

Chanderi Cotton Silk Dress Material

Back ground:

Situated on the boundary of two cultural regions of Madhya Pradesh, Malwa and Bundelkhand, Chanderi, placed in the Vindhyaachal ranges is home to a wide range of traditions. Specializing in producing fine textured Chandericotton silk dress material are generally made of silk and cotton and sometimes embellished with zari.

Material used:

The un-degummed mulberry silk yarn of 16/18 to 20/22 Denier count is used in warp. Whereas 100s-120s or 2/100s to 2/120s cotton yarn is used in the weft. Because of un-degummed silk yarn, the fabric is transparent. Gold and silver Zari are used for extra warp designs in border and extra weft designs in pallu and body.

Technique applied:

Weaving is done on pit as well as frame loom flitted with jala designing technique. Generally the plain fabric is woven for dress material. Sometimes for ornamentation purpose extra weft designing is done by Jala technique of weaving.

How to distinguish genuine Chanderifabric:

- Warp thread is un-degummed mulberry silk whereas weft thread is cotton, which is not commonly used in any textile products.
- Due to un-degummed silk warp, the fabric texture is somehow not very soft.
- The fabric is not compactly woven. It is transparent and light weight, very suitable for summer wear.

