

THESIS STATEMENT

My idea was basically to revive the old textiles, which suffered after the industrialization. And to bring back the art of weaving which somehow got lost into the world of fast fashion. And my aim is for people to revive the craft and value this lost tradition.

"Initial ideas"

- First idea was to make a shamiyana with weaving the fabric
- And other idea was to make room seprators/ dividors with pure weaved fabric and zardozi work.
- Third one was to hand weave benarsi saree's



Cultural Metamorphosis Mind Map this was my first mind map luckhrow Banaras Lahore Kotwara Rogion Umra Jaan 198 Pakeers. isri la kaam Kiran Kahani · Bararsi Saree Fashion /Artist -> Tanhaiyam (805) Ruhperr / Sunheri Kashidahani Dosign

After doing the mind maps and studying the history and geography of brocade fabric, I commenced making the boards on each type of the fabric.

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ARTICLE RESEARCH



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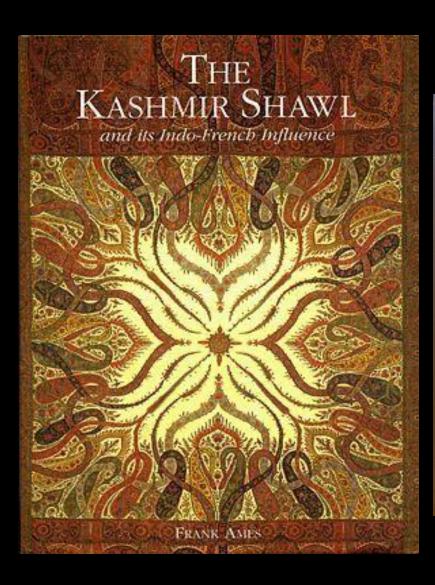
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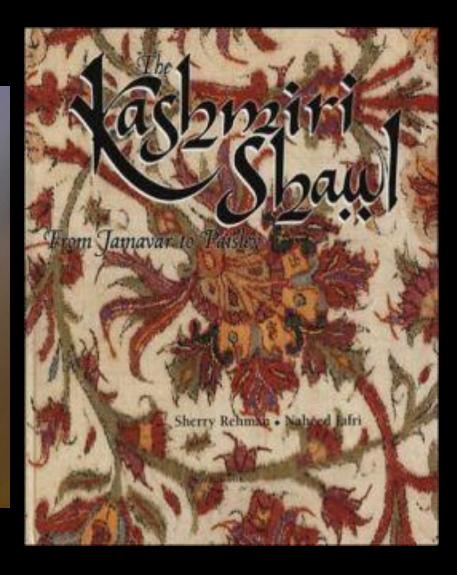
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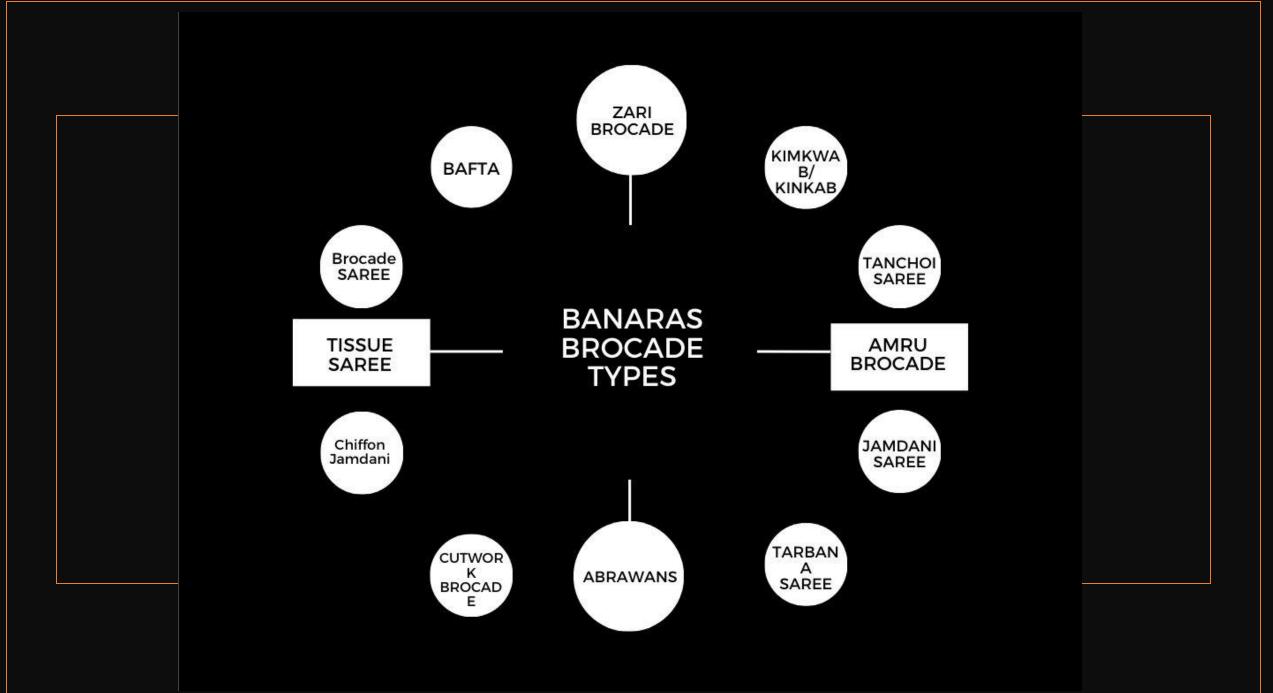
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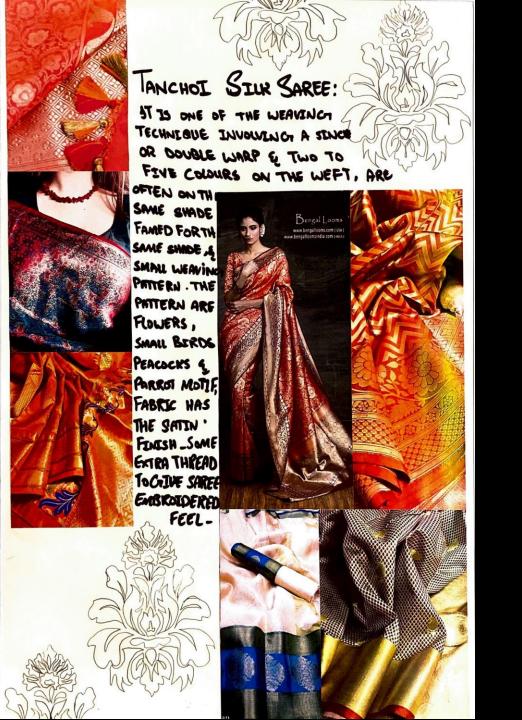


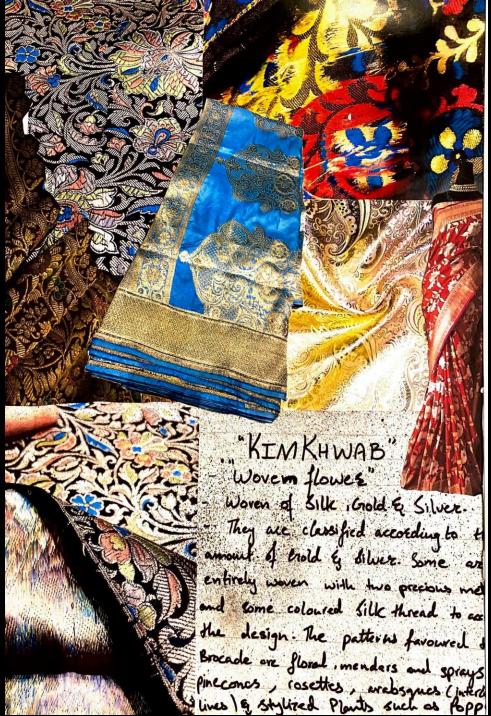


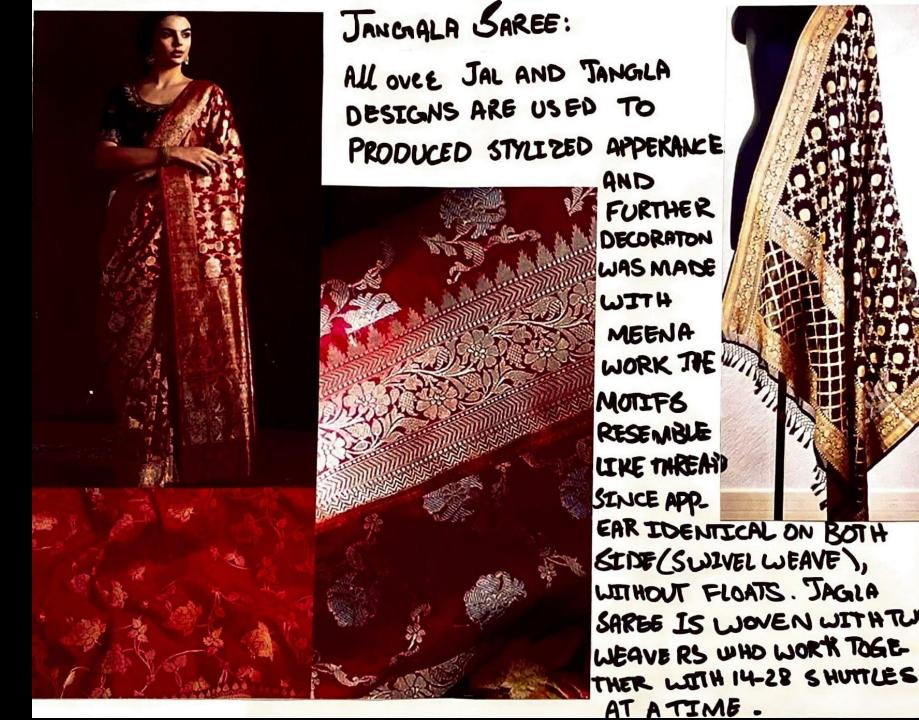


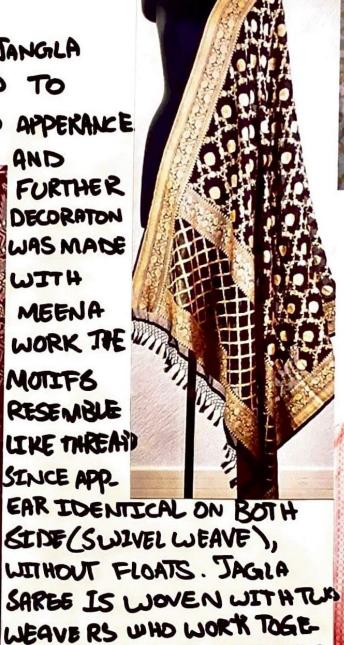


Visual boards of the banarsi brocade fabric.















TISSUE SAREE:

THESE SAREE ARE WOVEN WITH SILK

AS WARPS, SARI RUNNING AS WEFT

WITH COMBINATION OF SARIE SILK

IN EXTRA WEFT. TISSUE SAREE APP.

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KORA CUTWORK SAREE

IT IS A TYPICAL SAREE

PRODUCED WITH CUTWORK

AGAINST: PLAIN CAROUND.

THE EXTRA LOOSELY DANGLING.

THREADS BIW MOTIFS & TRIM

MANUALLY CIVING TAMBANT LOOK.









Motif research

MOTIFS USED IN DIFFERENT SAREE'S

Names of Saree's	Motifs	
Banarse Silk Saree	Intricate Design, Jhallar, Bel	
Jangla Saree	Vegetation Motifs with Jangla desgin on back	
Tanchoi Saree	Floral Sprays and pair of Small Kalghas	
Cutwork Saree	Floral, Geometrical Motifs	
Tissue Saree ^l	otuses floating in glimmering pond, paisley Motifs	
ButiDar Saree	Different types of Butis and Bail	
	Banarse Silk Saree Jangla Saree Tanchoi Saree Cutwork Saree Tissue Saree	

TYPE OF MOTIFS AND IT'S FORM OF DESIGN

Sr.No	Names of Motifs	Form of Motifs	
1:	Doriya Pattern	Longitudinal strips	
2:	Salaidar Pattern	-	
3:	Ada Doriya	Diagonal Strips	
4:	Lahriya	Wavy or Angular Lines	
5:	Charkhana	In check	
6:	Llayecha	Small lozenge shaped Figures	
7:	Bulbul Chashm	Small lozenge shape with dots in Centre	
8:	Mothra	Double Lines	
9:	Phulwar Running	leaves & flowers all over the ground work	
10:	Jhardar	Sprays	
11:	Patridar	leaves	
12:	Chanda	Geometric & floral figures placed in centre	
13:	Turanj	A decorated Mango shaped buti	
14:	Kalghi	Buti with pointed ends for further decoration	
15:	Jasmine Motif	A decorated Jasmine Flower Motifs	

	Bource		Motifs Used	
No.	Type	Body	Border	Palle
	Grownse	All over flowers, leaves and animal motifs (Phuluor, Thostor etc	Floral and animal motified and bel (Adibel, Pulderbe	Tubriste floral
		Plain, turonj, kalghi, Panbuli asrafi buti & mindashi buti etc.	01	Intricate bels and kalgha Design.
	Jondani Baree	Butti, Buttes all over floral Pattern and Kaigha motifs.	Floral patterns and Kelgha motifs.	Intricate floral jal Pattern with mothers and Tanni
	Ingla Savee	Floral & kalgha jal designs (Kamraki jal, sona buti jal etc)	Mothra, Fita, Tonni Philwar bets etc.	Intricate floral jet, Doinga khanjari and Salcidor Pattern
	Kora Cutubrk Savee	Buti, Butta, Dorige, Salaiclar, and doriga design, geometrical, charleful and konjhari fatter	Beti, Geometrical Design, a Charkhana pattern and Floral mortifs.	Intricate butter , kelgha morifs with Fite and konic Pattern
6.	Reshom Bushi Sorree	Buti (Thumkas, Ken, Cetifa, bedan ashrali, satoalia, pan etc) than	Butis, kalqha and	Intricate Kalghe, Philipson buttes pattern Design.
7.	Satin	Plain	Floral Pattern, onimal mobile (porr.) Peacock, houses release etc) and Shikorgah design.	Intricate Floral Designs, animal motifs and Shikaryah designa
	Solin Embessed Sorre	Phulwar, Weskat. Hayce ha and Plain Balbel cheshn- Design-	Floral morifs, halghi, washeat Mayeche and Balbal chashon Pottern.	Phulwar, kalgha and buti In Bulbulidesign chashr
	Tonchoi Sover	Plain, bets, jals, floral motifs and clarkhana Pattern	Bels, Kalgha and floral Motifs	-1. + 111 1
	Tissue Some.	Phuluer, Thorder and Politidar Patterns	Floral bels & Bulis Jameur, Thurder, elc)	All over floral Petterns

Visual boards of the Motif Research



DORIVA PATTERN

The Simplest pattern is the stripe; when the stripes are longitudinal, the fabric is a doriya-

- LONGITUONAL STRIPES

MOTHRA PATTERN

A Double line Containing a Simple or running Pattern inside, is called a Mothra.

- DOUBLE LINES.





Savaidar Pattern

when the stripes run the along the fabric patterns. breadth, the fabric is Salaidor-

- TRANSVERSE STRIPES -

KANJARI OR LEHRIYA

when the line is wary and angular the pattern is khanjori and the cloth is called KHANJAKIDAR. Khonjari is sometimes called laharia, but the letter is larger, and usually has randed corner.

- WAVY OR ANGULAR LINES



HAECHA PATTERN

A set of small loverye - Shaped from the largela pottern.
The same kinds of figures enclosing dots of some material are do called Bulbul Chashm
- SMALL LOZENCE - SHAPED FIGURES



CHARKANA PATTERN

when the stripes run both Horizontelly and vertically, we have a check (charlehous) which can be either square or rechangular. _ IN CHECK.





KALGIHI

A characteristic of buti in showl or Banarse fabric. When the pointed end is turned round and further adorned, It is a kalghi Buthi or Ciflarge Kalgha Butha.

PATRIDAR

There is a running pattern of leaves allower the ground work of the fabric - the pattern is also called phulwar. where It is slightly raised above the grand work - so the sene the colour of bockeyound - It is the called vascat.





THARDAR

Buti - Therder is and ambitions butti, comprising a whole spring or branch.

_ SPRAYS -



BUBUL CHASHM

A set of small loveyer shoped figures like layer pattern but in this then have clots in the centil

SMALL LOZENCIE SHAPED FIGURE - WITH THE DOSS IN THE CENTRE -

TURANT

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- A DECORATED MANGO SHAPED BUTT -





leaves and flowers all over the ground worker mostly done in the jamower fabric.



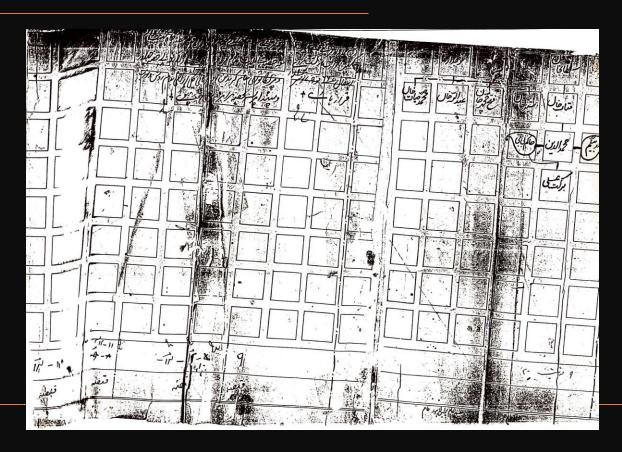


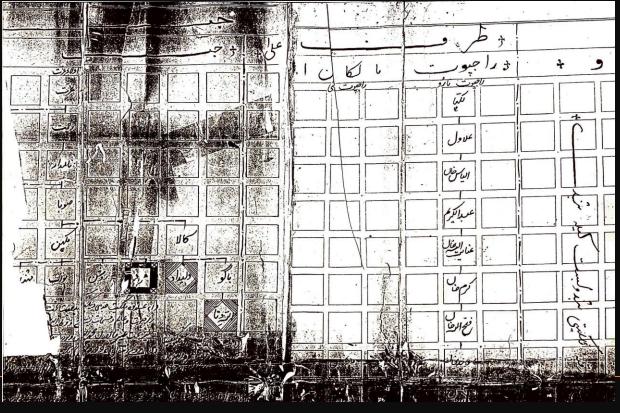


Ancestry, Family, and Fertility:

The Tree of Life symbol also represents the connection to one's family and ancestors. The Tree of Life has an intricate network of branches that represents how a family grows and expands throughout many generations.

FAMILY TREE (SHAJRA-E-NASAB)







The reason why I chose tree of life as my final motif was to make it more personal and relate it to my family tree (shajra-e-nasab)

mortality and Rebirth: The Tree of Life is a symbol for rebirth as trees was then in trees and seem to be dead ring winter, but then new buds appear and new, fresh leaves unfur! during the applies. This represents the

ginning of a new life and a fresh start. The Tree of Life also symbolizes immortance because even as the tree grows

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saplings, and is lush and green, which signifies its vitality.

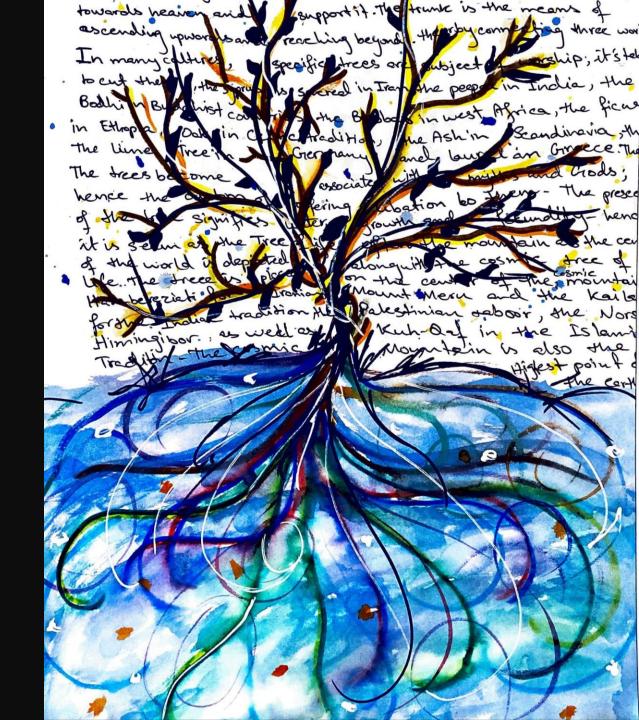
ace: Trees have always evoked a sense of calm and peace so it is uncorpolating than the Tree of Life is also a symbol or peacefulness and relaxation. Trees have a relaxing presence as they used still and still while their leaves flutter in the Breeze. The Tree of Life serves as a reminder for the unique, calming feeling that one gets from trees.



Multiple cultures have different mythologies involving the Tree of Life. References to the symbol have been found in Ancient Egypt, Ancient Iran, Ancient Mesopotamia and Urartu, and many more places. The symbol was widely recognized and used in ancient cultures so it is difficult to pinpoint its exact origins and how it spread throughout the world.

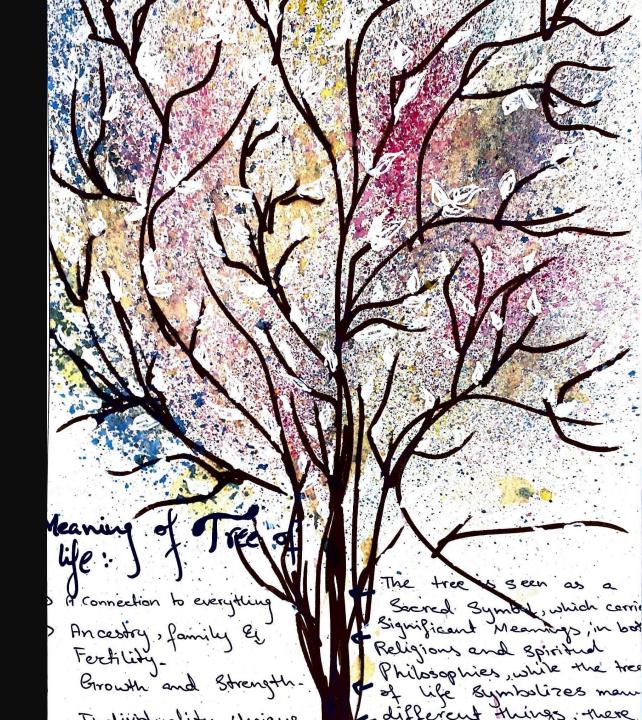
The cosmic tree

• The tree of life concept is sacred to most cultures. It significance transcends conscious reality, touches the subconscious and beyond the undefinable. Even is the original meaning is obscured, the symbol retains an unconscious link with our primeval memory and a become a source of strength. The cosmic tree symbol occurs in almost all cultures it roots plunge deep into the nether world; branches reach upon towards heaven and support it. The trunk is the mean of ascending upwards and reaching beyond, thereby connecting three worlds together.



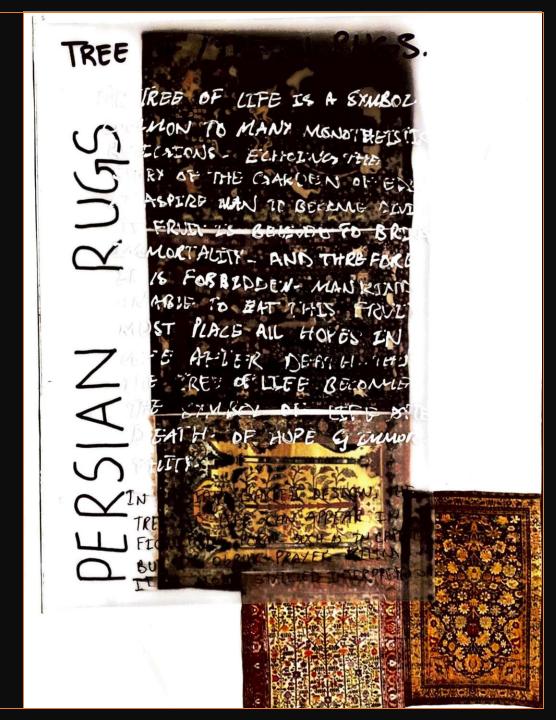
Tree of life in different cultures

- Every religion (Christianity, Judaism, Celtic Beliefs, Islam, Buddhism,) have their own beliefs about the tree of life. Some of the common meaning of Tree of Life.
- A connection to everything.
- Ancestry, family & fertility.
- Growth and strength.
- Individuality, unique characteristics.
- Immortality and rebirth
- Peace
- Connection between the heaven and earth and hell



AFTER STUDYING THE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY AND DIFFERENT INTERPETATIONS OF TREE OF LIFE, I LOOKED FOR SOME OF THE WORK WHICH HAS DONE BEFORE AND SOME EXAMPLES.

Tree of life rugs and the concept of "Tree of Life" predates Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions. In its purest form, it stands as giver of life. However, Oriental rug weavers adapted the design to reflect the meaning compatible with their own local religion and culture. In every tradition in which this Motif is found, it is an important symbol of life and abundance.



Some of the early work



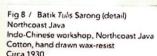
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Fig 12 / Castelo Branco Coverlet Portugal Linen, silk; embroidery Mid 18th century



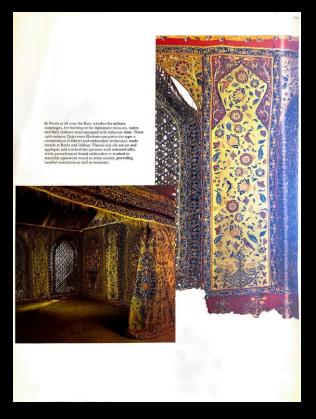
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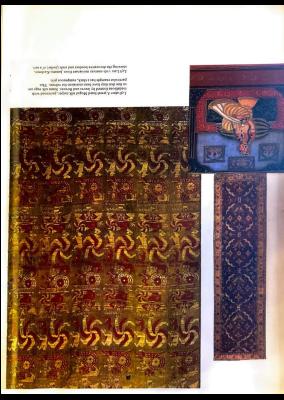


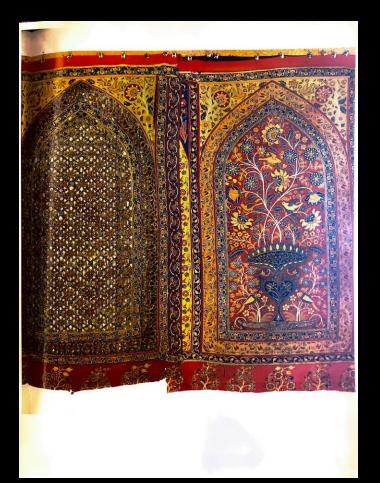
Some tree of life motifs from the books



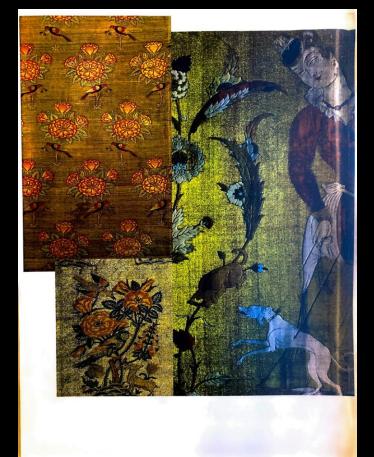










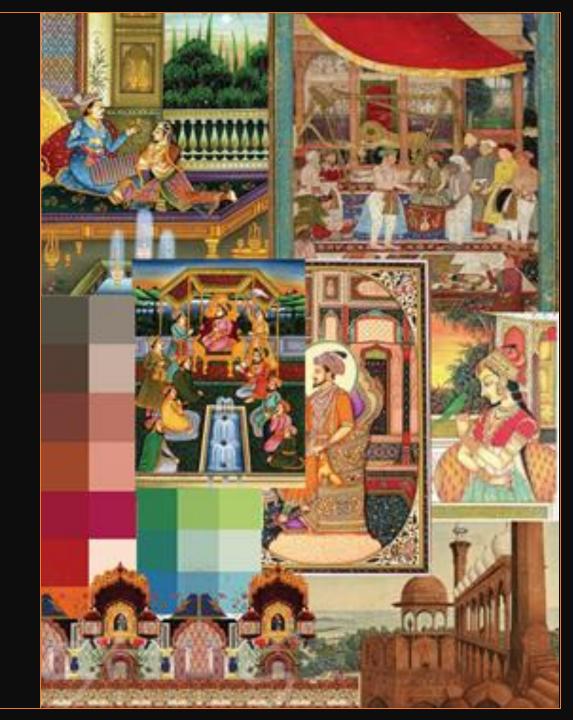


COLOUR PALETTE

After deciding the motif and initializing my conception the last thing afore doing my experimentation was finalizing the color palette, and for that I selected two different color palette's.

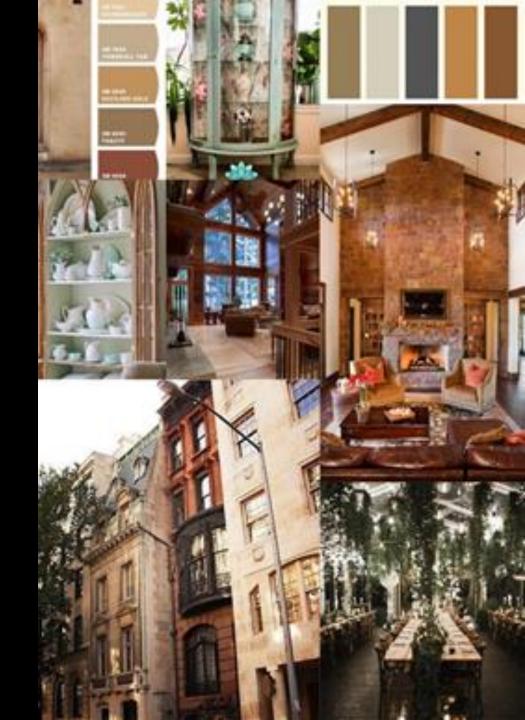
Mughal timeperiod inspired

- Mughal miniature
 painting was a blend of
 Persian and Indian styles
 that developed in Mughal
 courts between the 16th
 and 19th centuries.
- I choose this palette because of the livelihood in the colors of mughal art minatures.
- And also because mostly jamdani is weaved in bright colours with contrasting weft or gold zari



Rustic color palette

- This board is inspired by rustic theme
- Minimalist approach
- The colors of rustic style are deep and natural, with a relaxed and welcoming vibe.
- The reason why I chose this palette is because of the neutral color tones which gives the aesthetic of past into the present.
- Rustic looks also serve as a strong reminder to us that with time, the beauty of certain objects can evolve as well. It might take a while, but we eventually learn to appreciate the allure that they provide. And that is what my thesis is all about "REVIVING".



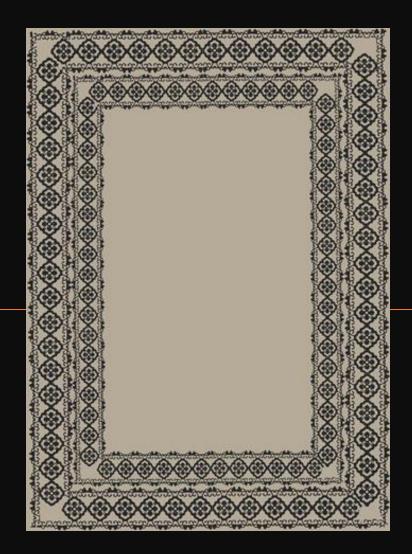
Print's and patterns

- So I made several prints and patterns or single motifs inspired by my motif research
- Some of them were inspired by tree of life some are inspired by banarsi fabric
- Some are done on photoshop and I additionally did sketching and paintings



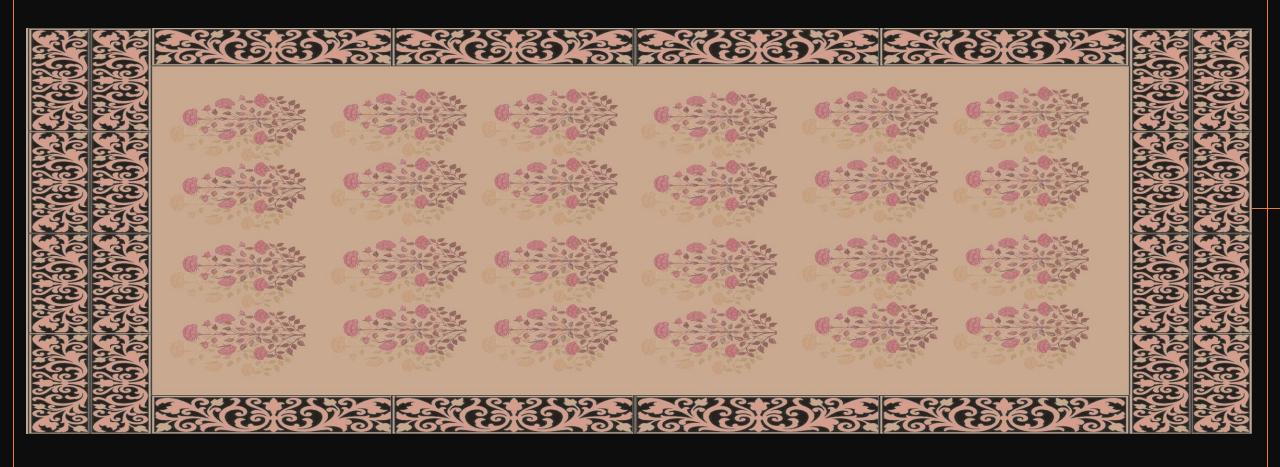


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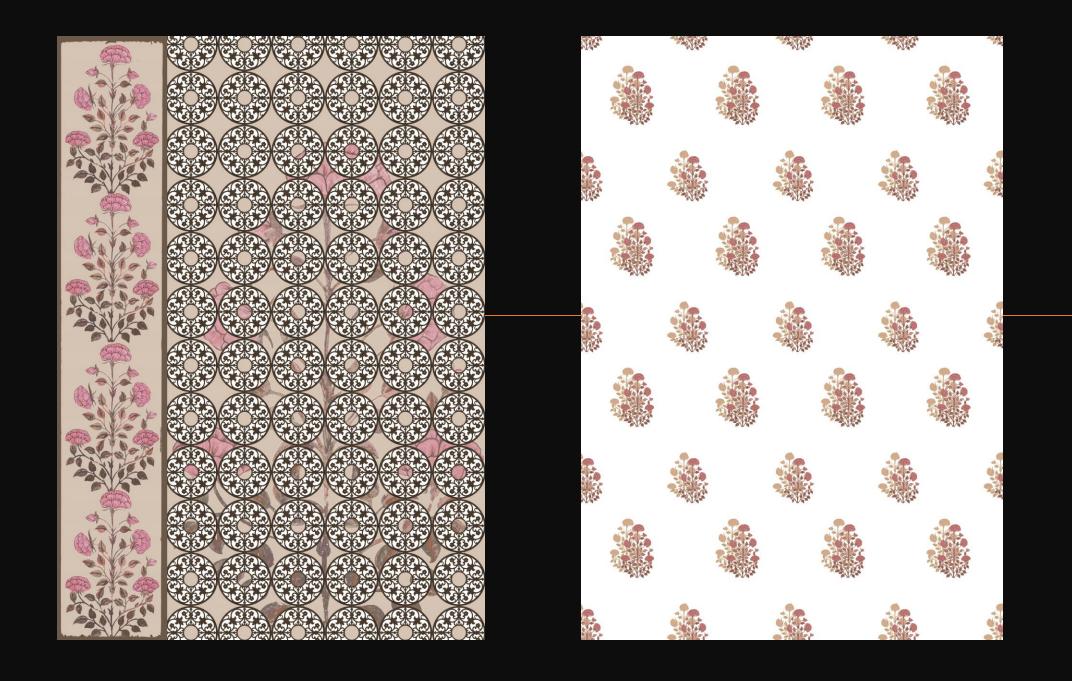


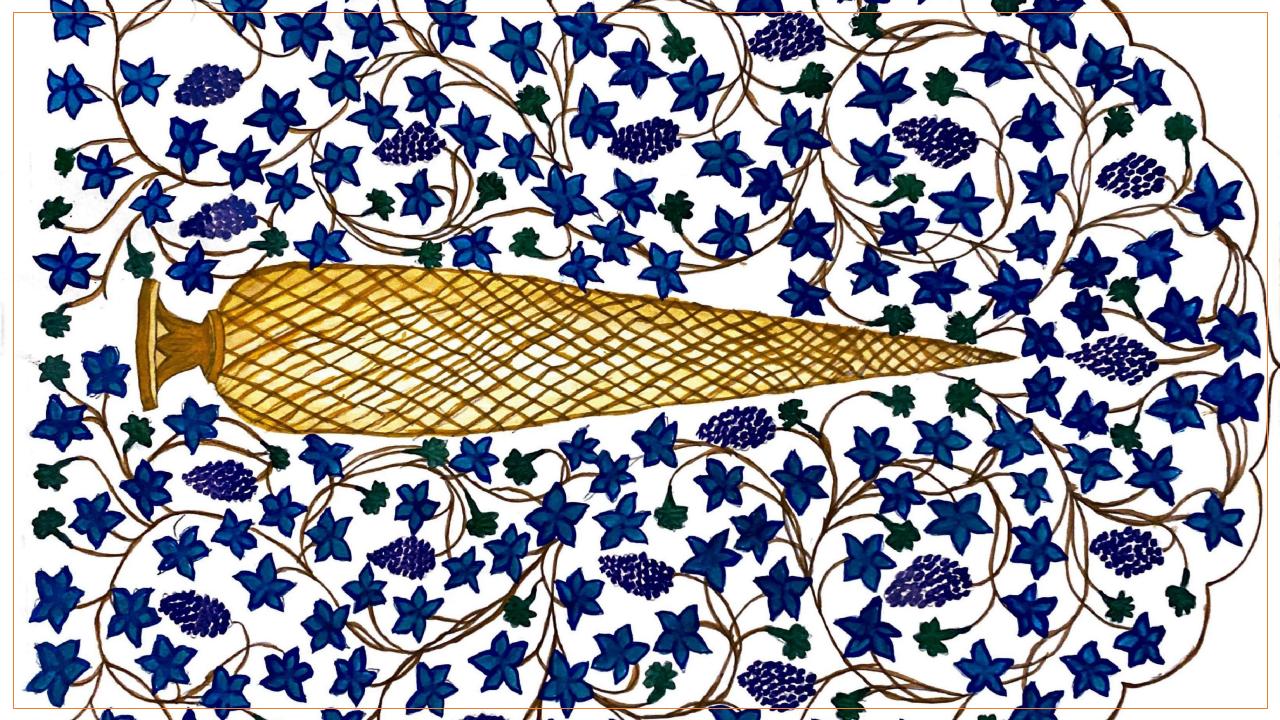






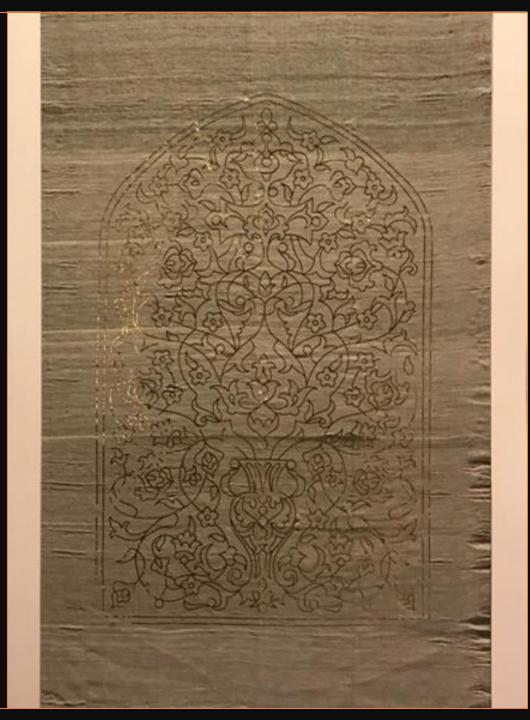




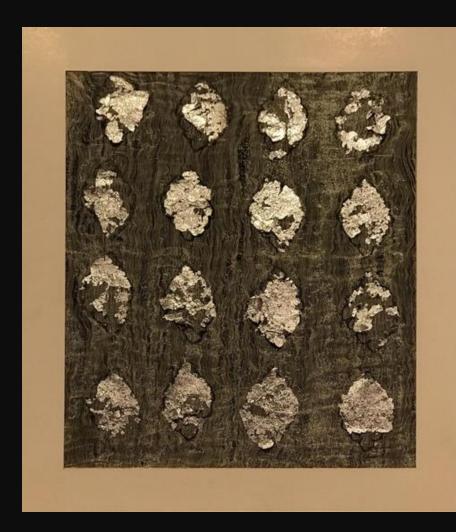


Fabrications

Size 20x36
Foil printing in gold
Thread cotton & cotton



Fabric weaved with pure Silk and Tilla
Handwork of silver foil (warq)
Size 20x20



- •Size A3
- Thread cotton and silk
- Adda work of tilla on the fabric
 - Motif: tree of life



•Size: A3

• Fabric: silk and silk

•Technique: Machine Embroidery with silk threads

Motif: tree of life



•Size : A2

- Fabric synthetic tissue
- •Technique: embossing technique
 - Motif: paisley



Size: A3
Weaved fabrics with cotton and silk but with different technique
Thread: silk and cotton

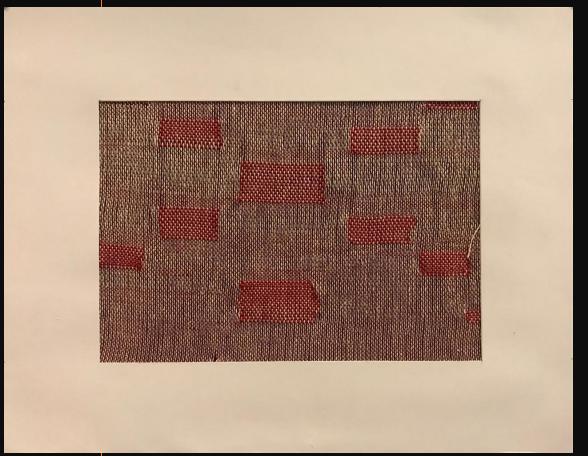




Jamdani Weaved Samples

- I learned the art of weaving jamdani by watching youtube videos
- These are my initial samples
- Presented these in my mini thesis
- Size: width 10 inches and height 6 inches
- Material: cotton, tilla, wool threads





- The first 2 samples
- Learning stage



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"MINITHESIS"





My final idea proposal got decided in the mini thesis which is "Renaissance/Revival of Jamdani" for that I studied the history, geography, its inception, etymology, catagories of the jamdani fabric, weaving process of the fabric and additionally the floral and geometric patterns of the fabric their stylizing and how the fabric evolved through out the time from mughal era to now a days, colours and then I begin making contemporary patterns and motifs for the final pieces, I remain sticked with my color palatte but I reconstructed the motifs, first I was doing tree of life but then I went with the jamdani's own motifs which are floral and geometric like(laharia, aribel, kharava, haribel, buta, phuldar, konia). Other than sarees jamdani is additionally kenned for scarfs and handkerchiefs. And I also chose to make some scarfs for final with sarees.

"REVIVAL OF JAMDANI"

THE CRAFT OF JAMDANI

• JAMDANI, without a doubt, is most trasured of all the Muslins. Jamdani was originally known as Dhakai named after the city of Dhaka, what makes it exceptional is its unique range of motifs and patterns, both geometrical and floral. Which are not found in any other textiles of the region. These patterns and motifs are of Persion origin by historisans. In Mughal's time period they brought Persian weaver's to work with indegenous artisans to weave Jamdani. It is the Persian word, signifying intricate weaving of flowers and other figures with fine muslin on the loom.



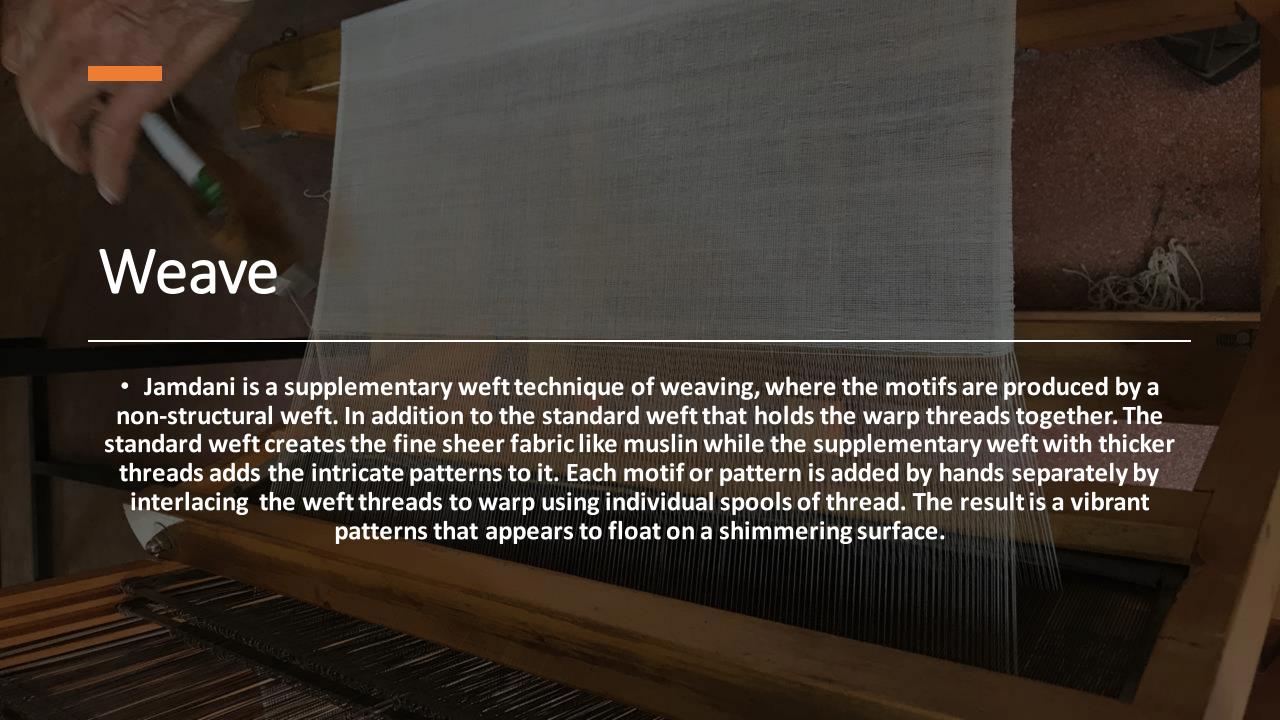
Motifs

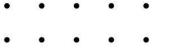
A Jamdani Saree which have small flowers dotted on the fabric is known as a Butidar
 Saree If the design is diagonally inclined, then it becomes a Tercha Jamdani.

The floral designs could includes flowers, peacocks, leaves and vines. If these motifs covers the full fabric then it is known as jhaldar, jaal saree.

Jamdani known as Phulwar and if the flowers are larger in the size it is Toradar. Some of the Jamdani varieties include Pulwar Jamdani where the pattern has rows of flowers across the saree, Duria Jamdani if the field is covered with polka dots like design, Belwari jamdani with colourful golden borders.

Generally different designs are weaved on the border, Pallu or end piece and the body.





Key Directions

VARIATIONS IN YARNS

- In Jamdani material is same in weft and warp.
- Colour of the yarn is same in weft and warp.
- The yarn is uniformly Coloured.
- It involves adding supplementary cotton weft after matching colour and weight of the foundation thread sample
- Attempts were made to explore possibilities in surface

VARIATION IN FORMS SCALE AND LAYOUT IN JAMDANI

- in jamdani form of the motifs are mostly floral geometric trees and other depictions from daily life.
- Designs are delicate.
- Jamdani has a characteristically unique border
- Designs are mainly classified under:
- 1) Individual florals motif called BUTIDAR.
- 2) Floral sprays diagonally arranged known as TERCHI,3) Regular Networks known as JHALAR OR JAAL

INTRODUCING A NEW TECHNIQUE- PAINTING OF THE WARP/EXTRA WEFT

- There are no floats in Jamdani Weaving.
- the extra weft has no texture as such, in many cases it is embossed or raised. as compared to the background.
- Scale of the specific motifs are uniform throughout the surface
- Attempts were made to explore the possibilities in design motifs and threads.

Decline and Fall

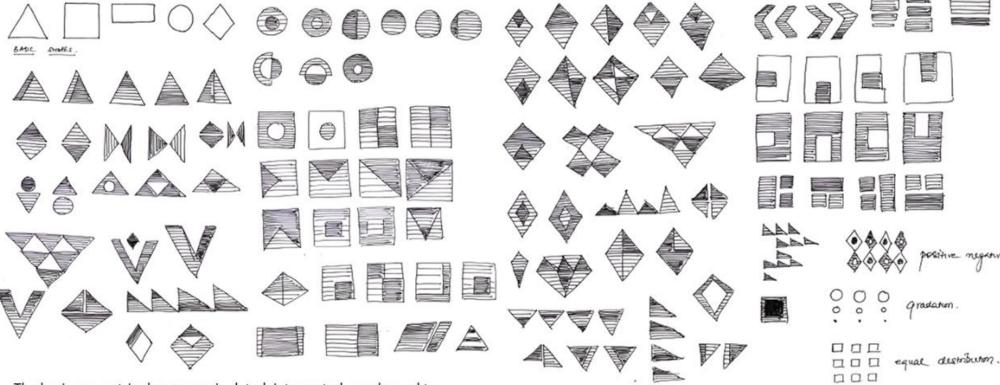
 The jamdani industry experienced gradual decline since the mid 19th century, during the British colonial era, perhaps the greatest setup jamdani industry faced the fall of Mughal empire, and the number of additional factors also contributed to the fall of industry throughout the ages which includes climate changes, cultivation of cotton crops, use of cheap yarns, and also the biggest one of them all use of machinery in the English textile industry and also the low income which forced many artisans to leave this profession of weaving.

S.W.O.T ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES Skilled artisans The weavers don't get reasonable prices for their work Lack of training facilities Unique characteristics of craft form High demand of product in international market Lack of organizational strenght Sustaiable approach towards product development Inadequate welfare measures **OPPORTUNITIES THREATS** Huge market in sustainable world Young generation don't want to pursue this work because of less Creative product packaging income Training more artisans Lack of education and awarness regarding ongoing campaigns and schemes to save this craft Telling more people about this unique craft Selling product with GI tag in order to prove authenticity No investment's Products made on powerloom are available in market at much lower price

Final Prints

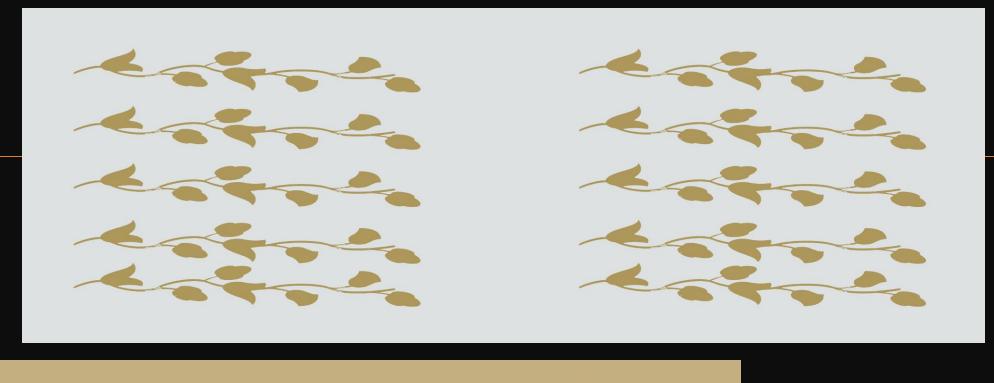
INITIAL FORM EXPLORATIONS

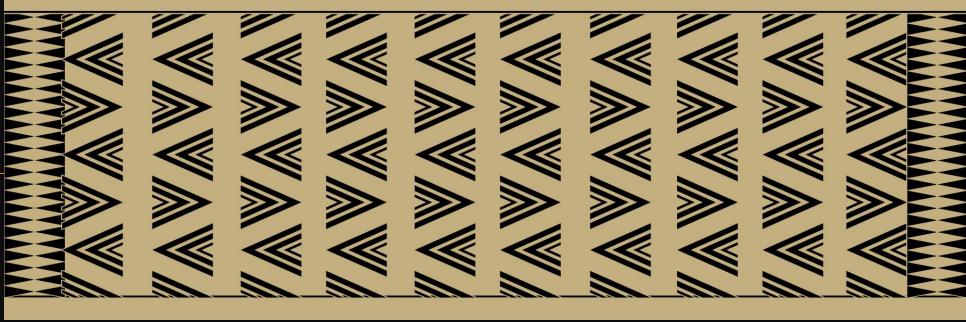


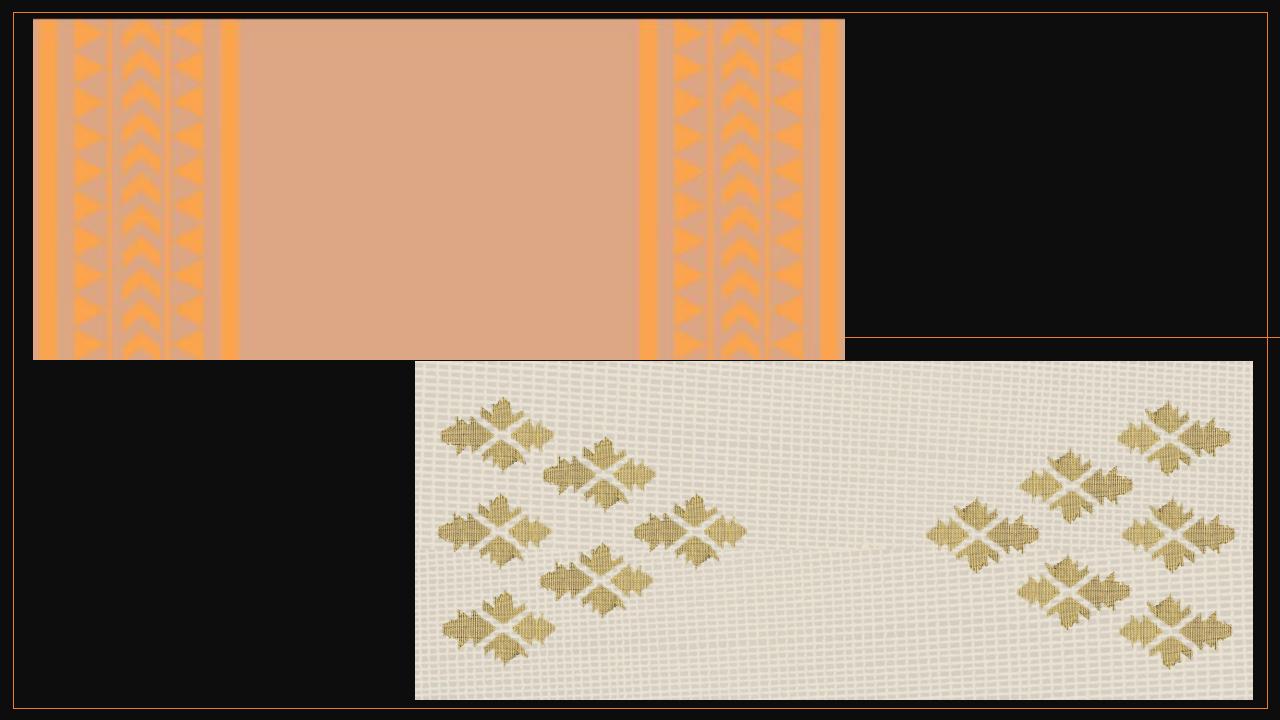
The basic geometric shapes manipulated, intersected, overlapped to achieve the following-

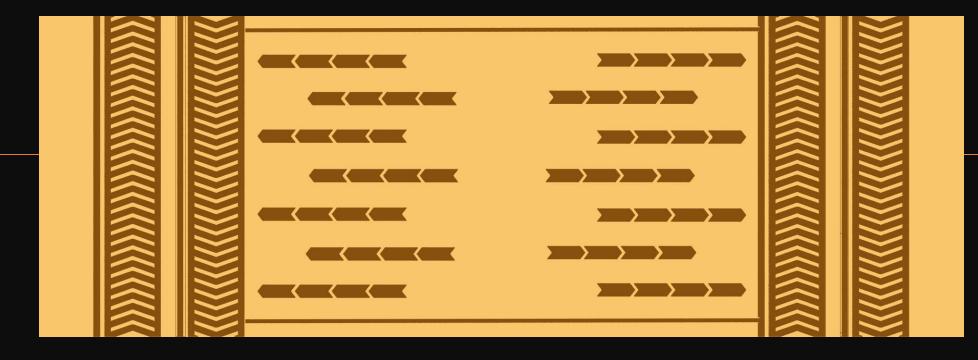
- Positive and Negative forms
- Character of transparency and opacity
- Gold/ zari finish to accentuate certain parts of design
- Matt Finish
- Using different yarn counts to impart visual interest
- Using space dyeing, ombre with plain weaves
- Breaking rigidity of geometric forms
- Use of colours as a design element where ever possible

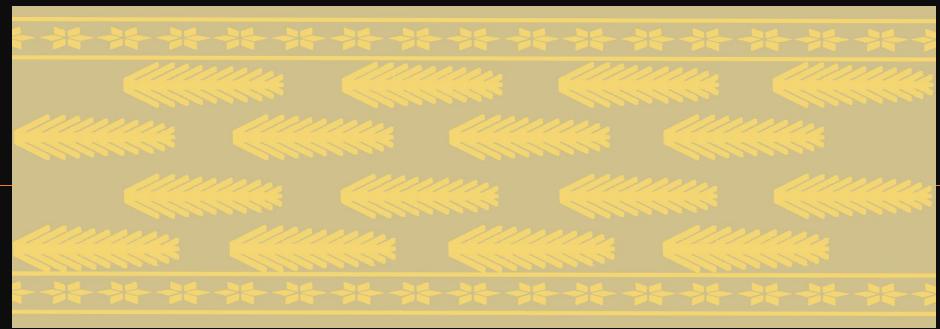
- Abrash texture
- A Shape transformation forming the motif blanket
- Change in the number of plies between 2-3 subsequent weft insertions in jamdani, there by making the form heavier in some places and sparce in others
- Use of positive and negative space within form to give depth.

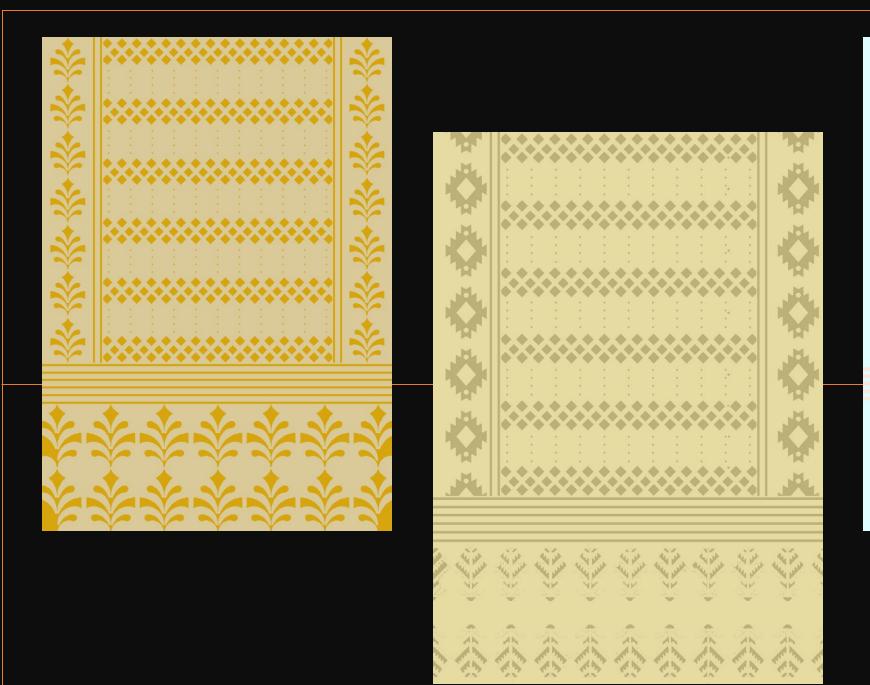


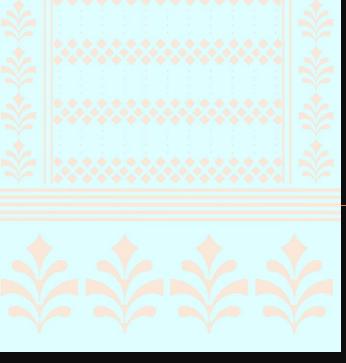








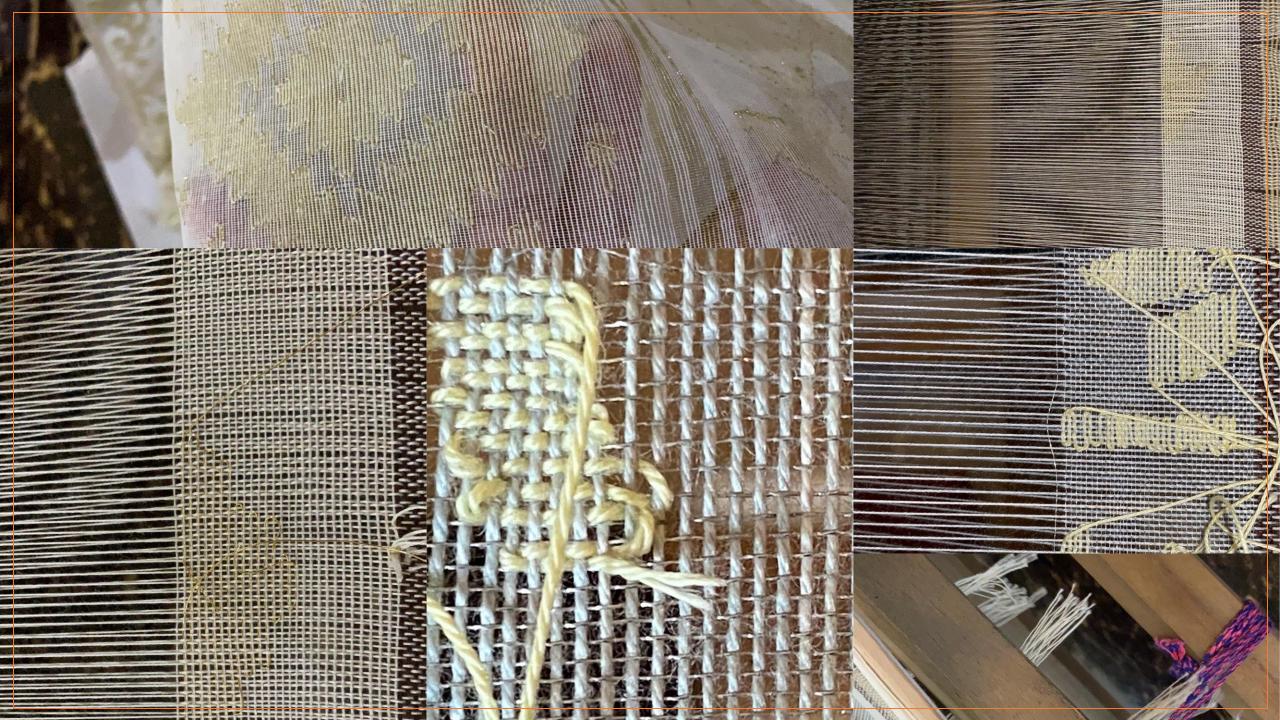




Process from dying to weaving and final samples















Final Samples

- Final Samples
- Experimentation for saree's and scarfs motifs
- Size: 6 inches x 10 or 12 inches
- Color: white on white (in some samples I used Gold Tilla)
- Thread: cotton on Cotton + Tilla













"Final thesis"



Initially my conception was to train people here in Pakistan for Jamdani weaving but because of the coronavirus thing and lockdown. I wasn't able to train people here for the weaving, and afore this lockdown I went to Karachi and probed for weaver's there and additionally with the avail of them I contacted some of the weaver's and people there in Bangladesh who helped me with the project, and the saree's are from the Bengali weavers I sent them my patterns and samples. but I endeavored to do as much as I can here in lockdown I trained two people here in weaving one is in my village and one is Amir in the university who helped me with weaving the scarfs.

Scarf (weave details)

Saree (weave details)

- Scarfs size: 22x70 inches
- Thread: cotton on cotton (cotton 20 double)
- Yarn count: 1 inch is 22 threads (22x22=486)
- Weave technique: plain weave and motifs are made with twill tapestry weave
- Motifs: geometric and floral
- Motif thread: 8& 12 WeightQuilting Thread
- Reed: 22

- Saree size: 237x52 inches
- Thread: finest cotton and also gold zari
- Yarn count: 200 by 200
- Reed: 2200
- Motifs: geometric and floral
- Weave technique: plain weave and motifs are made with twill tapestry weave.
- Motif thread: zari and cotton thread

> Final Work

In my final I did 6
pieces
which includes 3
sarees and 3 scarfs











