

BATIK WORK

Definition of Batik

Batik refers to way of designing fabric by preventing dye from touching some parts of the fabric using wax. This is made possible by applying wax on specific areas of the fabric bearing in mind the intended design.

Materials/tools needed for batik work

1. Cloth
2. Dye
3. Gas cooker
4. Wax (Candle wax, Paraffin wax or Bee wax)
5. Starch (cassava starch or any other suitable starch)
6. Stencil
7. Hydrosulphate
8. Caustic soda
9. Tjantin

Class activity: Making of batik work

Procedure for Batik making

1. Make desired patterns or designs on the cloth using the wax. This can be done with the aid of a brush or stencil.
2. Pour the dye into hot water and mix thoroughly.
3. Insert the cloth into the liquid. Leave it for half an hour.
4. Bring out the cloth from the liquid and spread it out for some minutes for it to dry.

5. Put the cloth inside hot water to melt away the wax.
6. Put the cloth in cold water. Use hand to remove the remaining wax.
7. Put the cloth into prepared starch.
8. Allow the cloth to dry under the sun.

Summary

Batik refers to way of designing fabric by preventing dye from touching some parts of the fabric.

Review Questions

1. Define Batik
2. List five materials/tools needed for batik work

Produce a batik design on a fabric and display it for your teacher to see.