

Basic Detail Report



Skirt

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Miao

Medium

Cotton and batik

Description

Batik is a very commonly employed resist dye technique among the Miao. In order to achieve the technique, a layer of dye-resistant material is applied to a textile in order to preserve its white color. Materials such as wax resist the dye while the rest of the material

absorbs it. The textile is then dyed, typically indigo, and the wax is removed by applying boiling water once the textile has dried. The textiles of the Miao in Southwest China are appreciated for their exuberant, decorative qualities. This does not exempt the ensembles of Miao children whose clothing often is highly adorned.

Dimensions

Stretched out: 16 × 30 in. (40.6 × 76.2 cm) Folded as worn - flexible dimensions: 13 × 25 in. (33 × 63.5 cm)