



## **TONG BATIK**

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# Tong Batik Artisans



**Thong Batik is situated in the Khorat Plateau, the center of the traditional silk weaving area of Thailand. Batik dyeing has a long history in Khorat yet has been practiced by only a small number of artisans who then train select younger artisans. Batik dyed cloth utilizes a wax-resist technique of dyeing. Traditional floral designs are hand drawn on the silk cloth using a canting, a tool that dispenses hot, liquid wax through a narrow spout. The silk cloth is dyed; however, the wax covered area resists the dye. When the wax is removed in boiling water, the pattern is revealed. Thong Batik is a master of this traditional yet unique process.**







