

## **Coverlets in the Pioneers Museum**

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### **Coverlet Catalogue # 91-01-32**

**Date of Documentation:** March 19, 2007

**Pattern Name(s):** Pine Burr, Tennessee Blazing Star, Isle of Patmos, Star of the Sea, Gentleman's  
Fancy, similar to Pine Bloom

**Weave Structure:** Overshot

**Type:** Geometric

**Grid:** Horizontal/vertical

**Size:** 101.6" length x 75.9" width. (Dimensions are an average of at least three measurements in both directions.)

**Number of Panels:** 2

**Number of Blocks:** 4

**Probable Loom Type:** Treadle – 4 Shafts

**Warp Yarn:** Fiber Content: Wool  
Estimated Yarn Size: 30/2  
Spun: S, Tight twist, Two Ply, Plied Z  
Dye: None, Natural  
Pantone Color: Whisper White, #11-0701 tpx  
Ends/Inch: 36

**Weft Yarn (Structure or Tabby):**  
Fiber Content: Wool  
Estimated Yarn Size: 30/2  
Spun: S, Medium twist, Two Ply, Plied Z  
Dye: None, Natural  
Pantone Color: Whisper White, #11-0701 tpx  
Ends/Inch: 36

**Weft Yarns (Pattern 1):**  
Fiber Content: Wool  
Estimated Yarn Size: 15/2  
Spun: Commercially spun  
Dye: Commercially dyed  
Pantone Color: Estate Blue, #19-4027 tpx  
Picks/Inch: 36

**Weft Yarns (Pattern 2):**  
Fiber Content: Wool  
Estimated Yarn Size: 8/1  
Spun: Z, Tight twist, Single Ply  
Dye: Commercially dyed  
Dye: Synthetic

Pantone Color: Real Teal, #18-4018 tpx  
Picks/Inch: 36

**Weft Yarns (Pattern 3):**

Fiber Content: Wool  
Estimated Yarn Size: 6/1  
Spun: Z, Medium twist, Single Ply  
Dye: Commercially dyed  
Pantone Color: Adriatic Blue, #17-4320 tpx  
Picks/Inch: 36

**Edge:** Top & Bottom Hemmed

**Border:** Integrated, same motif all four sides

**Weaving:** Pattern squared: Yes  
Borders mitered: No  
Threading errors: No  
Treadling errors: No  
Even beat: Yes  
Panels match: Yes, hand sewn

**Condition:** Excellent, shows some wear with a few holes. A few holes have been mended.

**Date Received by museum:** February 4, 1991, Gift

**Donor:** Mrs. W.B. Keese

**Street Address:** 1700 Stardust Dr.

**City:** Colorado Springs

**State:** Colorado 80906

**County:** El Paso

**Museum Note:** (includes history prior to museum ownership and other information in museum files):

“Handmade, has one stain. Her mother won it in a junior league raffle as an antique.” Condition very good, 152 length x 76 width, wool”

“Coverlet, wool, blue & white; design alternating dark blue, white, light blue, dark blue, white dark blue & white plaid”

**Museum History: Storage:** V-4

**For further information on the weaver or coverlets with similar motifs or design features see:**

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