

TENTCLOTH

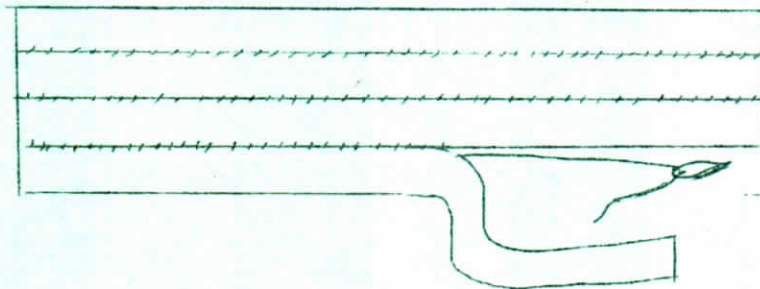
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If you lived in a tent, your home would be made of goat's hair cloth.

The goats in Israel had long black, silky hair. In the spring of the year after all the kids had been born, your father would cut off the hair of the goat. Your mother washed this hair. Then she spun it into thread. After this, she wove it into long strips of cloth.

Your mother knew she could not use this cloth to make clothes for you or your sisters or brothers. Goat's hair cloth is too rough and scratchy! But this cloth is tough. It would be very strong cloth for a tent. Your mother also knew that this cloth would do a good job of keeping the wind and sand and rain out of your tent. As soon as it rained once, the threads would close tight together. Then the tent would be a snug place for the family.

Your mother took the long strips of goat's hair cloth and sewed them together like this -



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~~If her family got larger the mother knew she could add~~
another strip on to this tent covering. It was easy to make
this home bigger.

Each year the mother repaired this tentcloth. If there
was a torn place or a worn place she patched it with new cloth.
She knew the tent must be ready to use anytime the family
needed it.