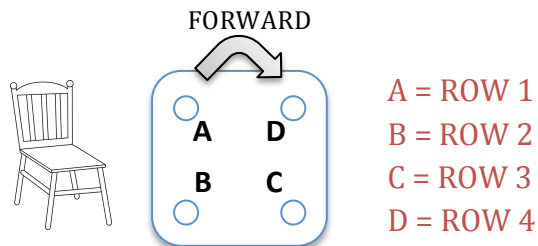


## What is ABCD?

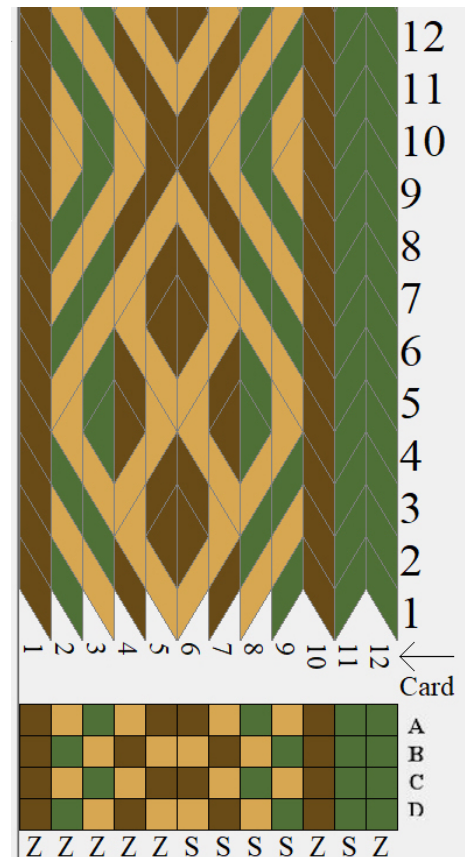
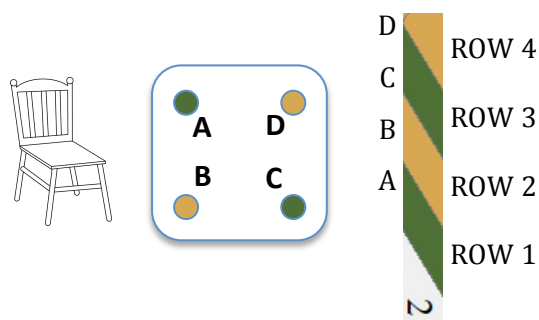
Again, look at the start of the pattern and identify a tablet that turns forward but has two or more colours:

**Tablet 2** turns **forward** for four rows and has **two colours**.

Knowing that, regardless of S or Z, **when turning forward**:

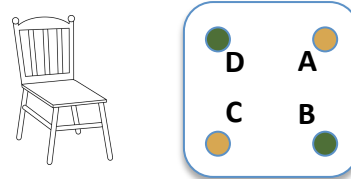


So tablet 2 is warped like this:



Which means that in the written pattern:

A is top, furthest from you  
B is lower, furthest from you  
C is lower, nearest to you  
D is top nearest to you



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