

BATIK

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This is defined as a method of decorating fabrics where molten wax is used as resistor and areas where wax is applied it will resist color penetration.

Batik is both an art and craft because the process is batik and the result is a batik art work.

Some areas of the fabric are covered with wax to avoid color from entering.

Batik is a “wax resist” process for making designs or patterns on fabric. Hot wax is applied to portions of fabric and penetrates the cloth. After the wax has dried ,dyes are applied to the fabric.

Wax prevents (resists) the dye from spreading to those areas of the fabric that have been waxed.

Method

To make a batik,first go and select areas on your cloth that will be blocked out by brushing or drawing hot wax over them evenly covering it, and that cloth is then left to dry. The parts covered in wax resist the dye and remain the original color. This process of waxing and dyeing can be repeated to create more interesting and colorful designs. After the final dye the wax is removed and the cloth is ready for use. Like showing or wearing .

Materials and tools needed for batik

Materials.

Cloth

Dylons

Newspapers

Waxblocks

Heat source

Tools

Basins/buckets

Brushes

Pencils

Pens

sketches

Flat iron

Tjanting tool

Saucepan

(Leave space for drawings or illustrations)

### The process of batik

Prepare all the materials and tools needed

Make sketches of your designs on papers

Transfer the sketch from paper to the cloth

Melt your wax in a sauce pan using a best source

Lay the cloth on a flat surface or table with newspapers under

Using a tjanting tool or spoon or brush apply wax to areas you want to resist colors and leave out those that you wish color to go free

Boil your dyes in a saucepan and add salt to the solution

Leave your dyes to cool using brushes paint the first colors on that fabric usually a bright volotnlike yellow...which will act as the background color

Leave your cloth to dry in a cool place

Make other sketches on top of the first color

Repeat the above procedure for all the other colors that you wish to add

After the final color apply wax all over the cloth and crackle it to create texture on the dyes already applied.

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Crackle in batik refers to the process of creating cracks in wax.

Squeeze that cloth to remove wax iron between newspapers to remove excess wax.

Uses of batik

Making crafts such as dresses. shirts..curtainsetc

Used for wall hangings in offices or homes

Income generation

Foreign exchange after exports to other countries

Questions.

Define batik?

Mention materials and tools used in batik

Explain the process of creating a batik artwork.

How is a batik artwork different from a tie and dye artwork?

Mention two uses of batik artworks

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