

## Weaving 3:1 Soumak

To begin, wind a butterfly of the pattern yarn (see page 159).

**STEP 1.** Weave 1" (2.5 cm) or so of plain weave with the background yarn before beginning the soumak.

**STEP 2.** Insert the tail of the pattern weft under the selvedge thread and then over, under, over the next 3 warps, then pull the tail to the back of the weaving (Figure 1).

**STEP 3.** On a closed shed and working from right to left, bring the pattern yarn over 3 warps.

**STEP 4.** Wrap the pattern yarn around the leftmost of these 3 warps (Figures 2 and 3).

**STEP 5.** Bring the pattern weft over 3 warps, back around 1 warp, and so on to the other selvedge (Figure 4).

**STEP 6.** Weave 2 rows of plain weave with ground weft (Figure 5).

**STEP 7.** To begin the next row, insert the butterfly between the last 2 warps and bring it out at the side, then over the first 3 warps, and around the rightmost of these 3 warps (Figure 6).

**STEP 8.** Weave back to the other selvedge in the same manner, traveling over 3 and back around 1 (Figure 7).

**STEP 9.** Weave at least 2 rows of plain weave with ground weft.

Repeat Steps 3–9 as desired for pattern.

