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Glossary of Terms

Draft - A diagram that represents a woven pattern. A full draft will depict the threading, tie-up, treadling sequence and a drawdown of the cloth.

End - A single warp thread.

Filler - Another term for weft.

Finishing – The way the cloth is processed when it is taken off the loom. It also refers to knotting or twisting of fringe hemming etc.

Huipil - The traditional Mayan blouse worn in Mexico.

Pick - A single pass (or shot) of weft thread.

Plain Weave - A simple weave structure. One weft passes over one warp end and under one warp end. The adjacent warp end and weft pick reverse the actions of the first.

Ply - When yarn is spun, it is twisted into a single strand. This is referred to as "singles" or "single ply" yarns. Two strands together are called a 2-ply yarn, 3 singles a 3-ply yarn, etc.

Selvedge, Selvage, Selvege - The vertical sides of the woven cloth. The edges of the fabric that do not unravel.

Shed - The opening between the upper and lower warp threads. The shuttle and weft threads pass through the shed.

Shuttle - The tool that holds the weft. Some types of shuttles include stick shuttles, boat shuttles and end feed shuttles.

Tabby Plain weave - Tabby is used for every other pick in structures like overshot, and summer and winter.

Tapestry - A piece of thick textile fabric with pictures or designs formed by weaving coloured weft threads or by embroidering on canvas, used as a wall hanging or soft furnishing.

Warp - Vertically aligned threads that attach to the front and back of the loom. A single warp thread is called an end.

Warp Face - The warp that is dominant in the woven cloth. The warp covers the weft.

Yarn - Spun thread used for knitting, weaving or sewing.