

Wagon Wheel Rug

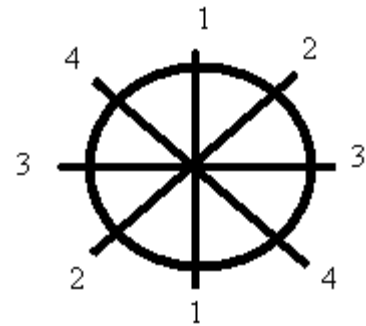
1. Locate an old wagon or carriage wheel. Wrap the rim with cloth strips so that each strand of the warp can be pinned to the frame for weaving.

2. Pre-fold all warp and weft strips. Fold the edges of the strip to the center, and then fold the strip in half. The raw edges are completely enclosed within the strip.



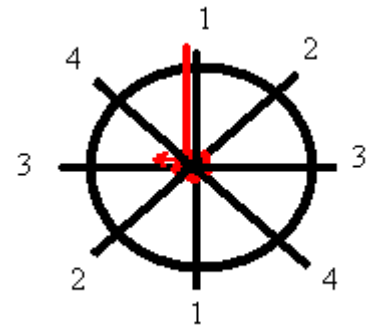
3. Cut 4 strips 6" longer than the diameter of the frame.

4. Place the strips as shown. The four strips must cross at the center.



5. The weaving is tabby (over-and-under). This type of weaving requires an odd number of warp (radiating strips).

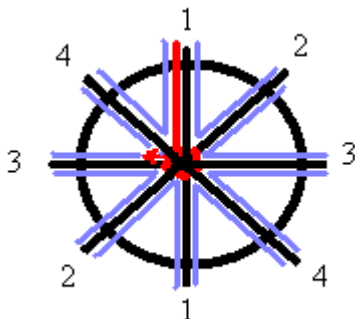
6. Lay a strip next to any of the spokes to make the odd number of strips. Anchor the strip to the frame, bring it to the center and then begin weaving it over and under ending with the added strip. Continue tabby weaving (over and under) one more time.



7. When using warp and weft of the same size you will have to add an additional warp (spoke) about every other row.

8. Important – mark the first added spoke so that you will be able to add spokes evenly around the wheel.

9. Spokes are added around the entire wheel each time a new spoke is added. They are added in a 'V' pattern. To add the 'V' warp pin *one* end of the warp to the frame, loop the center of the warp *over* the last round of weaving (weft). Pin the other end of the warp to the wheel inside the next spoke. [Keep in the tabby pattern when adding the warp. That is you may have to loop the center of the warp *under* the last round of weaving (weft). Because the 'V' shape adds two new warp strands the tabby (over-under) pattern will not be disturbed].



10. Be careful not to pull the weft strips too tight, if the strips are too tight the rug will form a pouch rather than lay flat.

11. Finish the rug by tucking the warp thread between a spoke and the previous round of weaving. Sew.

12. Remove from frame, saw around the outside edge sewing the weft to the warp – trim ends of warp.