

Pebble Twill

The Pebble Twill (not to be confused with the [Pebble Weave](#)) has an eight-thread broken twill threading; it is obtained by switching two shafts of a straight draw as may be done with the

traditional broken twill (1, 2, 4, 3) and then switching another pair in the next four threads (1, 4, 2, 3). The drawdown on the left highlights the first eight-thread repeat in the darker green.

The straight treadling is shown in the drawdown, but others are possible, and they can be found in *A Handweaver's*

Pattern Book by Marguerite P. Davison as well as my [October 2025 blog](#)). In the fabric below one repeat of the twill is highlighted by the white square.

Why use a more complicated threading for a broken twill when the simpler traditional [Broken Twill](#) works just fine?

The eight-thread repeat results in a fabric with a more complex appearance; the seemingly randomness helps reflect the light and provide visual movement.

Next time you would like a twill with no specific pattern but with good drape, this twill is worth a try.

