

Collection for home

Kala Raksha Trust is dedicated to preservation of traditional arts. It nurtures self-sufficiency of artisans through documentation, education and innovation. The Trust maintains a Museum as a resource to develop designs with cultural integrity. Kala Raksha's women artisans design, price and market their own products. Kala Raksha established the first design school for artisans to genuinely sustain craft. Working within existing traditions, Kala Raksha Vidhyalaya's curriculum, schedule and instruction are appropriate to artisans of Kutch. Artisans learn design to innovate successfully for new markets. The relevance of the education raises the creativity and self esteem of the entire craft sector.



The Styles With Which We Work

Currently, KALA RAKSHA works with six distinct hand embroidery styles: the Sindh-Kutch regional styles of suf, khaarek, and paako, and the ethnic styles of Rabari and Garasia Jat.

<u>Suf</u>

Suf is a painstaking embroidery based on the triangle, called a "suf." Suf is counted on the warp and weft of the cloth in a surface satin stitch worked from the back. Motifs are never drawn. Each artisan imagines her design, then counts it out --in reverse! Skilled work hus requires an understanding of geometry and keen eyesight. A suf artisan displays virtuosity in detailing, filling symmetrical patterns with tiny triangles, and accent stitches.

Khaarek

Khaarek is a geometric style also counted and precise. In this style, the artisan works out the structure of geometric patterns with an outline of black squares, then fills in the spaces with bands of satin stitching that are worked along warp and weft from the front. Khaarek embroidery fills the entire fabric. In older khaarek work, cross stitching was also used.

Paako

Paako literally solid, is a tight square chain and double buttonhole stitch embroidery, often with black slanted satin stitch outlining. The motifs of paako, sketched in mud with needles, are primarily floral and generally arranged in symmetrical patterns. Ethnic styles express lifestyle. They are practiced by pastoralists whose heritage is rooted in community rather than land, and considered cultural property.

Rabari

Rabari embroidery is unique to the nomadic Rabaris. Essential to Rabari embroidery is the use of mirrors in a variety of shapes. Rabaris outline patterns in chain stitch, then decorate them with a regular sequence of mirrors and accent stitches, in a regular sequence of colors. Rabaris also use decorative back stitching, called bakhiya, to decorate the seams of women's blouses and men's kediya/ jackets. The style, like Rabaris, is ever evolving, and in abstract motifs Rabari women depict their changing world. Contemporary bold mirrored stitching nearly replaced a repertoire of delicate stitches --which Kala Raksha revived.

Jat

Garasia Jat work similarly "belongs" specifically to Garasia Jats, Islamic pastoralists who originated outside of Kutch. Garasia women stitch an array of geometric patterns in counted work based on cross stitch studded with minute mirrors to completely fill the yokes of their churi, a long gown. This style, displaying comprehension of the structure of fabric, is unique in Kutch and Sindh.

Mutava

The Mutavas are a small culturally unique group of Muslim herders who inhabit Banni, the desert grassland of northern Kutch. The exclusive Mutava style comprises minute renditions of local styles: paako, khaarek, haramji and Jat work, though these are known by different names. Specific patterns of each style, such as elongated hooked forms and fine back stitch outlining in paako, and an all-over grid in haramji, are also unique to Mutava work. Though technique varies, Mutava style is uniformly fine and geometric.

Patchwork and Appliqué

Patchwork and Appliqué Patchwork and appliqué traditions exist among most communities. For many embroidery styles, master craftwork depends on keen eyesight. By middle age, women can no longer see as well and they naturally turn their skills and repertoire of patterns to patchwork, a tradition that was originally devised to make use of old fabrics.

Soon after Kala Raksha's inception, the Trust added patchwork to its line of products. Older artisans could thus join the cooperative. Women need not feel their earning days are numbered. The elder patch workers as well as younger embroiderers can earn.





PRODUCT CODE : SUF Home Collection EMBROIDERY STYLE : Suf SIZE: 1-Peice:16*16, 1-Piece:12*12, 2-Pieces:12*16 FABRIC: Silk PRICE: 5000 GST: 600 TOTAL: 5600



PRODUCT CODE : JAT Home Collection EMBROIDERY STYLE : Suf SIZE: 1-Peice:20*20, 1-Bolster:20*12, 2-Pieces:12*12 FABRIC: Cotton PRICE: 6000 GST: 720 TOTAL: 6720



PRODUCT CODE : Mix Home Collection EMBROIDERY STYLE : Rabari, Pako SIZE: 4-Peice:12*12, FABRIC: Cotton PRICE: 4000 GST: 480 TOTAL: 4480



PRODUCT CODE : CC 19-2 R4 SL/M EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: SILK PRICE: 2190 GST: 12% TOTAL: 2453





PRODUCT CODE : CC NR-6 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI COTTON SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 720 GST: 36RS. TOTAL: 756





PRODUCT CODE : CC KURNA EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST:50RS. TOTAL: 1040





PRODUCT CODE : CC DSV 1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SEWA SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 790 GST: 40RS. TOTAL: 830

SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 550 GST: 28RS. TOTAL: 578





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 BK1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI BAKHIYA SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50RS. TOTAL: 1040

SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 790 GST:40RS. TOTAL: 830





PRODUCT CODE : CC DXR4E CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50RS. TOTAL: 1040



PRODUCT CODE : CC 1J5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC:COTTON PRICE: 1250 GST: 150RS. TOTAL: 1400

SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC:COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50RS. TOTAL: 1040





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PRODUCT CODE : CC DX R4 D CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1190 GST: 143 TOTAL: 1333





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 18-2 R4 SD/D EMBROIDERY STYLE :RABARI SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: SILK PRICE: 990 GST: 50 TOTAL: 1040





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PRODUCT CODE : CC R-5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 720 GST: 36 TOTAL: 756





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 19-2 J 5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 790 GST: 40 TOTAL: 830

PRODUCT CODE : CC 19-1 J 5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1090 GST: 131 TOTAL: 1221





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 DAP-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI APPLIQUE SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 550 GST: 28 TOTAL: 578

SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 890 GST: 45 TOTAL: 935





PRODUCT CODE : CCN P-2 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAKO SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1290 GST: 155 TOTAL: 1445





PRODUCT CODE : CC1-MUKO EMBROIDERY STYLE : MUKO SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 850 GST: 42 TOTAL: 892





PRODUCT CODE : CC N R 3 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 720 GST: 36 TOTAL: 356





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 18 3 R4 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 940 GST: 47 TOTAL: 987





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## PRODUCT CODE : CC N P 1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1290 GST: 155 TOTAL: 1445





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 17 2 1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 790 GST: 40 TOTAL: 830





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 R-2 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1190 GST: 143 TOTAL: 1333





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 19-1 P-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50 TOTAL: 1040





PRODUCT CODE : CC 17-1 P-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 790 GST: 40 TOTAL: 830





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 DSV-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SEVA SIZE: 12*12 FABRIC:COTTON PRICE: 490 GST: 25 TOTAL: 515





PRODUCT CODE : CC MUKO CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : MUKO SIZE: 16*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1580 GST: 190 TOTAL: 1770





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 19-1 R-4 SLYD EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: SILK PRICE: 1390 GST: 167 TOTAL: 1557





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 P-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50 TOTAL: 1040

SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 590 GST: 29 TOTAL: 619





PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 DAP1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI APPLIQUE SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 890 GST: 45 TOTAL: 935

SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 550 GST: 28 TOTAL: 578





# PRODUCT CODE : CC 1 R4-H CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 890 GST: 45 TOTAL: 935





PRODUCT CODE : CC NORI CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1390 GST: 167 TOTAL: 1557





PRODUCT CODE : CC BT CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : RABARI SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1390 GST: 167 TOTAL: 1557





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PRODUCT CODE : CC 20-2 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1160 GST: 140 TOTAL: 1300





## PRODUCT CODE : CC 23 J-5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 16\*16 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 1350 GST: 162 TOTAL: 1512





# PRODUCT CODE : CC 20-1 J-5 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : JAT SIZE: 12\*12 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 990 GST: 50 TOTAL: 1040







PRODUCT CODE : QD 16-4 PW1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 8990 GST: 1079 TOTAL: 10069



## PRODUCT CODE : QD MPW1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 11500 GST: 1380 TOTAL: 12,880



PRODUCT CODE : QS PW1 CTG EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 6,900 GST: 828 TOTAL: 7728



PRODUCT CODE : QD 172DAP1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : APPLIQUE SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 14,800 GST: 2664 TOTAL: 17464



## PRODUCT CODE : QD 171DAP1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : APPLIQUE SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE:13,800 GST: 1656 TOTAL: 15,456



PRODUCT CODE : QD PW1 CTB EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 13,800 GST: 1656 TOTAL: 15,456



PRODUCT CODE : QS PW1 CTM EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 5,500 GST: 660 TOTAL: 1660



PRODUCT CODE : QD 18-1 MPW1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 11500 GST: 1380 TOTAL: 12880



PRODUCT CODE : QD PW1 CT NG EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC:COTTON PRICE: 7,500 GST: 900 TOTAL: 8400



## PRODUCT CODE : QS 19-1 P1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PAAKO, PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 7800 GST: 936 TOTAL: 8736



#### PRODUCT CODE : 19-1 DAP-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : APPLIQUE, PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 7800 GST: 936 TOTAL: 8736



### PRODUCT CODE : 19-2 DAP-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : APPLIQUE, PATCHWORK SIZE: 90\*108 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 13800 GST: 1656 TOTAL: 15456



## PRODUCT CODE : 19-1 DAP-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : APPLIQUE, PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 7800 GST: 936 TOTAL: 8736



PRODUCT CODE : QS 20-1 PW-1 CT EMBROIDERY STYLE : PATCHWORK SIZE: 60\*90 FABRIC: COTTON PRICE: 8800 GST: 1056 TOTAL: 9856





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