

## COTTON DRESS MATERIAL (ODISHA IKAT)

### **Background:**

Ikat cotton dress materials are produced for mostly ladies and some Ikat dress materials for gents. Generally weft ikat are used in garments.

### **Material Used:**

2/40s to 2/120s mercerized cotton in warp and weft.

### **Production area:**

Bargarh district 350 km from Bhubaneswar, Boudh district 250 km from Bhubaneswar, Nuapatna, Maniabandh area in Cuttack district about 75 to 80 km from state capital.

### **Technique used:**

Single ikat technique is applied (either warp Ikat or Weft ikat).

### **How to distinguish:**

Technically Odishalkat is different from the products of Andhra Pradesh and Patola fabric of Gujrat due to its yarn grouping systems. Generally in Odisha the weavers prepare grouping of yarn with 2 picks/ repeat, 3pick/ repeat or maximum 4 pick/ repeat where in Patola or Pochampalli Designs are made out of 8 picks/repeat, that is why we found geometrical pattern in Pochampalli or Patanpotla unlike Odishalkat here we find continuous floral pattern. Also shaded effects are seen in Odisha products which are unique in Ikat products.

