Indigenous women of the Chakhesang tribe from a remote Naga village in Northeast India, weave nettle shawls on back-strap looms. The fiber-to-fabric journey is completely local and self-sustaining, except that the organic cotton is now bought. Stinging nettle is foraged from the wild once a year. The stems are stripped and the fiber is thigh-reeled and hand-spun into yarn, softened, bleached, dyed, and strip-woven on back-strap looms.

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