

Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees

Background

Thirubuvanam is a town located in the vicinity of Kumbakonam in Tanjavur district, 285 km south of Chennai in Tamil Nadu. This historical town has preserved the art of silk weaving. The town of Thirubuvanam has been renowned for its aesthetically pleasing silk sarees right from the time of the Cholas. Since then, the town has progressed and diverged its craft, conforming to the contemporary Indian woman's tasteful attire. Weavers of Thirubuvanam also make use of a number of design motifs that are especially attributed to them.

Raw Material

Mulberry filature silk yarns are used both in warp and weft with pure gold zari for extra warp and extra weft designing. Sometimes, tested zari (half fine zari as called locally) is also used for designing.

Technique applied

Pit loom as well as raised pit looms and frame looms fitted with two jacquards are used for weaving these sarees. One jacquard is used for weaving border design and the other is used for weaving designs in the body and pallu.

How to distinguish genuine Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees

- The specialty of Thirubuvanam Silk sarees is that filature silk is used for both warp and weft, resulting in high quality, uniform, and high-lustre sarees.
- Thirubuvanam silk is folded like an angavasthram, which can be put in a small packet.

