

COSTUME TERMINOLOGY - FABRIC

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Grain - The warp and weft of a woven fabric.

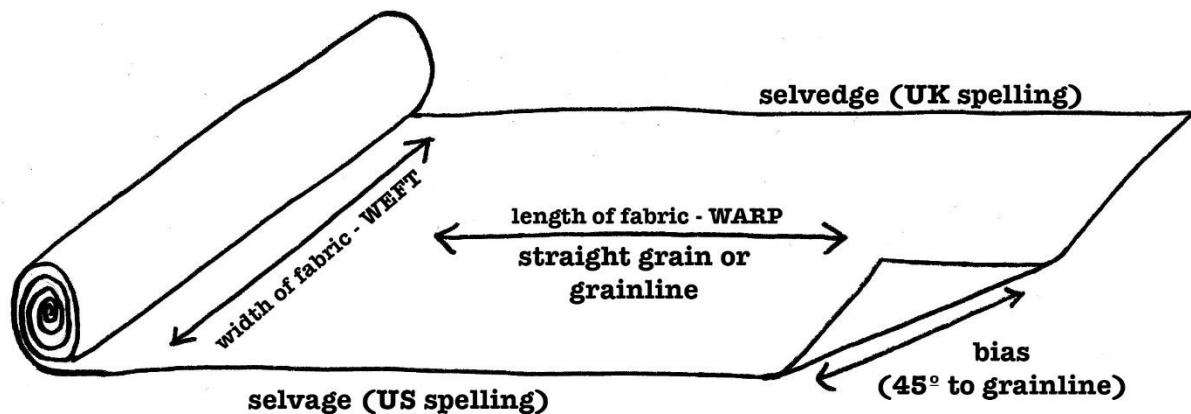
Grainline - The Lengthwise grain (warp) of a woven fabric.

Selvedge – Woven edge on the sides of a woven fabric, parallel to the grainline

Warp - The Lengthwise grain of a woven fabric.

Weft/Woof – The crosswise grain of a woven fabric.

Straight of Grain - The Lengthwise grain (warp) of a woven fabric.



Bias – angle cut 45 degrees from the grain, to make fabric stretchy.

Sleeze – Degree of stretch on the bias

Nap – fuzzy surface on velvet, corduroy, or fake fur which affects apparent color depending on the direction.

Woven – Fabric made of threads woven in and out in a grid →

Non-Woven – Felted fibers fused together without a grid like grain

Knit - Fibers looped together in a stretchy form

