

**Fiber Focus:**  
**Hemp**



Hemp Fiber

The hemp plant produces three types of fibers. The bast fibers from the outer stalk are the longest and finest. They are generally used for apparel and furnishings. The inner two fibers are used for various nonwoven and industrial applications as well as for mulch and animal bedding.

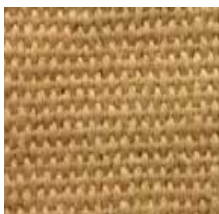
Hemp is resistant to ultraviolet light, mold and rotting. Its high strength makes it suitable for products such as twine, cordage and thread.

Hemp is an environmentally friendly fiber that does not require the use of pesticides during its production. It also is often grown on land to extract pollutants such as zinc and mercury from the soil.

Hemp produces 250% more fiber than cotton and 600% more fiber than flax on the same amount of land.

Commercial production of hemp is not permitted in the US. Most hemp is imported from China and the Philippines.

*(Textiles 10th Edition: Sara Kadolph)*



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