

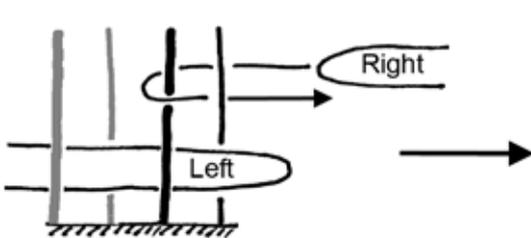
WORKING 8-STRAND CROSSED-WARP BRAIDS

Setting up the 8-strand warp is explained on a separate page. Attach the far end of the warp to a support and place your left index finger in the other end pointing to the right.

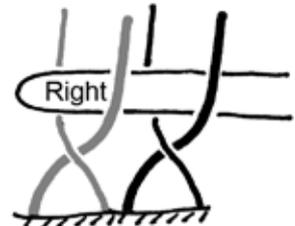
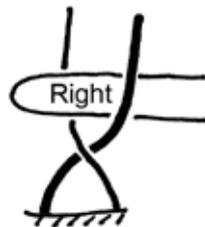
A crossing method

1. Take your right finger under the first lower warp, catch its upper partner and then bring it under the lower warp back to the front of your finger.
2. Repeat with the next set of warps.
3. Pull the two upper warps to the right so you can see the two lower warps to the left and bring these lower warps to the front of your finger. You should now have the light colour at the outer edge.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 for the next pair of warps — here you will work with the light warps first, then with the dark warps. You should finish with the light colour at each side and the dark colour in the middle — see image 2 below.
5. Pass the weft to the left, then bring the warps back to their original position and pass the weft to the right. You should see a line of light thread going to the right — see images 3 and 4 below.

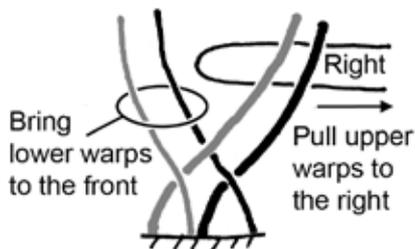
NB. Thicker lines are used for the front warps in the diagrams.



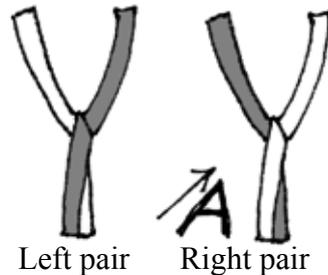
Step 1: Move the first upper warp under the lower warp to the front of your right finger.



Step 2: Repeat with the second pair of warp threads



Step 3: Bring the lower warps to the front from the left.



1. Ready to start A crossing



2. Steps 1-4 worked



3. Pass weft to left



4. Bring down original shed, pass weft to right

