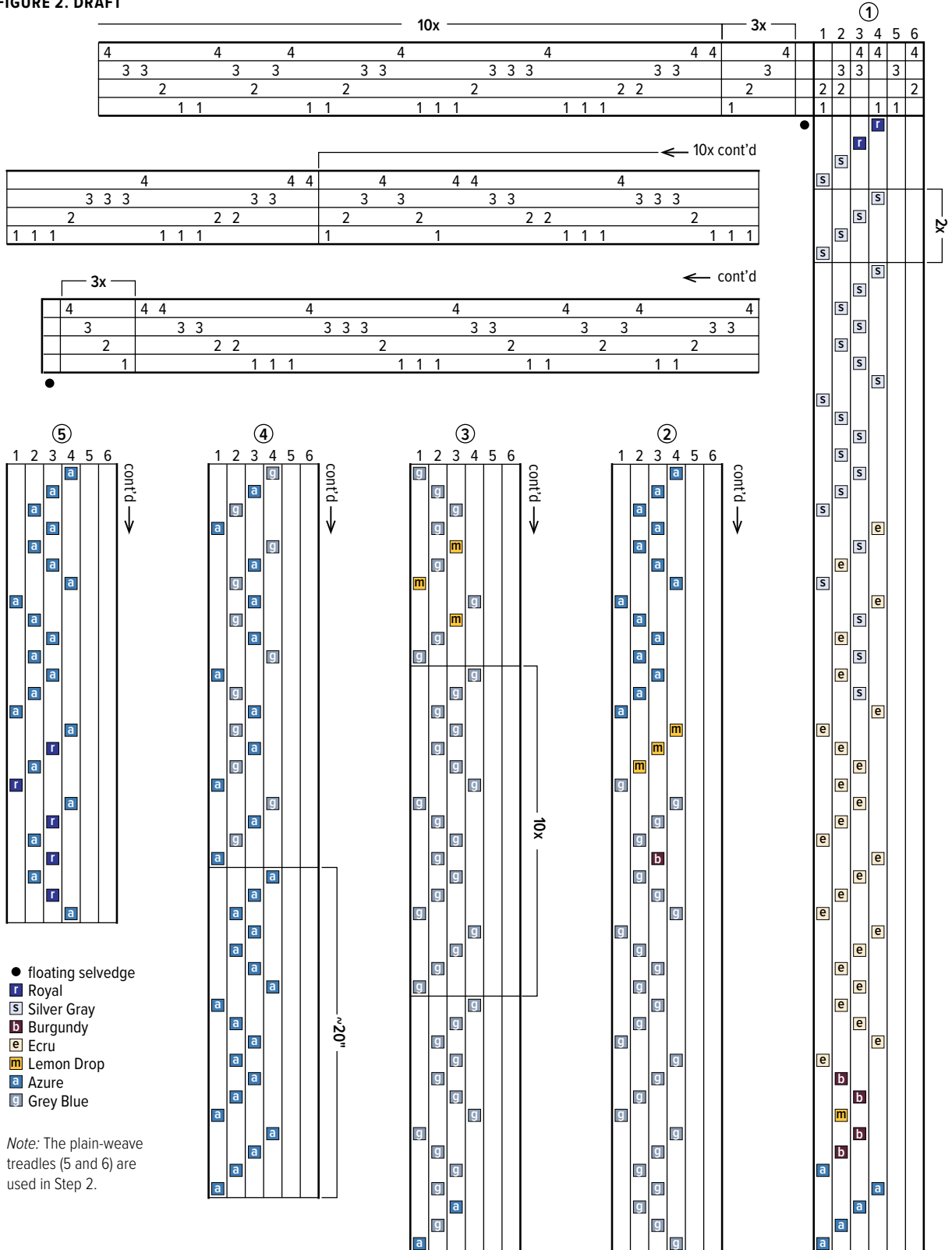


Flights of Fancy

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Note: This is the full project draft (Figure 2) and wing assembly information for the Flights of Fancy Shawl and Wings. It is meant for use along with the Warp and Weft Color Orders (Figures 1 and 3) and weaving instructions provided in the *Handwoven* Spring 2026 print edition, pages 42–46.

FIGURE 2. DRAFT



Note: The plain-weave treadles (5 and 6) are used in Step 2.

OPTIONAL: PREPARE THE SHAWL TO BECOME WINGS

10 Decide which long edge of the shawl will be the top of the wings. This is where the wrist-bands will be placed. Place the shawl facedown for Steps 11–15.

11 Cut two pieces of $\frac{3}{16}$ " ribbon $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Fold the raw edges of the ribbon under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and place the two pieces diagonally across the top corners on the shawl. Sew the folded edges to secure the ribbons to the shawl. These ribbons will hold the hair bands down and out of sight when you wear the shawl. See Figure 4.

12 Sew a hair band at each top corner of the shawl, securing the bands by tacking them in two places about $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the corners. Tuck the bands under the diagonal ribbons.

13 Cut one piece of $\frac{3}{16}$ " ribbon 24" long. Apply Fray Check to the cut ends and let dry. Fold the ribbon in half. Place the folded edge of the ribbon at the center of the long top edge of the shawl. Sew in place securely on the back of the shawl.

14 Place a hair band directly over the ribbon. Sew it to the back top edge of the shawl.

15 Cut two pieces of $\frac{5}{8}$ " ribbon each 24" long. Apply Fray Check to one end of each ribbon and let dry. Measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ " from the center of the top long edge of the shawl. Mark the spot for ribbon placement. Turn the untreated end of one ribbon under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew it to the marked spot. Repeat on the other side of the center with the second ribbon.

16 To wear as a shawl, thread the loose ends of the ribbons through the center hair band and tie them in place so that they stay securely out of the way.



To transform the shawl into wings, flip the center hair band to the front side of the shawl and pull a section of the shawl through the band (1). Tie the $\frac{3}{8}$ " ribbons to secure the hair band and the gathered fabric (2). Adjust the fabric section to look like an insect's body (3).

When your child is no longer of an age to play with wings, remove the hair bands and ribbons and enjoy wearing your shawl.



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17 Transform the shawl into butterfly wings: Flip the center hair band to the outside of the shawl. Reach through the band (it helps to place it on your wrist) and grasp the center of the right side of the shawl. Gather the fabric and tuck or pull the folded and gathered fabric through the hair band 5"–6". See Photos 1–3.

18 Turn the shawl over, thread the $\frac{3}{8}$ " ribbon through the hair band on the back of the shawl, and tie the ribbon to secure the hair band so that the gathered fabric cannot work its way out of the band. On the right side, spread the gathered fabric to form the insect's body.

19 Place the shawl on the child's back and pull the $\frac{5}{8}$ " ribbons up and over their shoulders. Bring the ribbons in front of the child, under their arms, and then around behind them. Tie the ribbons securely in a bow at the child's back, under the shawl.

20 Flip the corner hair bands out of the ribbon holders. Place the child's hands through the hair bands so that they rest around the child's wrists.


21 Commence imaginative play! 

FIGURE 4. ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

