

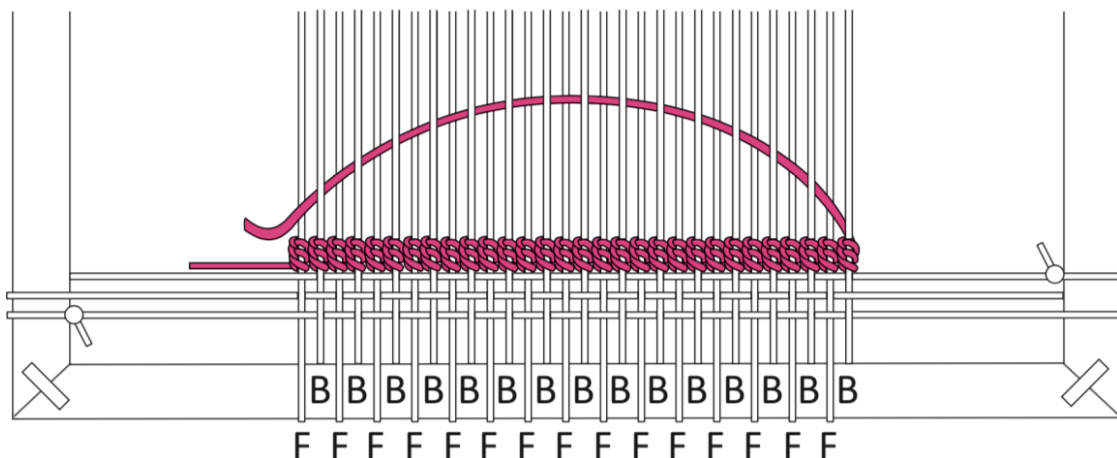
## How to: Plain Weave

Now you are all warped up and knotted on, it's the stage 'weave' all been waiting for!

There are lots of different weaving techniques to use when creating a tapestry. The most common to start with is plain weave. This style gives you a single colour stripe or shape by weaving the weft behind and in front of the warps.

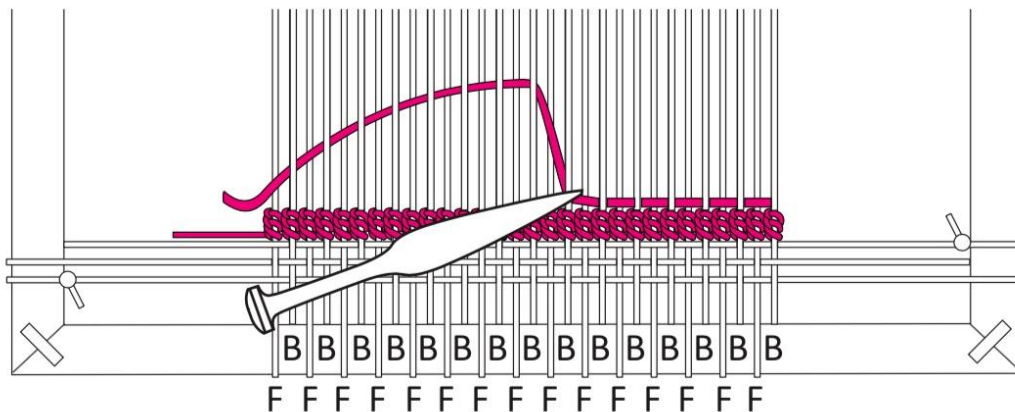
**TAPESTRY TERMS:** A 'pass' is two rows of weaving (one forwards and one back), and a 'half pass' is a single row of weaving.

1. To start weaving, use the same weft you used to knot on and weave from right to left, weaving under the back (B) warps and in front of the front (F) warps.



2. Leave the weft in the shape of a small hill (as above), using your bobbin to beat the weft down tightly enough to cover the warps.

**TOP TIP:** It may take you a pass (two rows of weaving) or two passes (four rows of weaving) to stop the warp being visible.



3. Avoid pulling the weft too tightly as this will result in your weaving getting narrower.

Now you know how to plain weave! In Step 4 we'll look at how to start a new colour of weft.

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