

# Bedding

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There are multiple options out there to use as bedding for your rodents.

## Kiln Dried Pine:



- The most common bedding used by breeders. (NOT SAWDUST!).
- Affordable.
- Absorbs ammonia well and helps to reduce the overall “smell” of your rats.
- Can be changed 1-2x per week (depending on the number of rodents you have).
- Good for burrowing.

## Hemp & Aspen:



- Similar to KDP but significantly more expensive.
- Hemp is the best bedding to use for people who may have allergies.

## Fleece:



- Popular option amongst pet rat owners.
- Needs to be changed every 2 days MINIMUM, depending on the number of rodents you have.
- Fleece absorbs and retains ammonia, and can cause respiratory problems and lung scarring if not changed out frequently enough.
- Fleece also needs to be washed in animal safe detergent in order to prevent respiratory complications.
- Does not allow for burrowing

## Carefresh



- Excellent absorption .
- Poor ammonia neutralisation.
- Expensive.
- Needs to be changed frequently.
- Good for burrowing.
- Contains Dioxins<sup>14</sup>

<p>Corn cob</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goes mouldy quickly when moist.</li> <li>• Needs to be changed frequently.</li> </ul>
<p>Compressed wood/pine pellets:</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great for your litter boxes.</li> <li>• Expensive if filling a whole cage.</li> <li>• Absorbs urine and neutralises ammonia well.</li> <li>• Not good for burrowing.</li> </ul>
<p>Shredded paper/newspaper:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better for nesting material.</li> <li>• Needs to be changed frequently.</li> <li>• Absorbs urine but does not neutralise ammonia.</li> </ul>



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