

# Leno

Leno is a finger manipulated weave that can be added to plain weave; warps are twisted around each other as shown in the figure below. A pick up stick or a knitting needle is used to hold the warp ends crossed until a weft is introduced to hold the twist.



The figure above shows pairs of warp ends twisted, with three shots of plain weave in between, but leno is very versatile: one or more warp end can be twisted around another, they can be twisted to the right or the left, and more or less plain weave shots can be added in between. In some cases, just one row of leno is added to a fabric as an accent.

Leno is traditionally woven with warp and weft of the same color, but it doesn't have to be. The small sampler on the right shows some of the possibilities of using leno in a fabric with a weft of a different color.

If the leno doesn't go across the width of the fabric, the edges may need extra rows of plain weave to avoid distortion.

