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- Beautiful designs and has the unique identity
- A weaver created the way of passing thread with various colors alternately or lifts thread up often as weaving
- Although each design is complicated and difficult, it indicates the art of wisdom
- Multiple purpose use

The king is very pleased and gave the name “Rachawat” which is very popular at present.

Processing of weaving cloth must prepare threads. In the past, the threads of Koh Yo made from the white or khaki cotton grew by villagers and mainly dyed with natural dyes, such as from the bark, the root, and the fruit of the local trees. At present, they never grow it to weave cloth because this region abounds with rains all the year round; it made the cotton rotten easily. In addition, the old process of dyeing threads was difficult with many steps. The weavers always buy instant threads or artificial fibre, such as, polyester and rayon, which the villagers call them “To Ra” and they use a natural or artificial silk for weaving the Koh Yo fabric in stead of the cotton fibre because they are more durable and colorful.

Kinds of Fibre for Weaving the Koh Yo fabric

- 1. Cotton** is a fibre used for weaving the Koh Yo fabric in the early time. It come from a fruit of cotton tree grew by the villagers. There are a lof of species, such as, Abland, Asia etc. Each has a different length from 0.5 to 2 inches. Weaving with long fibres will get a high- quality fabric because they could be spun into smooth, small, strong and shiny threads. However, although short fibres becomes the coarse threads, they are more durable.
- 2. Rayon** is a synthetic fibre used for weaving the Koh Yo fabric at present. The weavers are in flavor of Grade A no.40/2 rayons which are made from natural cellulose, such as, wood pulp or cotton scraps. Its characteristic is different from the cotton; toughness, durability, stability and less absorbent.
- 3. Nylon** is a synthetic fibre used for weaving the Koh Yo fabric. It is the polymer in a type of polyamite with many formulas, such as, Nylon 6 and Nylon 66 etc.
- 4. Polyester** is a synthetic fibre which is the polymer of ester produced from hydric, alcohol and tefethalic acid.
- 5. Artificial Silk** is a synthetic fibre in a group of acrylic which the Koh Yo people use to weave cloth due to be tough, durable and cheap.
- 6. Natural Silk** is a fibre, which a group of the Rachawat Saengsongla weavers use to weave cloth. The natural silk no.30 – 32 is ordered from Phetchaboon Province. Clothes woven with natural silk are more expensive than artificial one.



Utility and Value of the Koh Yo Handwoven cotton native fabric

The main purpose of weaving the pha tho Koh Yo is for directly uses in a daily life and a special occasion- besides, for utility on mind.

The Koh Yo woven textiles are widely sold both in the Koh Yo market and a nearby one. The villagers weave them to sell by the yard. In general, the folk people call it “toong” (1 toong = 2 yards), in other words, 1 toong of the Koh Yo woven textiles can be cut out a sarong or a skirt. If a woman wants to cut out a dress, she must have 2 toong or 4 yards.

At present, not only being the clothing, the pha tho Koh Yo is also applied to other products, for examples, a necktie, a handkerchief, a flower, a cover of document file, a tissue box, a pillow case, a picture frame and others, selling in the local product shops. These can make a good income to people in the community.

There was a research into the value of Koh Yo fabric that can be classified as following;

- **Value on the daily uses** – found that the need on the daily uses is a determination of shapes, design structures and a selection of tools and devices. The pha tho Koh Yo indicates the intelligence of folk weavers very well that they understand in the principal of setting a shape easily. However, it displays their own unique characteristics and values on the daily uses towards harmony in the state of living.
- **Value on the beauty** – from a research, it found that the pha tho Koh Yo is a woven textile which has a value on the beauty with unique characteristics. It balances on the colors, the proportion and the sizes of design properly.
- **Value on the cultures** – found that the villagers in Songkhla Province and nearby ones, such as, Pattalung, Pattani, Yala and Nakonsrithammarat, wear clothes, especially the pha tho Koh Yo, in a festival and a special occasion – Songkran Day, Buddhist Lent Day, Loy Kratong and a seminar etc. They are proud and show the unity of group.
- **Value on the economics** – Originally, weaving was only for using in daily life and a special occasion. Later, the Koh Yo people have gathered into many weaving groups, such as, a group of Dok Phi Kun (flower), of Tha Sai and of Rachawat Saengsongla I. Each of them sends the woven textiles to many places for sale. Incomes from them make the Koh Yo people better in living.
- **Value on the relative society** – It is found that the system of relations has both in the families, the communities and the outside communities which can be classified in 4 parts; the relation to families, communities, between communities and countries.
- **Value on the form of characters** – It is found that when the villagers help weaving, they have a system of administration and management in their group, including a working process. It makes the people to be patient, kind, diligent and economical.
- **Other values** – Nowadays, the pha tho Koh Yo helps to promote the tourism, especially on household handicrafts. Government and private sectors support a household to produce the pha tho Koh Yo in order to supply to the tourism and more uses in daily life. The pha tho Koh Yo is a local handicraft with fame in the district, the region and the country. When tourists come in Hat Yai and Songkhla, they usually go to see the weaving demonstration at Koh Yo and also buy the woven textiles and other local products for being a souvenir to relatives and friends. This helps to promote the pha tho Koh Yo widely.

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Scarf



Pillowcase



Tissue box



Table napkin or handkerchief



Miscellaneous
Purpose



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Coin Purse





Plaid Cotton



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