

Ikat Design

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About Ikat design:

- **Origin & Technique:**
 - Ikat originates from the Indonesian/Malay word '**mengikat**', meaning to **bind**.
 - It features a **resist dyeing process** where threads are dyed before weaving.
 - The fabrics exhibit unique 'blurred' effects due to slight misalignments of threads.
- **Historical references:**
 - Ancient references to ikat include the Buddhist '**Lalitavistara Sutra**' and the **Ajanta caves murals**.
 - These references mention '**Vichitra Patolaka**', associated with the double ikat or patola of Gujarat.
- **Types of Ikat:**
 - **Single Ikat:** Dyeing involves either the warp or the weft threads, simpler and quicker to produce.
 - **Double Ikat:** Both warp and weft threads are intricately resist-dyed for precise alignment, known for their complexity.
- **Key regions and GI tags:**

- **Patan's Patola** from Gujarat is known for its double ikat and received a GI tag in 2013.
 - **Rajkot Patola**, a simpler single ikat variant from Gujarat, also received a GI tag in 2013.
 - **Odisha's Bandha** specialises in single ikat with GI-tagged styles like **Sambalpuri Ikat** (2010) and **Bomkai** (2009).
 - Telangana's **Telia Rumal** is famous for its oil-treated threads that enhance colour depth and received a GI tag in 2020 and **Pochampally Ikat** is known for its geometric patterns and received a GI tag in 2005.
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Q1: What is the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

It is a financial institution that was set up by the Indian government to promote sustainable agriculture and rural development in the country. It is the main regulatory body in the country's rural banking system. It was established in 1982 as a central regulating body for agriculture financing and the rural section. The government of India established NABARD under the outlines of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act 1981.

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