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Introduction

Jaykat Galeecha, a multi coloured cotton carpet is woven on handloom. It is also known as Dari. It is more popular all over north India. The art has been introduced by Akbar around 1580 A.D. A Mughal Emperor brought some weavers from Iran to produce Persian carpets in his palace at Agra. Primarily carpet making was an important cottage industry in Agra, Delhi and Lahore and slowly it spread across India. Over a period of time Jammu and Kashmir, Bhadohi and the Uttar Pradesh became leading carpet producing centres in the country. Indian carpets are well known for their designs. Hand knotted carpets are in great demand in India. Generally carpets are made using cotton as a basic material. Nowadays they are knotted on cotton or silk foundations with piles of silk, wool or goats' hair.



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People

Anwar Ali of 20 years is a carpet maker from Bilari village of Moradabad district in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. He learned this art from his father. Carpet making is his family business. A group of artisans along with him travel to different states for earnings. They stay around 6 to 7 months in one state, make carpets as per customers' demand, earn some money and travel to another place. They produce 5 to 6 pieces of Jaykat Galeecha in one day. They are street sellers. They wander in lanes and alleys to get some work as they don't have any firm business place.



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Process

Jaykat galeecha is a handloom product. Old cloths are used for weaving this carpet. It requires around 4 kgs of old cloths as a raw material. One can get single as well as double galeecha depend on handloom size.



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Products

Carpet comes in various sizes like 3*6, 6*7, 4*7, 4*6 ft. and in different patterns such as:

1. Dari:

Dari is a designer carpet which is made on machine. It comes in large sizes like 9*12, 10*12, and 8*10ft. It is spread on the floor for decoration.

2. Farsh: Generally used for flooring. It comes in single colour and is a machine made item.

3. Button: It is also used for flooring and comes in combination of strips and colours.

4. Chadar: Chadar is used to cover.

5. Blanket: It can also be used to cover which is quit thick as compare to Chadar.

6. Jaykat Galicha:

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