

Can'vas, n. [Fr. *canevas*; Lat. *cannabis*, hemp.] A coarse, unbleached cloth made of hemp or flax, chiefly used to make sails for shipping, tents, &c.—Also, a light material woven with the warp and woof at intervals, so as to leave square interstices between them, and used by ladies for tapestry and Berlin-wool work.—Painter's canvas, on the contrary, is a material of very close texture, called "ticking." It is generally purchased stretched on frames of various sizes, and primed with a light neutral gray or drab tint ready for use.
(*Naut.*) The sails of a ship, taken generally.
"Set every stitch of *canvas* to woo the freshening wind." *Mackay*.
—*a.* Made of canvas: as, a *canvas* awning.