Study of some factors which affect properties of fabrics made of viscose and its blends with cotton and polyester fibers

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The aesthetic characteristics of garments are mainly controlled by several properties of the used fabric such as fabric stiffness, drapability and crease recovery. These properties depend essentially on type of raw material and its blends with other materials, and fabric characteristics including fabric design and specifications. How for these properties could be controlled is a matter of question which needs full answer. In the present work, two blends of viscose / cotton and viscose / polyester with various blending ratios are used to produce fabrics at two fabric designs, namely 1/1 plain 2/2 twill weave at various fabric weight per square meter. Results are collected, analysis of variance is performed, and the significant effects are determined.

يستعرض البحث لبعض العوامل المؤثرة على خواص الأقمشة المصنعة من خلطات الفسكوز مع كل من شعيرات البول أستر والقطن. بــالأخص إنســدالية ومرونة الأقمشة القابلة للكرمشة. ولقد تم إنتاج الأقمشة بخلطات من شعيرات الفسكوز على شعيرات البولى أستر والقطن بنسب مختلفة. ولقد تم دراسة تأثير كِل من التركيب النسيجي للقماش ووزن المتر المربع من الأقمشة المنتجة على خواص الأقمشة المختلفة.

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1. Introduction

When selecting a fabric for a given it is usually known characteristics of the material are required for optimum performance. When a fabric is chosen for apparel manufacturing, essential fabric properties are examined. Such properties include stiffness, draping and

crease recovery .

Pierce [1] observed that when the handle of a fabric is judged the sensations of stiffness or limpness, hardness or softness, and roughness or smoothness, are all made use of. Joseph [2] explained the importance of geometric factors to the hand and drape of a fabric. Flexibility, compressibility, extensibility, resilience, density, surface contour, surface friction, and thermal character influence the drape of fabrics. The geometric factors involved in the creation of the subjectively described fabric and its hand and drape include contour, cross section, and length of fiber, arrangement of fibers in yarns, and arrangement of yarns in fabrics. The method of measuring drape was developed by Chu and others [3], in which the warp and weft way characteristics interact and produce the type of graceful folding seen in tailors, shop windows when suiting is draped over circular supports. This method is also described by Kaswell [4]. It informs about the drape coefficient and other values which are obtained by further analysis of the shape of the projected outline. A relevant literature on creasing and related fabric properties is given by Kaswell [4] and Marsh [5]. Cellulosic materials are notoriously susceptible creasing and the removal of this defect may perhaps be regarded as one of the greatest achievements in the history of textile finishing. Many materials resist creasing, which means they resist deformation and are therefore rigid, but what is required is a product, which can be deformed but rapidly recovers from deformation.

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There must be a resilience, which includes some resistance to creasing, but also a powerful and rapidly recover its form . Marsh also stated that amongst the common textile materials the order of diminishing crease resistance is wool, silk, acetate rayon, viscose rayon, cupramonium rayon, cotton and flax.

Sultan et al. [6] developed an objective method for testing fabric hand or handle by using a simple device that can be fitted to tensile testing machine. The results of withdrawal force were compared with fabric hand ranking by the method of Kawabata [7] Behery [8] who investigated the relation of withdrawal-force measurement to KES values by using a hole with conical geometry. Several other special instruments for the measurement of drape and related fabric properties are described by Olofsson [9], Howorth [10] and Cusick [11].

Apart from the different methods of measuring and evaluating each of the fabric stiffness, drape and crease recovery, there is a necessary for evaluating these properties for fabrics made of blends in general, and in particular the viscose blends with each of cotton and polyester taking into consideration various blending ratios and different fabric specifications and structure.

2. Experimental work

Table 1 shows the details of the experimental plan.

Table 1 Plan of the experimental work

No.	Material/blending ratio	Weave	Weight, g /m²	Thread/inch		
110.	Wateriary Dichang rado	sto doi	weight, g/m²	Weft	Warp	
1	Viscose 100%	Plain1/1	160	20	30	
2	Viscose 100%	Plain1/1	205	25	30	
3	Viscose 100%	Plain1/1	240	30	30	
4	Viscose 100%	Twill 2/2	180	20	30	
5	Viscose 100%	Twill 2/2	223	25	30	
6	Viscose 100%	Twill 2/2	265	31	30	
7	75% Viscose - 25% polyester	Twill 2/2	220	35	20	
8	50% Viscose - 50% polyester	Twill 2/2	218	30	25	
9	25% Viscose - 75% polyester	Twill 2/2	219	30	30	
10	100% polyester	Twill 2/2	221	25	30	
11	75% Viscose - 25% polyester	Plain1/1	219	35	20	
12	50% Viscose - 50% polyester	Plain1/1	218	25	35	
13	25% Viscose - 75% polyester	Plain1/1	223	23	42	
14	100% polyester	Plain1/1	221	25	30	
15	cotton 100%	Plain1/1	165	40	40	
16	cotton 100%	Plain1/1	205	50	42	
17	cotton 100%	Plain1/1	242	60	45	
18	75% Viscose – 25% cotton	Plain1/1	207	40	35	
19	50% Viscose - 50% cotton	Plain1/1	210	45	32	
20	25% Viscose - 75% cotton	Plain1/1	206	48	30	

3. Testing procedures

Fabric samples are collected, conditioned for 24 hours in standard atmosphere (65%± 2% RH and 20 C ° ± 2 C °) then tested according to the following:

1- Fabric stiffness is tested by using Curley type stiffness tester, which is based on measuring the deflection of a pointer, which swings around a frictionless center by the stiffness of the sample.

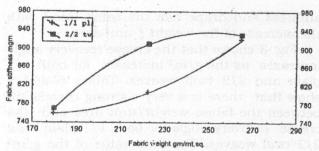
2- Fabric drapability is expressed as drape coefficient, which is calculated using drapemeter.

3- Fabric crease recovery is determined using Monsanto type creasy recovery tester. The test results are analyzed statistically, where correlation factor, coefficient of determination, Beta coefficient, and summary of the regression analysis for each case is illustrated. A scatter plot for each case shows that a second – degree polynomial is a good representative of the relation between the dependant and independent variables. The t-test is carried out to determine the significant difference of the responses in each case.

4. Results and discussion.

4.1.Effect of fabric weight/unit area and fabric design on stiffness, drape and crease recovery of 100% viscose fabrics

Fig. 1 shows the effect of the fabric weight g/m² on fabric stiffness for 100%viscose, 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. It is clear, that the fabric stiffness increases due to the increase in g/m². sq. This is expected result since increasing the g/m² was achieved through increasing the number of thread/inch which produces a fabric more compact, then have more stiffness. Tables 2 and 3 show the regression summary for this case. It is clear that there is a strong correlation between the g/m². sq and the fabric stiffness for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. The degree of contribution of g/m² to the fabric stiffness is about 94% for 1/1 plain weave and 92% for 2/2 twill weave, however, it has a lower significance level in both cases. The coefficient of determination shows that 90% of the variability in the first case could be explained as shown in table 2, and approximately 85% in case of 2/2 twill as shown in table 3. The test shows that there is no significant difference between the fabric stiffness of both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill 100% viscose fabrics.



Y1 (1/1 plain) = 1.37 e3-6.97*x+0.02*x^2+eps Y2(2/2twill)=-1..129e3+16.434*x-0.033*x^2 +eps

Fig. 1. Effect of fabric weight on fabric stiffness for plain and twill weave of 100% viscose fabric.

Fig. 2 shows that increasing the weight / unit area results in increasing the drape coefficient for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave, moreover the 2/2 twill weave has higher drape coefficient than 1/1 plain weave. Statistically from the t-test this increase is not significant. Tables 4 and 5 show that there is a strong correlation between the gm/mt and coefficient of drape for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. The contribution of the weight per unit area in determining the drape coefficient is about 96% for 1/1 plain weave and 92 % for 2/2 plain weave. The coefficient of determination in the first case is 0.93 and about 0.85 in the second, but at less significant level. It is clear that both fabric

Table 2 Regression summary of g/m^2 on fabric stiffness for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

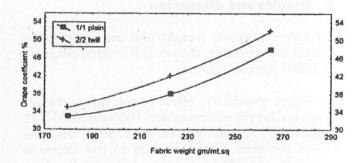
Stat. multiple regress	R=9494055	Regression summary variable STIFFIJ_1 R=949405533 R ² 90137049 Adjusted R ² 80274098 F(1,1)=9.1390 P<20337 std. error of estimate 36.647						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err Of B	T(1)	p-level		
Interept GM_1	949405	314053	434.4041 1.9534	132.0142 6462	3.290586 3.023070	187821 203374		

Table 3 Regression summery of g/m^2 on fabric stiffness for 100% viscose, 2/2 twill weave

Stat. multiple regress	R=92034071	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=92034071 R² 84702703 Adjusted R² 69405406 F(1,1)=5.5371 P<25582 std. error of estimate 48.220					
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level	
Interept GM2_2	920341	391118	449.6494 1.8878	180.7930 8023	2.487096 2.353105	,243376 255823	

stiffness and drape has the same trend with the increase of the weight / unit area.

Fig. 3 shows that the crease recovery angle increases as the g/m² increases for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weaves. Tables 6 and 7 show that there is a very strong correlation between the fabric weight/unit area and the crease recovery angle for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weaves. The Beta value of the g/m² in the first case was approximately 98.8% significant level 91 %, and it was 99 % at significant level 94 % for the second case. The t-test shows that there is no difference between the crease significant recovery for 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill, 100 % viscose fabrics.



Y1 (1/1 plain) = 69.596 - 0.461 x+0.001x^2eps Y2 (2/2 twill) =41.259-0.194 x=0x^2+eps

Fig. 2. Effect of fabric weight on fabric drapability for plain and twill weave of 100% viscose fabric.

Table 4
Regression summary of g/m² on fabric drape coefficient for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=96582997 R ² 93282754 Adjusted R ² 86565507 F(1,1)=13.887 P<16690 std. error of estimate 2.7994							
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	B menos	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level		
Interept GM1_1	965830	259177	2.572539 183938	10.08442 .04936	255100 3.726534	840989 166902		

Table 5 Regression summery of g/m^2 on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=92034071 R ² 84702703 Adjusted R ² 69405406 F(1,1)=5.5371 P<25582 std. error of estimate 48.220							
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level		
Interept GM2_2	0920341	391118	449.6494 1.8878	180.793 8023	2.487096 2.353105	243376 255823		
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		Fabric v	veight gm/mt.sq.					

Y2 (2/2 twill) =-20.087+0.874*x-0.001*x^2+eps Y2 (2/2 twill) =-20.087 + 0.874*x-0.001*X^2+eps

Fig.3. Effect of fabric weight g/m^2 on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose fabric.

Table 6 Regression summery of g/m^2 on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

Stat. multiple regress	R=98867953	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=98867953 R ² 97748721 Adjusted R ² 9547441 F(1,1)=43.419 P<09588 std. error of estimate 4.6827						
N=3	Beta St. err	St. err of beta	В	St.err T(1) Of B		p-level		
Interept Gm1_1	988680	150043	-2.71503 .54402	16.86848 08256	-160953 6.589324	0898406 095882		

Table 7
Regression summery of g/m² on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose, 2/2 twill weave

Stat. Multiple regress	able STIFFIJ_1 669020 e 1.9211	og (777 se) Or (777 se)				
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level
Interept GM2_2	.994155	107	42.79480 29433	7.202907 031963	5.941323 9.208737	(gala) 1289 1381

4.2. Effect of blending ratio and fabric design on stiffness, drape and crease recovery of 100% viscose fabrics.

Fig. 4 shows the effect of the blending ratio of polyester / viscose and fabric design on fabric stiffness. It is clear that increasing the percentage of polyester fibers results in increasing the fabric stiffness, for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. This could be explained through the nature and the properties of the polyester fibers itself. Tables 8 and 9 show that there is a strong and significant correlation between the increasing of the ratio of polyester fibers in blend and fabric stiffness. The coefficient of determination shows that approximately 90% of the variability occurred in 1/1 plain weave could be explained at significant level 96%, however it was 88 % in 2/2 twill weave at significant level approximately 89 %. The t-test has shown that there is a significant difference between the stiffness of fabrics made of polyester / viscose blends for 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. The 2/2 twill weave was found to be stiffer than 1/1 plain weave.

Fig. 5 shows the effect of blending ratio and fabric design on fabric drape coefficient. It is clear that increasing the polyester content in the blend leads into producing fabric with less drapability (i.e. higher drape coefficient)

for both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. From the t-test it is shown that there is a significant difference between the drape coefficient of both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave. The level of significance was 93 %. This means that blended fabrics of polyester / viscose of 2/2 twill weave have higher drape coefficient (less drapability) than the corresponding fabrics of 1/1 plain weave. Tables 10 and 11 show that there is a very strong and significant correlation between the content of polyester fibers in the polyester / viscose blend and fabric drape coefficient for both 1/1 plain and The coefficients twill weave. determination in both cases reveals that the suggested models could be twill weave.

Fig. 6 shows the effect of increasing the blending ratio of polyester / viscose for 1/1plain and 2/2 twill weaves on fabric crease recovery. It is clear that there is a slight difference between both fabric designs, but statistically by using t-test, it was found that this difference is not significant. Tables 12 and 13 show that there is a very strong and significant correlation between increasing the polyester content in the blend and the crease recovery of the produced fabrics. Increasing the polyester content in the blend results in a greater angle of recovery, then increasing the resistance of creasing of the produced fabrics. On the other hand, increasing the polyester

Table 8
Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric stiffness for 100% viscose, 1/1 plane weave

Stat. multiple regress	R=95271617 R ² 90766810 Adjusted R ² 86150215 F(1,2)=19.661 P<04827 std. error of estimate 20.979				H. Rampile	igniana te
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level
Interept VAR9	952716	214863	850.5000 1.6640	25.69338 37528	33.10191 4.43407	000911 047284

Table 9
Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric stiffness for 100% viscose, 2/2 twill weave

Stat. multiple regress	R=88402652	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=88402652 R ² 78150289 Adjusted R ² 67225434 F(1,2)=7.1534 P<04728 std. error of estimate 26.084						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level		
Interept Pot%2 2	.884027	330528	905.0000 1.2480	31.94683 46661	28.32832 2.67459	001244 115973		

Table 10
Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric drape coefficient % for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=95466874 R ² 91139241 Adjusted R ² .86708861 F(1,2)=20.571 P<04533 std. error of estimate 5.9161							
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	B 1123 1133	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level		
Interept POL%2_2	954669	210485	24.00000 48000	7.245688 105830	3.312315 4.535574	080318 045331		

Table 11 Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric drape coefficient % for 100% viscose, 2/2 twill weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=95466874 R ² 91139241 Adjusted R ² .86708861 F(1,2)=20.571 P<04533 std. error of estimate 5.9161						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level	
Interept POL%2_2	991818	090272	48.50000 26000	1.620185 023664	29.93485 10.98701		

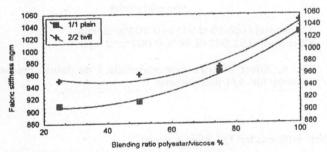
Table 12
Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose, 1/1 plain weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=95466874 R ² 91139241 Adjusted R ² .86708861 F(1,2)=20.571 P<04533 std. error of estimate 5.9161						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level	
Interept POL%2_2	950014	220763 090272	92.00000 80000	12.72792 18590	7.228203 4.303315	018607 049986	

Table 13
Regression summary of blending ratio polyester/viscose on fabric crease recovery for 100% viscose, 2/2 twill weave

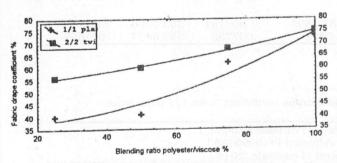
Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=95001425 R ² .9252709 Adjusted R ² .85379061 F(1,2)=18.519 P<04999 std. error of estimate 10.392						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	T(1)	p-level	
Interept POL%2_2	.987647	110802	117.5000 5080	3.901923 0.56991	30.11336 8.91365	001101 012353	

content in the blend leads to produce a fabric with less ability of moisture absorption. A compromise solution should be considered and a separate work is needed to optimize the polyester content in the blend, regarding the effect on the ability of moisture absorption. The coefficient of determination in both cases of fabric designs reveals that there is a good fitness of the suggested models to cover the variability of the crease recovery due to the variation of the blending ratio of polyester viscose percentage.



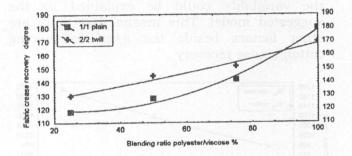
Y1 (1/1 plain) = 923 - 1.236*x+0.023*x^2+eps Y2(2/2 twill) = 990 -2.15236 x+0.027x^2+eps

Fig. 4. Effect of polyester/viscose blending ratio on fabric stiffness for 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave.



Y1 (1/1 plain) = 36.5-0.02*x+0.004*x^2+eps Y2(2/2 twill)=52.25+0.11*x+0.001*x^2+eps

Fig. 5. Effect of polyester/viscose blending ratio % on fabric crease recovery for 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave.



Y1 (1/1 plain) = 127 - 0.6*x+0.011*x^2+eps Y2(2/2 twill)=121.25+0.358*x+0.001*x^2+eps

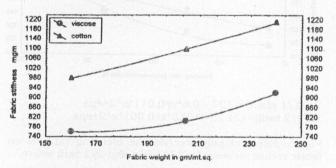
Fig. 6. Effect of polyester/viscose blending ratio % on fabric crease recovery for 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave.

4.3. Effect of type of fibers on fabric stiffness, drape and crease recovery for 1/1 plain weave

Fig. 7 shows the effect of the fabric weight g/m² on fabric stiffness for both 100% cotton and 100% viscose for fabric design 1/1 plain weave. It is clear that cotton fabrics are stiffer fabrics. Statistically, viscose than difference is strongly significant. Tables 2 and 14 show the analysis of variance for both cases. It is clear that the relation in case of 100 % cotton is approximately straight line. The correlation factor is seen 0.999 at very high significant level (about 99.9 %), however viscose, as mentioned above, correlation factor was 0.9 at low significant level (about 80 %). Fig 8 compares the drape coefficient for both pure cotton and pure viscose. It is clear that cotton fabrics have higher drape coefficient (less drape) than viscose fabrics. This difference is statistically significant.

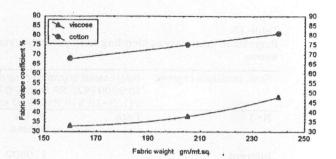
Tables 3 and 15 confirm that increasing the g/m^2 for both pure cotton and pure viscose leads to significant increase in the drape coefficient for both fabrics. This means

that the higher g/m², the less drapability. Fig 9 compares the crease recovery of both pure cotton and pure viscose at different g/m2 It is clear that the cotton fabrics have more crease recovery than viscose fabrics. This difference is strongly significant. Table 16 shows that the correlation factor between the g/m2 of pure cotton and its crease recovery is 0.89, but at low significant level. The coefficient of determination in this case is 0.797, which means that only 79.9% of the variability could be explained by the suggested model. This means that there are other factors beside the g/m2 influencing cotton crease recovery.



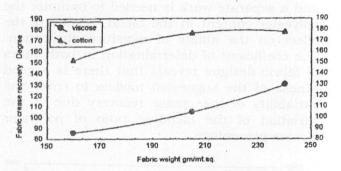
Y1(viscose)=1.537e3-9.429 *x^2+eps Y2(cotton)=748.571+0.494*x+0.006*x^2+eps

Fig. 7. Effect of raw material on fabric stiffness for 1/1 plain weave.



Y1(viscose)=86.81-0.686 x+0.002x^2+eps Y2(cotton)=49.619+0.083*x+0*x^2+eps

Fig. 8. Effect of raw material on fabric drapability for 1/1 plain weave.



Y1(viscose)=138.19-0.91* x+0.004*x^2+eps Y2(cotton)=152.952+2.96*x-0.007*x^2+eps

Fig. 9. Effect of type raw materials 1 on fabric crease recovery for 1/1 plain weave.

Table 14
Regression summary of the g/m² of 100% cotton on fabric stiffness for 1/1 plain I weave

Stat. multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=.99999660 R ² .99999321 Adjusted R ² 99998641 F(1,1)=1472E2 P<00166 std. error of estimate 42405							
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	t(1)	p-level		
Interept COTNG_M	.999997	.002607	487.2803 2.9872	1.607151 .007786	303.1950 383.6493	.002100		

Table 15 Regression summary of the g/m^2 of 100% cotton on fabric drape coefficient % for 1/1 plain wave

Stat. Multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=.999976603 R ² .99952082 Adjusted R ² .99904163 F(1,1)=2085.9 P<01394 std. error of estimate .20142						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err Of B	t(1)	p-level	
Interept COTNG_M	.999760	.021890	40.20814 .16891	.763397	52.67003 45.67144	.012085	

Table 16 Regression summary of the g/m^2 of 100% cotton on crease resaving for 1/1 plain weave

Stat. Multiple regress	Regression summary for dependent variable STIFFIJ_1 R=.89285104 R ² =79718297 Adjusted R ² =59436595 F(1,1)=3.9306 P<29740 std. error of estimate 9.3820						
N=3	Beta	St. err of beta	В	St.err of B	t(1)	p-level	
Interept COTNG_M	892851	.450352	99.32637 .34154	35.55823 1.7227	2.793344 1.982562	.218856	

5. Conclusions

- 1. Fabric stiffness is affected significantly by the type of the raw materials used in the blend, fabric weight per unit area and the blending ratio, but not affected significantly by the type of weave for the chosen structure 1/1 plain or 2/2 twill weave.
- 2. Fabric drape is strongly correlated with fabric stiffness. Besides this, the fabric coefficient of drape has approximately the same trend in the behavior as fabric stiffness.
- 3. Crease recovery will significantly increase with the increase in each weight of unit area and blending ratio of polyester / viscose. There is no significant difference between crease recovery in both 1/1 plain and 2/2 twill weave.

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