

## Kuthampully Saree

### Background:

Kuthampully is a small town situated in Thrissur District in Kerala. The major item of Kuthampully Saree manufactured in Grey Style with Kasavu (Zari). This traditional product are woven with 80s, 100s fine count cotton yarn. These sarees are manufactured at Kuthampully, Thiruvilwamala, Eravathody and Kondozhi regions. Weavers from Tamil Nadu migrated to these areas during 1200-1700 AD and started weaving these sarees there.

### Material used:

The materials used for the weaving of Kuthampully Sarees are 80s and 100s cotton and for zari locally called as 'Kasavu'.

### Technique applied:

The border is woven in extra weft zari designs by using dobby/jacquard. Buti designs are also woven on the body of the saree with zari. The pallu of the saree is woven with zari by using jacquard. . Specialty of the saree lies in preparation of warp thread in "street sizing" technique. The warp threads become almost round and uniform in shape after sizing so that the saree has very clear surface without any protruding fibres on it.

### How to distinguish genuine Kuthampully Saree:

- Designs appear very prominently in both side borders, body and pallu.
- Sarees are mostly woven with undyed yarns like Balarampuram Sarees.
- Basic texture i.e., thread density of the fabric is higher than that of similar cotton sarees.
- Less starchy finish in the saree to get softer touch.

