

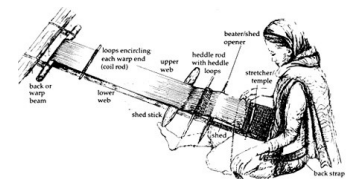


Womens Skills Development Project (WSDP) Pokhara Nepal

Established in Nepal in 1975, Women's Skills Development Project (WSDP) specializes in handcrafted cotton products. Every product is completely handmade using 100% pure cotton.

WSDP does not receive any government funding. It is a non-profit organization that is completely self-sufficient. It is committed to providing handicraft related training and skills to underprivileged women so that they may become self-reliant.

Many of these underprivileged women come from rural villages and have been widowed, divorced, handicapped, abused and out casted from their homes and villages. At WSDP, they are trained in various areas of handicraft production such as dyeing, weaving, material cutting, sewing and even business management.



The Making Process at WSDP

- Cotton is bought in the local market. We use only good quality cotton that absorbs color well.
- The cotton is cleaned and dyed.
- After dyeing, the cotton is dried naturally with sunlight.
- Processed cotton is distributed for weaving. Our staff do so either in our premises or in their own homes.
- The cotton threads are stretched out around wooden poles. At this stage, the color pattern is established.
- The next step is known as hand looming. The method used at WSDP is the back strap loom.
- Upon completion, staff bring the woven fabric back to us and payment is made to them accordingly.
- The fabric is then cut into different sizes to be sewn into different products.
- WSDP has a quality control unit that will assess the quality of the finished products before delivering them to customers.

About Natural Dye

The Natural Dye used in our products come from nature – extracts from tea, pomegranate, persimmon, lac (the scarlet secretion of a number of species of insects which is processed and used in the varnish of violins and as dye for wool and silk.) and terminalia chebula (a tree whose fruit has digestive, anti-inflammatory and restorative purposes).

Items with "(Natural)" in their names are made with natural dyes.

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