

Making Loops

STEP 1. Open the shed and insert the pattern (loop) weft from one side of the weaving to the other, leaving the weft from the shuttle hanging. Beginning (with the shed open) at the side in which you inserted the weft (being right-handed, I always start at the right side), slide your finger into the opening between 2 raised warps and pull up on the pattern weft and place this loop over the knitting needle (Figure 1). Continue in the same manner until you've reached the other selvedge. In this example, I used a doubled weft and picked up a loop between every other space.

STEP 2. Beat as best you can before removing the knitting needle (Figure 2).

STEP 3. Remove the knitting needle and press the loops firmly into place (Figure 3).

STEP 4. With background weft, weave across in the opposite shed (if you made the loops with the heddle in the up position, weave across in the down position). For this example, I used a separate background weft, a single strand of the same yarn I used for the loops (instead of the doubled strands). I wove two rows of plain weave before commencing with the next row of loops (Figure 4).

