

# COTTON THROWS & TAPESTRIES



Fair trade artisans in villages across India each have a unique skill which they use to create their wonderful crafts. Textile artisans in Rajasthan, India craft tapestries and throws using traditional techniques.



Shibori is a traditional Japanese technique of tying, bunching and stitching cloth, then dyeing it to create patterns. This style is similar to bandhani, which is a traditional Indian style of knotting and tying fabrics to make geometrical patterns. The fusion of these styles began in the 1960's and still is a popular craft today.

Wax dying is another art form used by artisans. After the cloth is weaved, artisans pour hot wax onto the cotton in patterns. Once dried, dye is poured over the cloth to make bright motifs. The wax is then peeled off to make a colorful throw!



Artisans use many techniques that have been passed down for generations to make their unique art forms. Each artisans group and family has a different style, which makes these handmade products so unique!