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Subject: Re: Grill Cloth

Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 17:41:11 GMT

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I had a very nice reply from Pat McGinty, Mr. Meadowlark Audio whom I contacted about grill cloth. He suggested: "That open cell air cleaner material sold by commercial ventilation guys is a good choice at the hobbyist level. Heck, Wilson's Watt/Puppies used it until just a few years back. It's cheap and cuts with a razor blade!" Now all I have to do is find one of those 'commercial ventilation guys'! Thought others might want to know.

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Subject: Re: Grill Cloth

Posted by [mikebake](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 17:56:54 GMT

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I think you might have solved a need.....thanks

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Subject: Re: Grill Cloth

Posted by [ToFo](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 21:43:57 GMT

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Hey, I think this is the same stuff Crown filters their fan cooled amps with. I have also seen the same stuff used in window air conditioners, but that would only work for small speakers. (up to 16" x 24") The stuff crown uses is nice and black, very porous and may be found where Crown amps are serviced. I don't know if most folks would have big rolls of it though. Just a thought. This other stuff (see link below) looks charcoal or grey, but definitely comes in big rolls and 3/32" thickness. I assume you would want the most porous, they have 4 grades. <http://www.airfiltrationprod.com/media.html>

Subject: Re: Grill Cloth

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 01:39:23 GMT

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That's good information, thanks. We used to build speaker grilles, and they were really great looking things made of wicker stretched over a frame. But the place that made 'em wanted a fortune, so we stopped having them made pretty quickly. Open cell foam works very well too; You can just cut to size and attach with Velcro. For a retro look, some of the grille cloth sold by Antique Electronic Supply is very attractive too. Speaking of retro, check out the latest addition to my growing radio collection. I always wanted one of these: Zenith TransOceanic G500 Shortwave Radios. I always wanted one of these, and was made available that it would be auctioned. So I bid on it, and was really sort of emotionally attached so that I probably paid too much. I guess I'm a sucker, but it sure is clean. Zenith TransOceanic G500 Shortwave Radio, rear view. This view shows that the radio has been kept in very good shape, and that even the owners manual has been kept intact. Then again, I think most owners of these radios kept the manuals with them; It wasn't like other product offerings in that the manual was more important to owners of something like this than it might have been for the owner of a table AM radio. In hindsight, I understand that lots of these and other similar radios are auctioned on E-Bay every day. So if any of you are interested in stuff like this, you might go there and get one.

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Subject: those cool old radios remind me...

Posted by [ToFo](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 04:50:24 GMT

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I have seen vintage fender tweed in wide rolls online. oxblood w/gold pinstripes would look good on John's speaks IMO. hmmm, might have to try some myself. Cool radios Wayne. My mom just gave me one her uncle gave her in the 60's. it is a lot older than that i think. I might have to fix it up. (if I learn how) Thomas