

Cotton Pattu- Shawl/ Chadar

Background:

The Meghwal community in Rajasthan weave cotton shawls known as pattu using coarse yarn. Motifs are created by extra weft thread following very basic geometrical patterns like zig-zag, triangle, diamond etc. The extra weft is usually of a colour in contrast to the base cloth. The design pattern is inspired by mainly geometric pattern but sometimes traditional pattern are also woven on the shawl. .

Material used:

To weave the pattu, 2/20's count yarn is used in warp and in weft double ply of 2/20's count yarn is used.

Technique applied:

Cotton pattu is woven on traditional pit loom by extra weft technique of weaving. The design is first developed on graph paper in actual scale and then it is transferred on the loom manually by counting the threads. Jacquard or doobby is not used for this purpose. For designing, contrast coloured yarn is used which gives the shawl a unique look.

How to Distinguish:

- Design is achieved by extra weft technique without use of jacquard or doobby.
- Design is always in contrast colour.
- Coarser yarn is always used hence the shawl is heavier.

