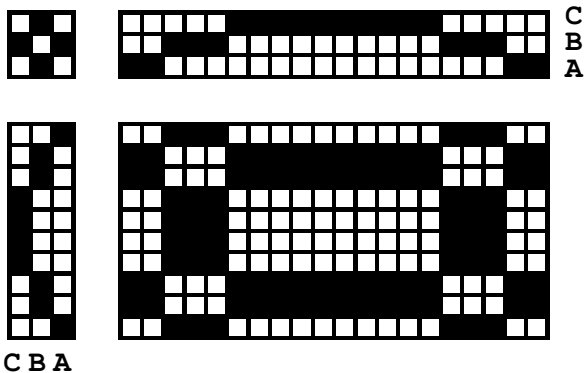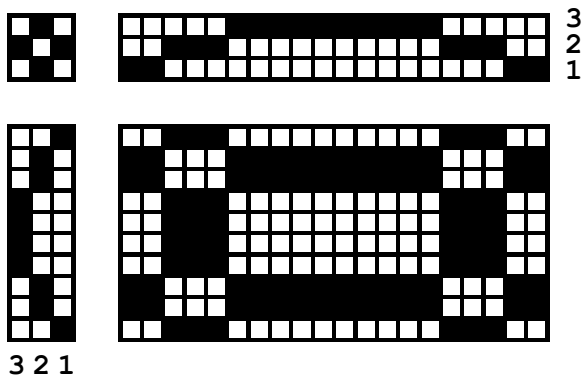# Profile Drafts and WIFs

Although WIFs [1] have no provision for profile drafts, they can be used for profile drafts by the simple expedient of using numbers instead of the conventional letters for naming blocks — pretending the blocks are shafts and treadles.

For example, the profile draft

can simply be written with numbers in place of letters:

and entered as a WIF as if it were a threading draft. **Note:** This is not a new idea, but it is easily overlooked by persons new to profile drafting.

Of course, it is necessary to know that a WIF contains a profile draft. This can be noted in the [INFO] section, as part of the name of the WIF, or in external documentation.

Most profile drafts are easily identified as such whether letters or numbers are used for blocks; repeats of the same character appear in most profile drafts but not in threading drafts. However, it is worth remembering that any threading draft can be used as a profile draft [2].

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