

Grain Line and Convenient Cuts of Fabric

Grain line—The disposition of the arrangement of fibers in relation to the selvages

Selvages—The specially woven edges that define the width of fabric

Lengthwise grain—The grain line parallel to the selvage

Cross grain—The grain line perpendicular to the selvage

Bias—Any grain line that is not parallel or perpendicular to the selvage

Lengthwise grain is the most stable of the grain lines and is identified by the grain line symbol. Lengthwise grain and cross grain are both considered on grain.

