

Cloth Impurity

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Tumat Kelim, Chapter 22*

MEASURE 3 *tefachim* (handbreadth) square for *midras tumah* – *zav* | Wool or
 3 *etzbaot* (fingerbreadth) square for corpse or other *tumah* | flax

Other fabrics must be

3 x 3 *tefachim* for both *midras* and other impurities – If a torn piece.

If one weaves a garment independently

Any size for all impurities, except *midras* (which must serve as a support)

	3 x 3 <i>etzba</i> needed	3 x 3 <i>tefach</i> needed
Wool or flax (linen), torn piece	✓ other impurities	✓ <i>zav</i>
Other fabrics, torn piece	×	✓
Fabrics, specially woven		✓ Only for a <i>zav</i> . Otherwise any size will be susceptible to impurity
Very thick or very thin cloths of wool or linen	×	✓
Woven nets	✓	✓
Fishing nets with large holes used as garment	Pure	Pure
Cloth to cover scrolls	Pure – because they do not serve humans	Pure
Bandage	Pure (because dirtied by medicaments) – and therefore would not be sat upon	Pure (because dirtied by medicaments)

Intention for use will also affect status of the cloth

Reminder

Pack on Impurity of *Zav*, *Zavah* etc

