## BIHART

HANDMADE LUXURY



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## **About Bihart**

# "Art is too important not to share." - Romero Britto

The local crafts of any place reflect its history, heritage and culture. Bihar is an ancient state, rich in history with multiple overlaps of heritage and culture. We have an eclectic mix of local crafts which is buried deep into our traditions. The world knows only of our two most illustrious crafts - Madhubani and Bhaglapur Tussar silk, and attributes only these to Bihar. The other crafts are either lost or soon dying. Bihart is an attempt to uplift and revive these crafts. While keeping the soul of the craft intact, we have tried to infuse new styles, motifs and designs and explored them on various



media to make functional products.







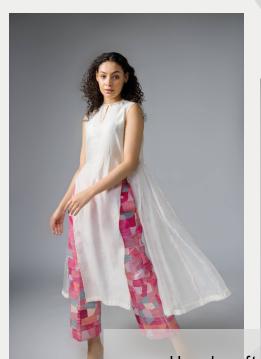










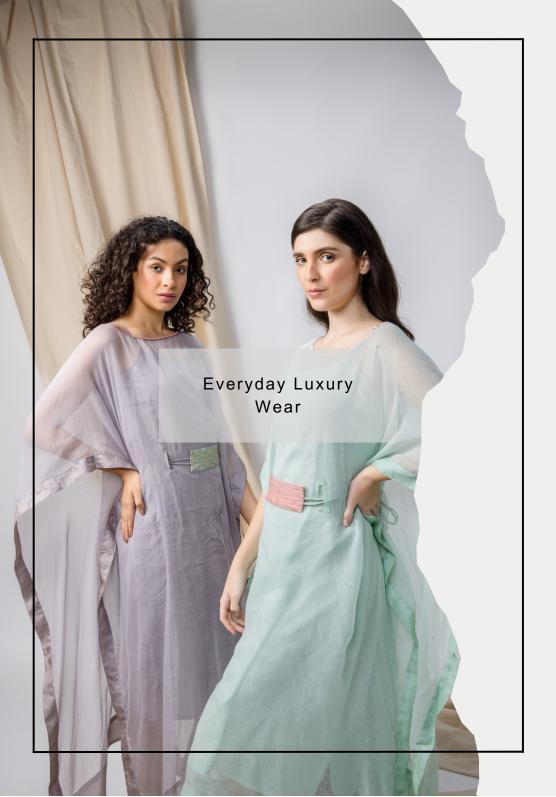




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Chindi Multi-Purpose Pouches



#### **Our Bihart Weaves**

Bihart's Handwoven textiles or fabrics are created by manually interlacing threads or yarns using a weaving process. This process involves crossing horizontal threads (called weft) through vertical threads (called warp) to create a stable and cohesive piece of fabric. Our Handwoven fabrics are made on a Pit loom, which is a framework that holds the warp threads in place while the weft threads are woven through them.

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Bihart's Handwoven textiles are valued for their craftsmanship, individuality, and the connection they provide to traditional weaving methods infused with modern designs.

## Some of our weaving techniques are:

#### **Fish Net Weave**

The fishnet weave is a traditional and authentic handweaving technique of Bihar. Unlike other weaving clusters where the weavers use multiple shafts to weave guage fabric, weavers in Bihar weave fishnet using only two shafts.





#### **Extra Weft Weave:**

Extra weft weaving is a fascinating display of hand skill, where each motif is created by inserting an extra weft to the standard weft that holds the warp together. When the weaver weaves the weft yarn, the shuttle intertwines with the warp yarn and a base fabric emerges on the loom. It is on this base fabric that an extra weft motif is deftly woven in by using a small spool of yarn.

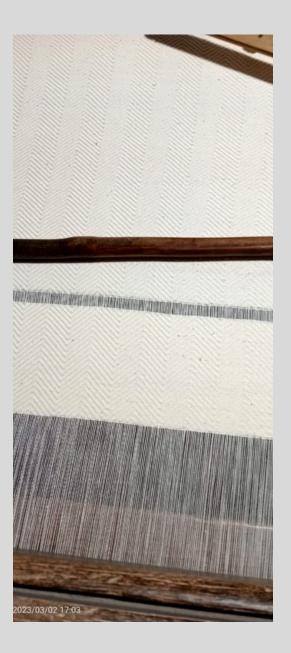


#### Twill Weave:

Twill weave is a type of weaving pattern characterized by its diagonal parallel ribs or lines on the fabric's surface. It is created by interlacing the weft thread over and under multiple warp threads in a regular pattern.

This results in a distinctive diagonal pattern that sets twill weave apart from other weaving patterns like plain weave. In twill weave, each weft thread passes over a certain number of warp threads and then under a certain number of warp threads before starting the pattern again. The point where the weft goes over and under the warp threads creates the diagonal lines. This weaving pattern creates a strong and durable fabric with a textured

appearance.





#### **Bihart Crafts**

The two crafts that our artisans specialise in are Sujani and Appliqué.

Sujani: This is a textile expression art embroidery and is centuries old. Bihart works with three clusters of Sujani artisans to create some of the most beautiful and intricate designs.

The embroidery is done in running stitch and is outlined in embroidered chain stitch.

Look out for our 'Village Narrative' bedcovers which are covered in this art form expressing the village life of the artisans. No two bedcovers are the same and it takes them months to make it.

Our modern take on the embroidery embellishes most of our products with its minimalistic yet eyecatching capabilities



Appliqué: It is not your regular patchwork. It is extra-fine. It is detailed and it is (on most products) made with silk. Bihart artisans are excellent at their skill of surface appliqué and if all goes well, we will soon bring you some reverse appliqué (khatwa)next season.

Check out our human figure
Appliqué tote bags - our favourites are the 'Gossip Girls' and the 'Gossip Boys'.





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