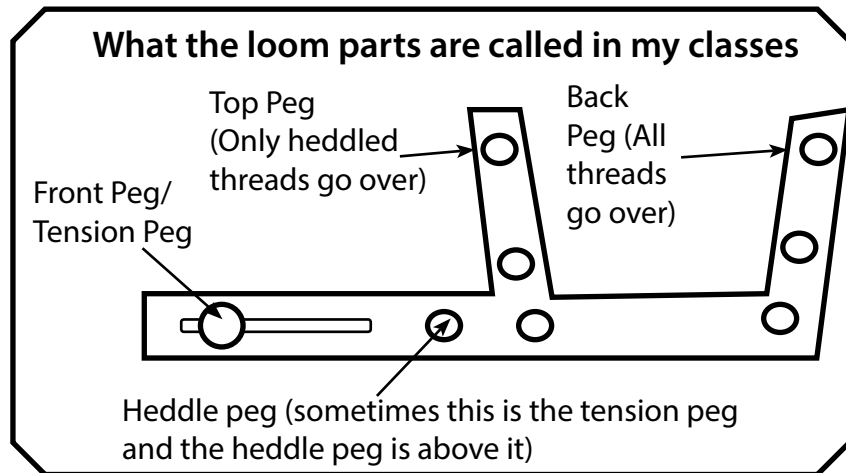
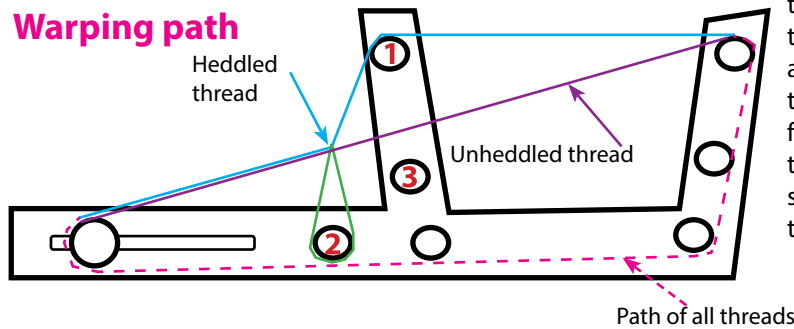


Making Double Heddles for Your Inkle Loom



Typical inkle loom configuration. Not all looms look exactly like this, but they all function similarly.

To install a double heddle, fold it over the warp thread it is hedding and put the resulting two loops around peg 2 (the heddle peg).



Note how the heddle pulls the warp thread it is controlling into the same plane as the unheddled warp thread that goes from the front peg to the back peg. If the heddle is too long or too short, it will affect the ability to get a good shed.

Determine how many heddles are needed based on your pattern. You will need one heddle for every two warp ends. If you have an odd number of warp threads, you will need one additional heddle.

On the Schacht inkle and similar looms, make a heddle by tying a loop around the top peg (1), the heddle peg (2) and the peg below the top peg (3). Check the length after making one following the guidelines by the diagram above.

On a dissimilar loom, determine the length by measuring the distance from the heddle peg to the point where the

unhedded warp yarn crosses the imaginary line between the top peg and the heddle. Quadruple the measurement allowing length to go around the heddle peg and find pegs on the loom that fit the entire loop measurement. Check the length after making one following the guidelines by the diagram above.

When tying each heddle, secure by making a “surgeon’s knot and a half” as tightly as you can. Trim tails to prevent their interfering with the weaving. Use white or fabric glue on the knots to prevent fraying.