Cheesecloth is a versatile, 100% bleached cotton fabric with a unique combination of purity, softness, absorbency and strength. And this popular textile boasts quite the history. Originally used for making and wrapping cheese (hence the name), Cheesecloth eventually became prevalent in homes. The thin, loosely woven cotton allows liquids to be easily absorbed, making it perfect for straining, making tea bags and even cleaning and polishing. In the 1960s and 1970s, Cheesecloth developed into a favorite fabric for shirts and blouses. Today, Cheesecloth remains popular and continues to see a variety of uses, from cooking to crafts to fashion.

**Uses:**

- General Dusting, Wiping & Cleaning
- Paint Straining, Application/Faux Painting
- Applying Stain
- Polishing
- Graphic Arts Applications
- Crafts
- Shirt Making
- Baby Wipes
- Cheese Making
- Wine Making
- Syrup & Jelly Making

**Grades:**

Grades are distinguished by the number of threads per inch in each direction with #10 having the lowest and #90 having the highest concentration of threads.

- **Grade 10 Weave**
  Makes a perfect rag cloth for polishing and general cleaning.

- **Grade 20 Weave**
  Great for straining paints and staining furniture.

- **Grade 40 Weave**
  Ideal for straining fruits and vegetables. Washable, reusable, better quality for cleaning, straining, cooking and screening uses.

- **Grade 50 Weave**
  Great for food straining and crafting. Common uses are for making cheese, cleaning, straining and crafting projects.

- **Grade 60 Weave**
  Tighter weave works well for cheese, jelly & syrup making. Common uses are for making cheese, cleaning, straining, crafting projects, t-shirts, baby wipes and summer shirts. Cheesecloth #60 is used in product safety and regulatory testing for potential fire hazards.

- **Grade 90 Weave**
  Use as a replacement for muslin for lightweight clothing. Common uses are for making cheese, cleaning, straining, filtering, crafting projects, t-shirts, baby wipes, curtains, bandages, costumes and summer shirts.