

DUCK & CANVAS Specialists For 35 Years! Thompson Leads The Way In Selection, Dyeing, Finishing, Colors and Quality!



60" 9.3 OZ. DUCK/CANVAS

Duck Cloth? Canvas? Which is Which?

There is a lot of confusion on these terms. Basically they both refer to the same fabric! There are 3 different construction types:

- Single Fill
- Army Duck
- Number Duck

Duck is used by artists, and will be called Canvas. Basically both words describe a tough, tightly woven Cotton or Blend Cloth with medium to heavyweight yarns.

Back in 1980, Fred Betzag, then head of Thompson's Retail Fabrics area, decided to try a new fabric at our Mill, to see if we could successfully run it. It was a 9 oz single-fill Duck Cloth. At that time, Duck and Canvas were considered industrial-type fabrics, not something you would see in a fashionable fabric department in stores. We knew that Duck/Canvas would sell to non-retail accounts, as Marc Bieler, then manning the Franklin Park Illinois Warehouse, had converted a line of 36" Army Duck with a WR finish called Dura Duck. Would retail accounts be interested in carrying this heavyweight fabric on bolts? Sure, they may have had a dusty old roll of Natural shade in a corner somewhere, but a full line of colors? Would their consumers buy it?

Well, our Delaware Mill, after a few trial runs, ended up with a beautiful cloth-our sales force started knocking on doors, and the rest is history! We established Duck/

Canvas as a must-have basic in every fabric department-Independents and Chains. From this one construction, we have added many other varieties of this fabric. Here is our current line-up:

-60" 9.3 oz Duck/Canvas in 38 vibrant shades

-55" 7 oz Home Décor Duck in 9 shades(more to come!)

-60" First Class Canvas pre-shrunk 9.3 oz. 9 shades

-60" Dura-Duck Water Repellent Canvas in 9 colors

-60" 12 oz. Canvas 9 colors

-60" 14 oz. Canvas 8 colors

-60" 7 oz. Polyester/Cotton blend in 3 colors

-60" 9.3 oz Pure White on Virgin Canvas

-60" Duck Camouflage Prints in 3 colorways >>>>>>

So, there you have it. Thompson loves Duck and Canvas. Don't be surprised to see more new constructions added in the next couple of years!

NEW! Pure White Cloth On Virgin Duck/Canvas

what is "Virgin Duck Cloth"? This is fabric free of any moles, cottonseed matter, fugitive fibers that will show up as "specks" or spots on White. Our is on 9.3 oz weight, and is the perfect Duck for those who need an extra clean look! Our improved Bleaching process gives this cloth a heavenly White! See the picture below(?!). Please contact your salesperson for a price quote and sample.



Myriad Of End Uses For Duck/Canvas Cloth

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| 1. Tote Bags, Handbags | 8. Pillows | 15. Craft Projects |
| 2. Sewn Industrial items | 9. Outdoor Furniture | 16. Awnings |
| 3. Cornhole/Bags Game | 10. Shade Cloth | 17. Tarps, Dropcloths |
| 4. Banners | 11. Aprons | 18. Luggage |
| 5. Martial Arts Uniforms | 12. Hunting/Camping Items | 19. Kitchen Textiles |
| 6. Upholstery Fabric | 13. Artist's Canvas | 20. Caps & Hats |
| 7. Drapes/Curtains | 14. Apparel | 21. Recreational Products |

SEE OUR DUCK, AND OTHER FABRICS, AT THE QUILT MARKET!

May 15th-17th in the Twin Cities

BOOTH # 2248

Sara, Vanessa and Marc will be there!