

Salmiakki cocktail dress

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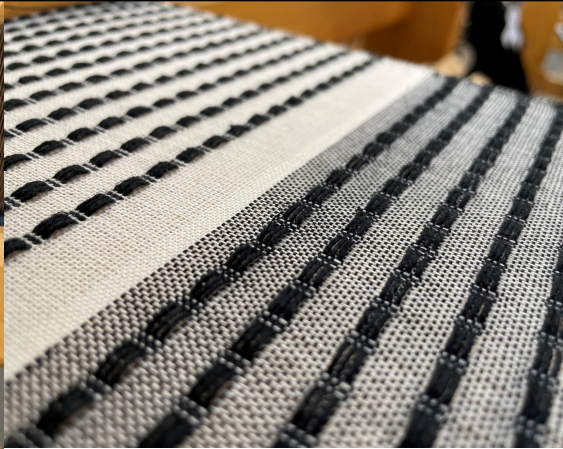


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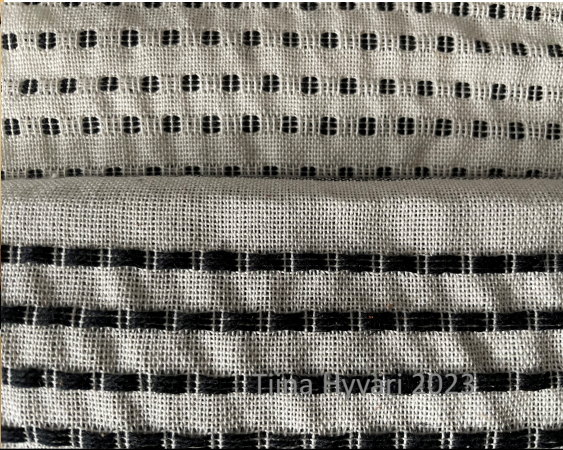
Salmiakki is a Finnish salty candy, which has ammonium chloride in it to give it its salty taste. When I first tasted the candy as a child, it was horrible, but as most Finns I grew to love it. It is also called salty liquorice, because it is liquorice, but the ammonium chloride makes it salty. Also other Nordic countries have their own liquorice and salty ones too, but the Finnish Salmiakki is different and in Finland we also put it in other foods than candy.

It is said that Salmiakki was first made to give cough medicine better taste and then it was first sold only in pharmacies. It was usually first cut in to the shape of a rhombus. Hence the name of my dress is Salmiakki, because it reminds me of the shape of the candy also nowadays sold in Finnish pharmacies. We also have a liquor in Finland which is made out of Salmiakki.

I designed my cocktail dress to be otherwise made out of leather, but there is a woven front panel in which laser cut strips of leather are laced up by hand down the front. The upper back of the dress is also laser cut. I designed the pattern to be a formation of rhombus shaped cut out pieces. The dress has a hidden zipper on the left side to make it possible to get into and to undress. The laser cut neck piece has to be slipped over head. The woven fabric in front is woven with organic cotton and the black stripes with longer floats are woven with cotton linen yarn to make the floating yarns more durable. The bottom of the dress is shaped like a pencil skirt and the hem comes down to knee length. The dress could be worn as party- or business wear.

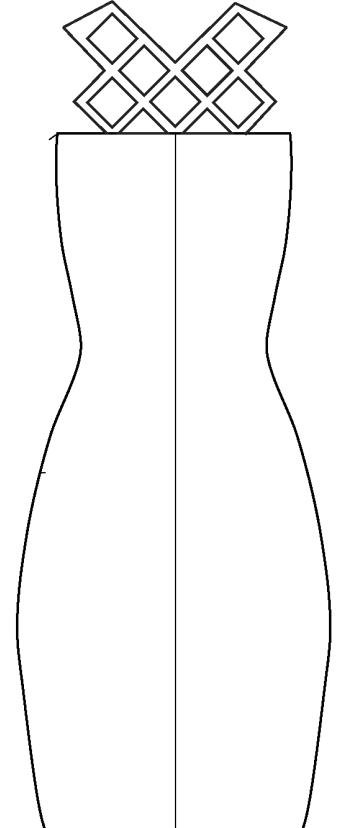
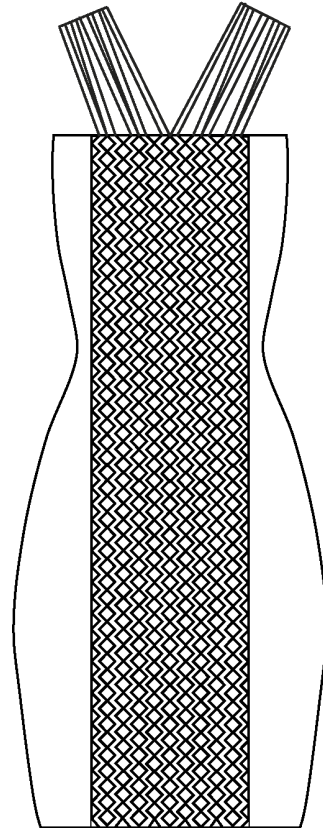


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