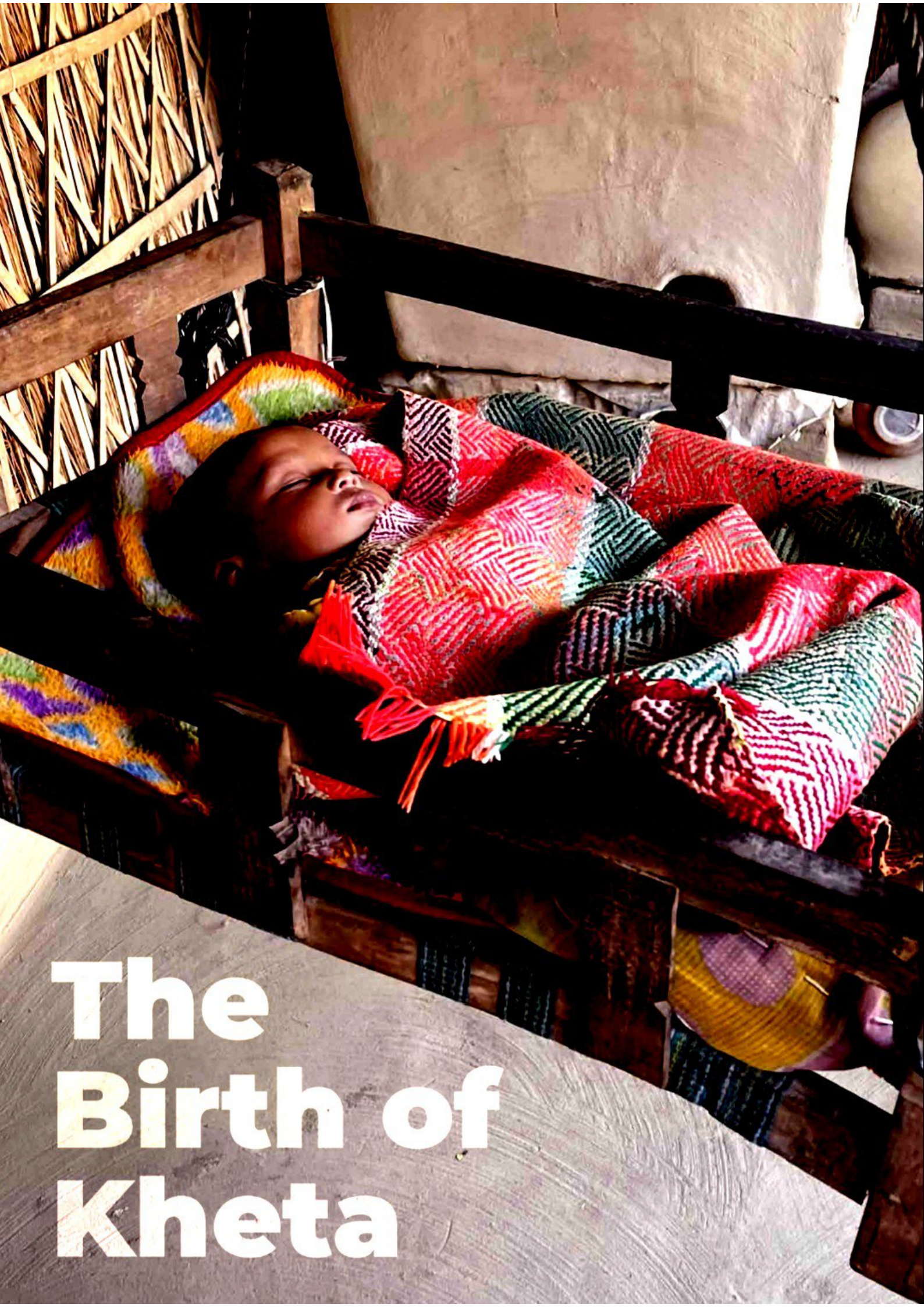




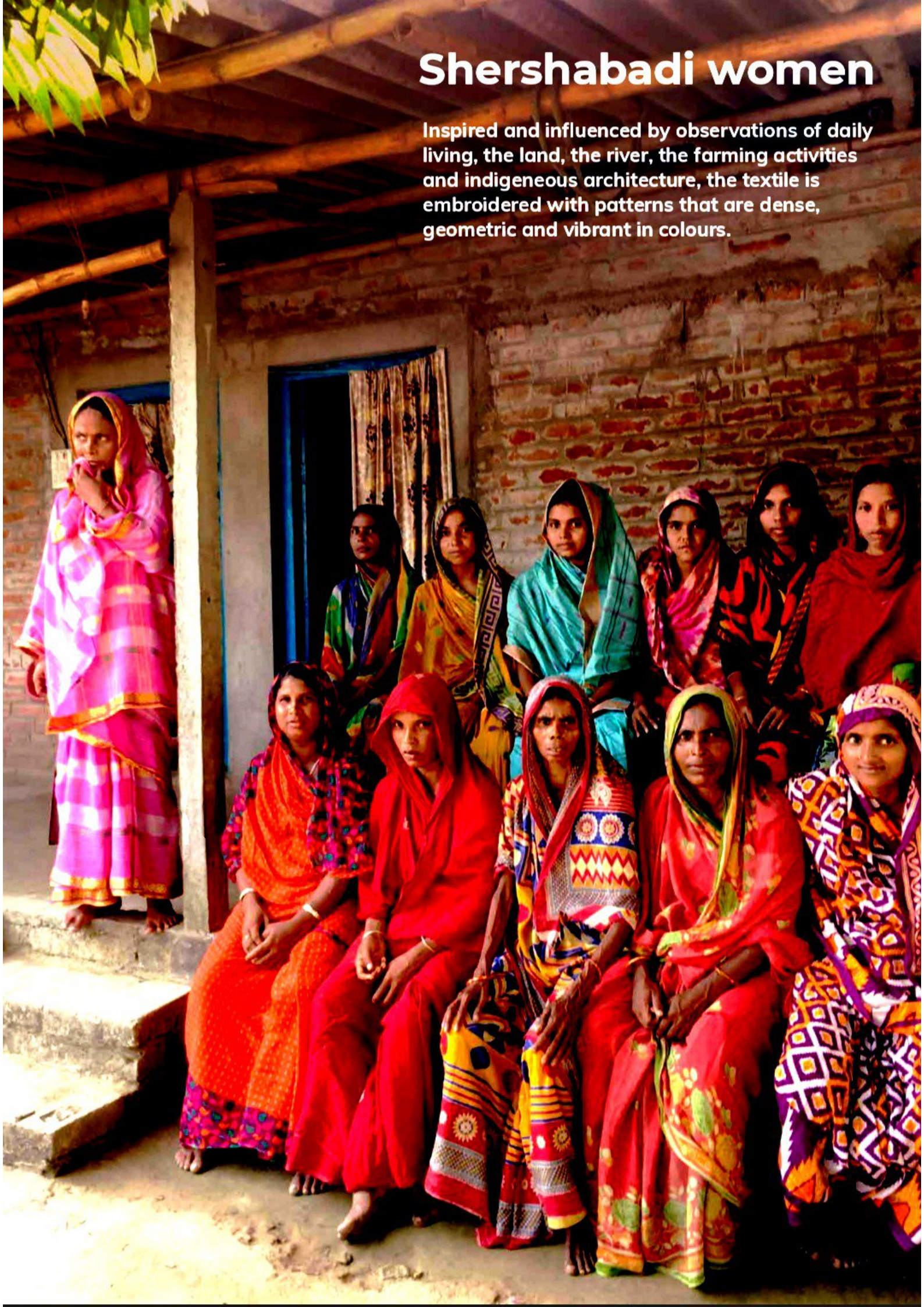
THE EMBROIDERED EXPRESSIONS OF SHERSHABADIS



The Birth of Kheta

Shershabadi women

Inspired and influenced by observations of daily living, the land, the river, the farming activities and indigeneous architecture, the textile is embroidered with patterns that are dense, geometric and vibrant in colours.





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A large, shallow, woven bamboo basket is shown from a top-down perspective. Inside the basket, there is a large pile of colorful threads in shades of red, yellow, blue, green, and pink. A small, bright pink fabric item with white star patterns is visible on the left side of the pile. A small blue rectangular object, possibly a mobile phone, is partially visible among the threads. A small, red and white patterned fabric item is also visible at the bottom of the basket. The basket is placed on a dark, textured surface.

It has nothing to do with being an outcome like a textile product, however, everything to do with being the witness to the lives of Shershabadi women.

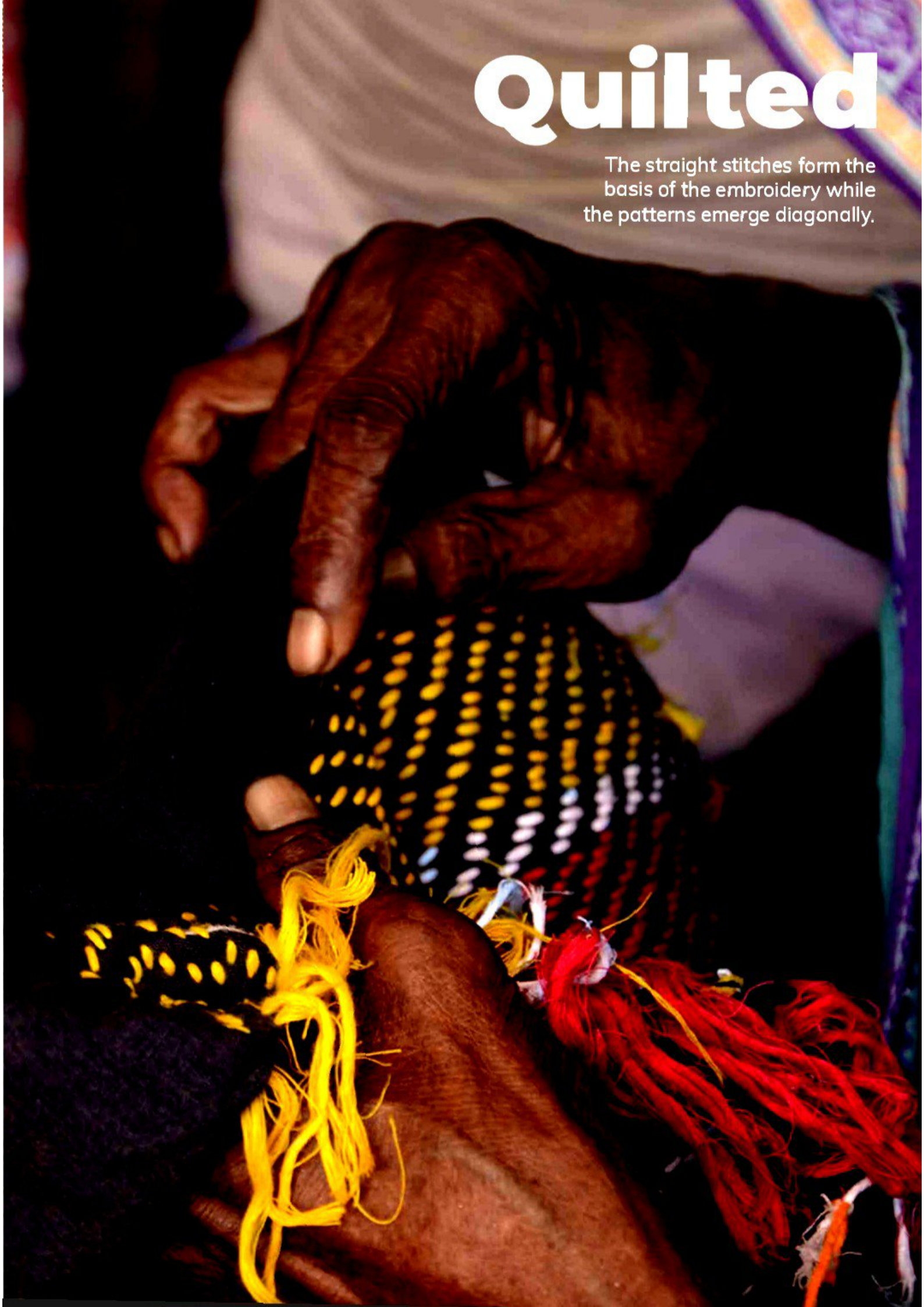
Diagonal



Patterns

Quilted

The straight stitches form the basis of the embroidery while the patterns emerge diagonally.







**Beyond
Tools**



Pankha





Heirlooms



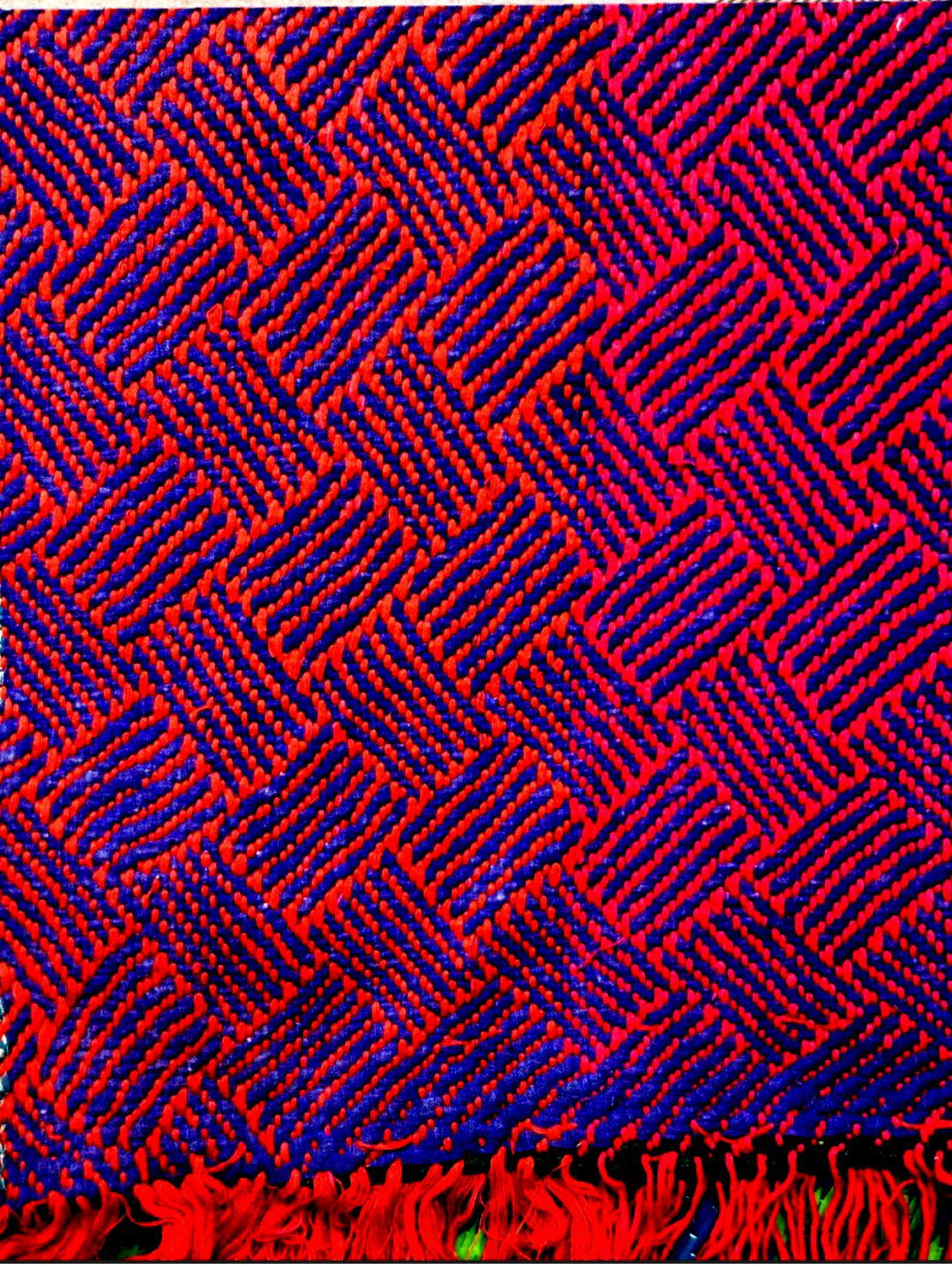
The leftover yarns and sari scraps from Kheta are sustainably used to make hand fans. Weaving while embroidering on a circular bamboo ring, the women create dense geometric patterns to maintain the lightness of a daily use product.

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Biscuit | बिस्कुट

Inspired by daily commodity



Kechul | केचुल

Inspired by movement of the earthworms



Lahuri | लाहुरी

Inspired by the waves



Chatsiyane | चाट सयानी

Imitates the design of basketry



Paan Patta | पान पत्ता

inspired by the shape of the beetle leaves



Ek Phool | एक फूल

Imitates the form of a blooming flower



Nau Phool | नौ फूल

Represents nine flower blooming together





Char Phool | चार फूल

Representaion of four blooming flowers together



Lathi Bit | लाठी बीट

Inspired by bamboo trees



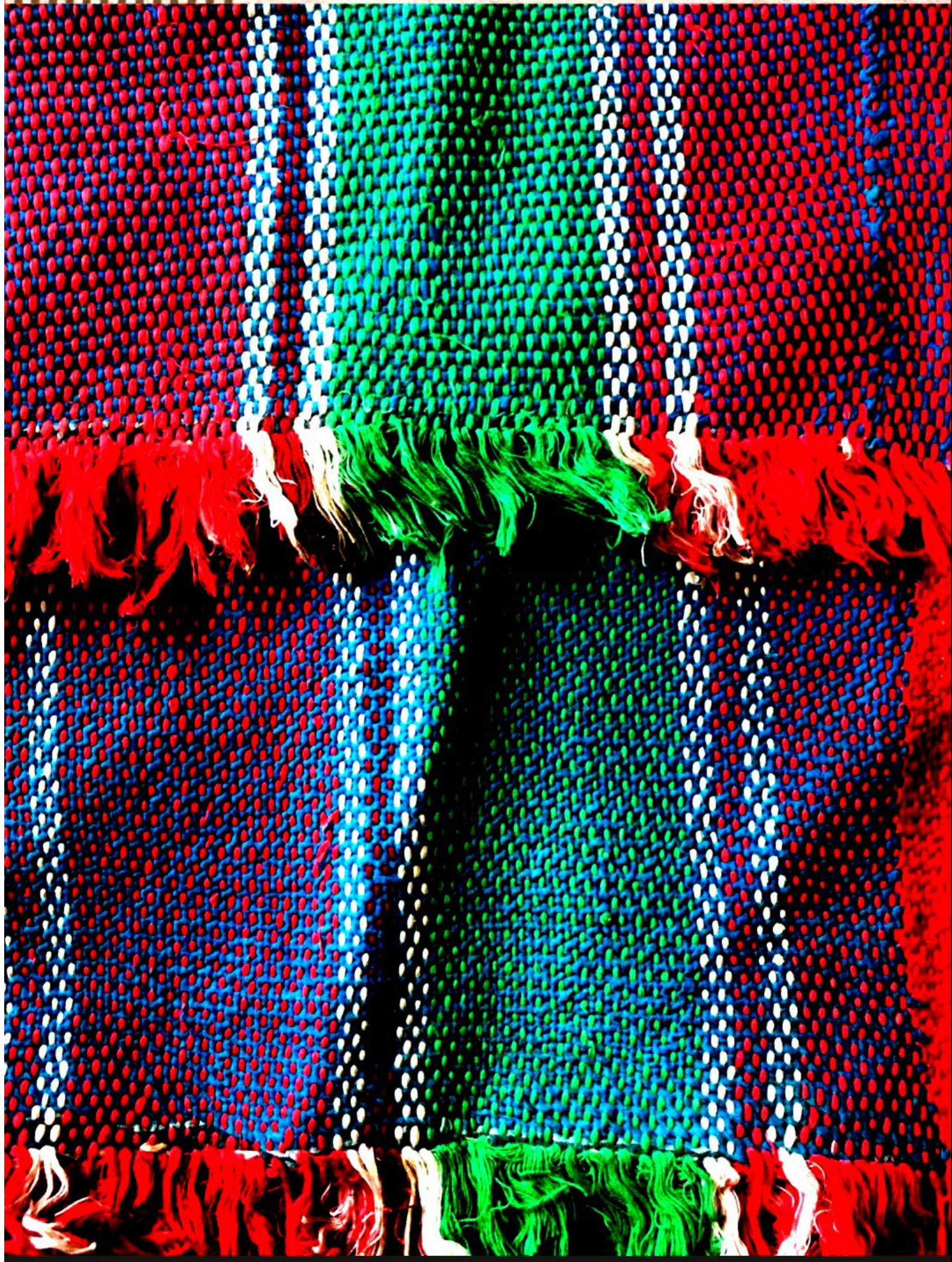
Badam | बादाम

Inspired by daily commodity



Bhanga Phod | भंगा फोड

Immitates the pattern of a floor mat



Lathi Phool | टाठी फूल

Inspired by bamboo trees and flowers



Leek Phool | लीक फूल

Inspired by a kind of flora abundant in the region



Dhera Paakhri | धीरा पाखरि

Inspired by daily commodity



Kabootar Khop | कबूतर खूप

Inspired by the shape of pigeon holes



Soja | शोजा

Inspired by straight line or literary translates as 'easy or simple'

