coarse

- 1. (of skin or cloth) rough
 - · coarse hands/linen

Opp: \(^smooth\), Opp: \(^soft\)

- 2. consisting of relatively large pieces
 - · coarse sand/salt/hair

Opp: †fine

3. rude and offensive especially about sex

Syn: †vulgar

coarse manners/laughter

Derived Words \(^1\)coarsely = \(^1\)coarseness

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'ordinary or inferior'): origin uncertain; until the 17th cent. identical in spelling with 1course, and possibly derived from the latter in the sense 'ordinary manner'.

Thesaurus:

coarse adi

The monks wore coarse linen habits.

rough · · bristly · · scratchy · · leathery · · scaly · · prickly ·

Opp: soft, Opp: fine

coarse/rough/leathery/scaly skin

coarse/rough/scratchy cloth/fabric/material

coarse/bristly hair

Coarse or rough? Coarse is a more literary word than rough for talking about skin or fabric. Coarse, but not rough, can also describe hair, sand, salt or gravel.

Example Bank:

- She looked at the boy's coarse hands and heavy boots.
- The coarse sand produces soils which are very free-draining
- The dog was a great staghound with long coarse hair.
- · The monks wore coarse linen habits.

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coarse /kɔ□s\$ kɔ□r\$ BrE * AmE * adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from course '(ordinary) way (of things)']

- 1. having a rough surface that feels slightly hard SYN rough OPP smooth:
 - a jacket of coarse wool
- **2**. consisting of threads or parts that are thick or large **OPP fine**:
 - The coarse sand was hot and rough under her feet.
 - tufts of coarse grass
- **3**. talking in a rude and offensiveway, especially about sex **SYN crude**:

coarse jokes

—coarsely adverb:

- coarsely ground black pepper
- —coarseness noun [uncountable]

THESAURUS

- rough having a surface that is not flat or smooth: rough ground | a rough mountain path | The walls were all rough. | Her hands were rough and work-hardened.
- uneven an uneven surface has areas that are not flat or not all at the same level: The floor was uneven. | She climbed the uneven steps with great care.
- bumpy a bumpy road, path, or area of land has a lot of holes and raised parts in it: the bumpy track down to the farm | The field was too bumpy to play football on. | a bumpy journey (=on a road that has a very rough surface)
- coarse having a rough surface that feels slightly hard used especially about materials such as cloth or wool: coarse woollen blankets | coarse grass | The wool felt rather coarse.
- rugged /'rʌɡəd, 'rʌɹəɪd/ land that is rugged is very rough and uneven and is often in a high place: the rugged terrain near the mountains

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