

Topic: Tablet Woven trim

Based on Archaeological bands from the Finnish Iron Age

Description: Recreation of a band found in a Finland cemetery. Halikko, Rikala (1070-1200). The Rikala hill in Halikko site was excavated in 1950's, the excavations revealed a lot of textile material. The find is currently in the National Museum of Finland. This band was most likely used as a belt.

Tools used: period loom or body tension? I used an inkle loom as they are transportable and relatively easy to use. Shuttle & Beater in period? My shuttle & Beater used in this project were made from wood, I use these as they are not pliable. Card in period could have been wood, bone, or even leather. The cards I used for this project were wood for the border cards and playing cards for the design cards. I use playing cards because they take up less space and are durable.

Materials used: In period the most likely material would have been wool, although it could have been silk or linen also. I used a fine cotton as it was a more cost-effective option.

Process: [what did you do, in a step-by-step description. You can explain how you did things in a period way, referring to sources, and where you did things differently (and why)]

Lessons Learned: this was the first time I used half turns which I have learned give a sharp look to points. The other thing I learned was tubular selvedge which I believe gives cleaner edges.

Next project: Woven belt favor with a fleur di lis design on it.

References

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