

Celebrating Mothers

Artists are often inspired by the people closest to them. Today, we take a look at how mothers have been depicted in artworks.

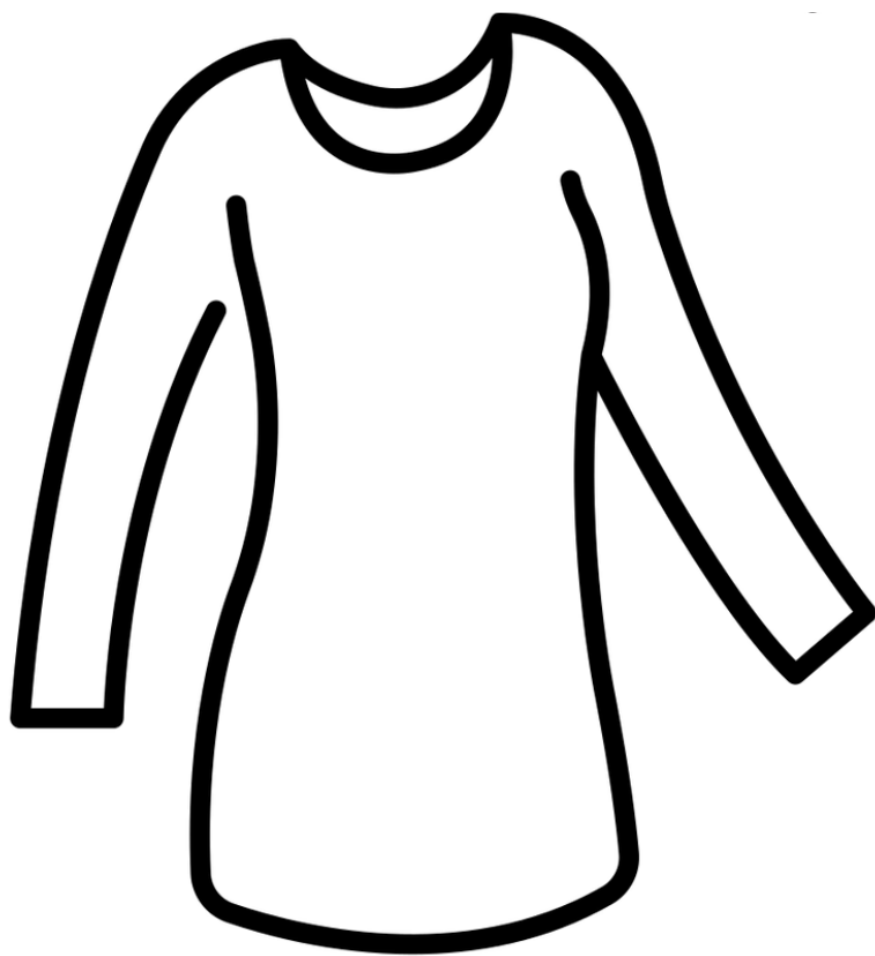
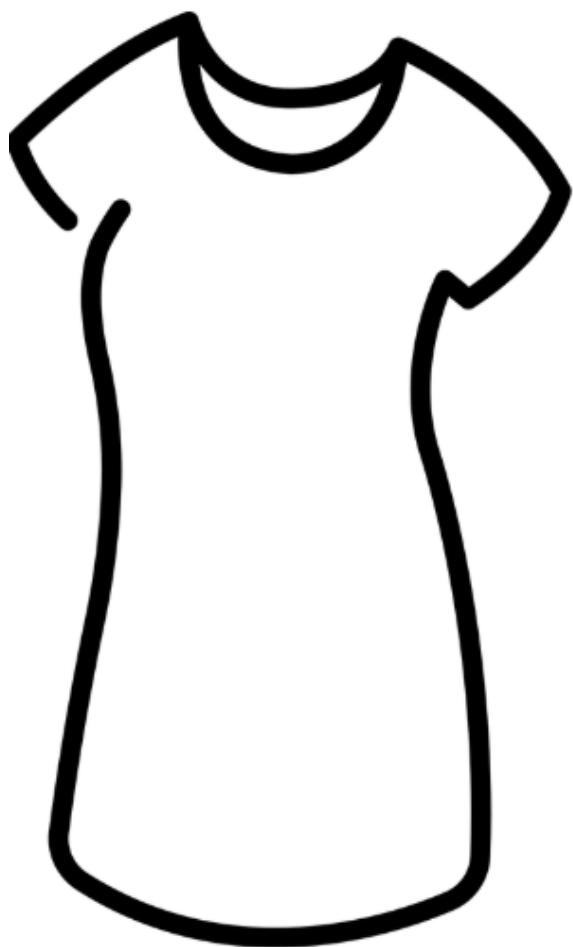


Chuah Thean Teng. *Lullaby*. Undated. Batik, 85.5 x 87.5 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

Batik was traditionally used to dye fabrics, which were then made into sarongs and other types of clothing. However, Malaysia artist Chuah Thean Teng used batik techniques as a way to paint and express his artistic thoughts.

As a child, Chuah's interest in art and craft was influenced by his mother who made shoes for women whose feet were bound.

- In this artwork, he shows the side profile of a mother as she rocks her child gently to sleep in a sarong. If you could paint the mother and child from a different angle, what would it be, and why?
- Observe the details in the dress of the mother. Do you see a repeated pattern?



Draw your own pattern on these clothes.



If you could design a piece of clothing for your mother, what would it look like?

