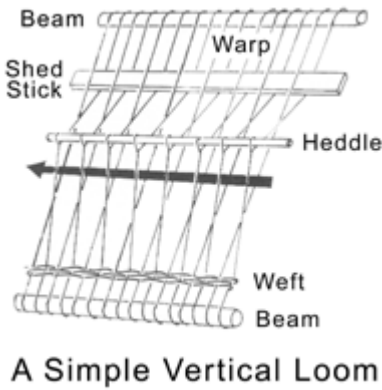




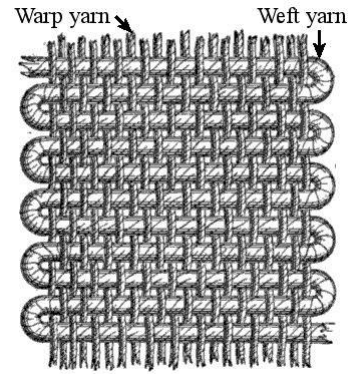
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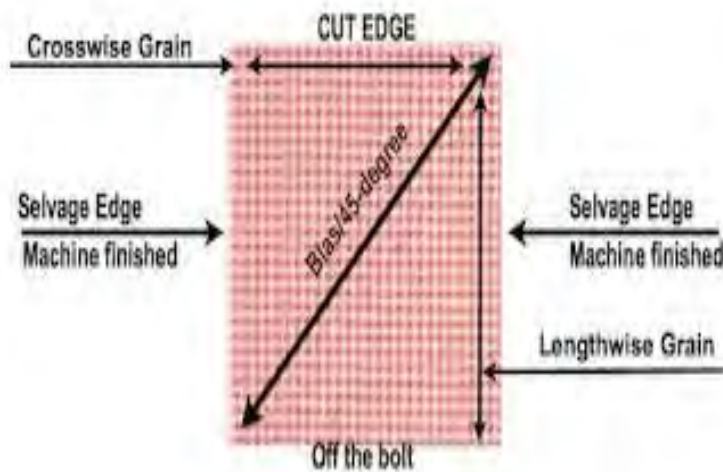
Mrs Bowden's top tip - Grainline terminology



Let's start at the root. When fabric is woven on a loom there are two threads. The WARP thread which travels along the length of the fabric and the WEFT thread which travels from side to side - this is the moving thread on the bobbin.



As the bobbin moves it creates loops at the side of the fabric which creates a SELVAGE. Sometimes you will see manufacturer's information printed along the selvage or a pattern is woven into the selvage.



The lengthwise grain of a fabric lies on the WARP threads that are parallel to the SELVEDGE.

The crosswise grain of the fabric are the WEFT threads at 90° to the selvage.

The true BIAS lies at 45° to the selvage although anything 'off-grain' is mistakenly referred to as the BIAS.

In stitches,

Amanda x