

2018 Napkin Exchange – A Tangled Web

Basic rules

- Weave six (6) napkins to give away and receive six (6) napkins in return.
- Napkins can be identical or varied.
- The finished size should be 18-20" square.
- Main fiber should be 8/2, 10/2, or 16/2 cotton, or equivalent cotton-linen blend.
- Finishing: Hand or machine hemmed, or hemstitched, washed and pressed.
- Due date is Friday May 11th. Drop off at the store – Attn: Jae K.
- Include a note with your name and the details of the threading, tie-up, and treadling used.

Theme – The Weaving Contest (Greek Myth of the Origin of Spiders)

Arachne was a mortal known for her exceptional skill as a weaver and spinner. She boasted that her skills were due to no one but herself and were even greater than the goddess Athena. Arachne declared that if Athena truly dared, she should come and compete against Arachne. Of course, Athena accepted the challenge. Athena wove tapestries depicting the gods punishing mortals for setting themselves equal to the gods. Arachne's tapestries showed the gods tricking and abusing mortals. Some tales say that Arachne's work was indeed better than Athena's. Other tales say that Athena's work was more beautiful. Either way the stories end with Athena punishing Arachne for her prideful nature. Arachne was condemned to never touch shuttle or spindle again, but rather transformed into a spider so that she may continue her spinning and weaving.



Athena Napkins

Structure: Loom controlled lace (Bronson, Huck, Swedish, etc.)

Color: Weaver's choice

Arachne Napkins

Structure: Hand manipulated lace (Leno, Spanish, Brook bouquet, etc.)

Color: Weaver's choice

Color Recommendation

A frost covered spider web spun amid the juniper berries and needles in a pine forest.

Recommended colors – grey, blue, green-blue, green,
Brassard unmercerized – Marine, Denim, Vieux Bleu, Slate, Bleu pale, Teal, Seaton, Sapin, Vert Fonce,
Chambray, Gris Pale, Gris Fonce, Blanchi