

Kasargode Saree

Background:

Kasargode is a small town situated in Malabar Region of Kerala. The traditional Kasargode sarees are manufactured in this region. This traditional product is woven with coloured cotton yarn of fine count like 60s, 80s, and 100s etc. This saree is woven with extra warp design in border with traditional patterns and extra weft simple stripe designs in pallu. It is mainly woven with small and medium stripe & check patterns in body. Extra weft butta is also sometimes woven to enhance the beauty of this traditional product.

Material used:

The materials used for the weaving of traditional Kasargode Saree is the fine count cotton yarn dyed with fast colours. Attractive borders and pallus made with jacquard, dobby etc. These sarees are woven with stripes and check patterns in tie & dye technique to obtain solid borders and pallu.

Technique applied:

The weavers use unique technique in the preparation of the warp thread which is sized on loom between healds and back rest with the help of double brush. The border designs are woven by employing jacquard and dobby. The butta designs are woven by hand.

How to distinguish genuine Kasargode Saree:

- Stripes, check patterns are woven in tie & dye technique to obtain solid border on pallu appearing very prominently.
- Basic texture i.e., thread density of the fabric is higher than that of similar cotton sarees.
- Lesser starchy finish (loom sizing) in the saree so it is so soft to touch.

