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# RYUKYU BINGATA

## Ryukyu Traditional Textiles

### What is Ryukyu Bingata?

Ryukyu Bingata is a dyed and woven textile produced around Shuri, Okinawa prefecture. Ryukyu Bingata with its bright colors has been handed down through generations and is a textile full of mystery that blends in with the natural environment of Okinawa. There are two kinds of pattern, a brightly dyed pattern called bingata and indigo dyed pattern called aigata.



Bingata



Aigata

#### Fun Facts

- ✦ Worn by the ladies of the royal family or families of the warrior class during the 14th to 15th century.
- ✦ Features rich colors and bold color combinations unique to tropical places.
- ✦ A number of classic patterns show the influence of mainland Japan, China and Southeast Asia.

### Ryukyu Bingata Products



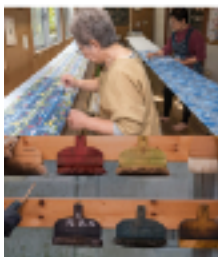
Traditionally, bingata fabric is made into traditional clothes. Thanks to the efforts of the Ryukyu Bingata Preservation and Expansion Consortium, there is now a licensing arm that provides digital image material of dress patterns and hand-dyed bingata owned by its members. This licensing service allows members to use these designs commercially, thus making it easy to apply bingata patterns to various types of items.



The service also handles the sales of attractive and iconic bingata material through its Ryukyu bingata design store accessible from this website: <https://bingatadesign.com/>

### Ryukyu Bingata Making Process

- ✦ **Katatsuke** is a technique that uses a paper pattern, and is used for a standard length of material used in a kimono known as *hijaku*, and obi belts.
- ✦ **Tsutsuhiki** is a technique that uses free-hand drawing, used for various products including tabi/su certians and wrapping cloths called *furoshiki*.



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