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n.

1. One of a set of parallel cords or wires in a loom, used to separate and guide the warp threads and make a path for the shuttle.
2. A frame fitted with rigid wooden or plastic strips and used for the same purpose, especially in smaller looms.

[Probably alteration of Middle English *helde*, from Old English *hefeld*; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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