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Textiles from 1056.

781895. With hair and organic substance from lower left side of skull and neck, some replaced fragments and impressions of fine Z spun twill; see 781896 (b).
781896. (a) On some pieces, impression of fabric, areas 2.4 X 1.1 and 3.0 X 1.4 cm at widest parts, ?Z spun, tabby weave, count 10/9 on 5 mm; one fragment of grave filling has a rough impression all over the 4.0 X 4.0 cm surface. Probably shroud material, see 781898.
- (b) extremely deteriorated, mostly an impression, but in some areas a few replaced threads, best 3.0 X 3.0 cm, many smaller patches, spinning Z,Z, four-shed bird's eye twill, very regular and fine, count estimated c.22/19 threads per cm. This weave, which would almost certainly have been of wool, lay in folds, one piece being in a curve. (fig.)
781898. Fragments possibly from shroud, most impregnated with gypsum and ?lead, some still slightly flexible, largest clear 2.2 X 2.0 (a), (b) 2.5 X 1.6 cm in two layers; fine variable Z thread both systems, ?flax, tabby weave, count 18-20/16-17 threads per cm. Fragment (a) has neatly rolled ?hem along one edge, 2.5 mm deep, one stitch, and tuft of thread broken on other side, visible.
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781899. Many fragments of similar material to 781898, Z spun tabby, in clear folds; largest fragment 3.5 X 2.0 cm, lying in long curve, suggesting piece wrapped round the head.

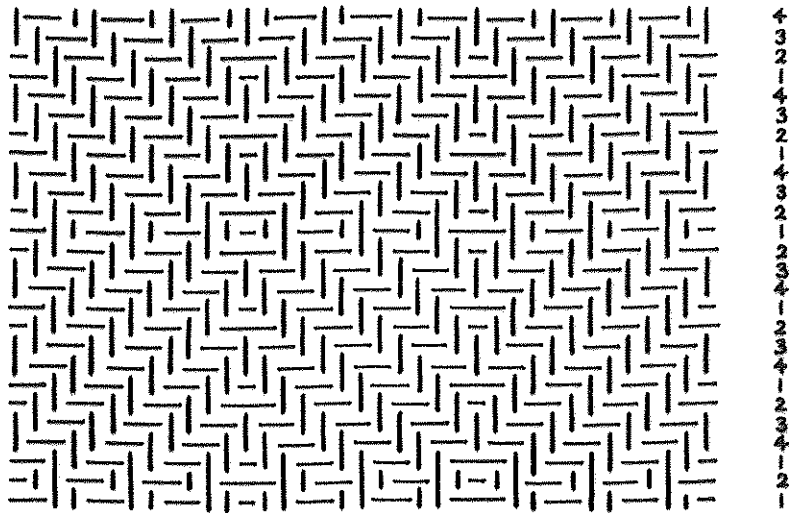


Fig. . Four-sided regular diamond lattice,
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