

# Assamese hand-woven motifs and development of the center panel designs for *Kurti*

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Assam has a glorious cultural tradition in textiles and handloom weaving. The traditional handloom fabrics of Assam unfold the creative genius of the local weavers. The colours, patterns and designs signify artistic property and social significance. It has been observed that traditional costumes are often decorated with motifs depicting various kinds of plants and animals or their parts, inanimate objects and in some cases abstract art. However, these items are generally found limited to the traditional items. This study was an attempt to popularize the Assamese woven motifs used by the weavers in their textile craft to create Center panel designs for *Kurti*.

■ **KEY WORDS**: Motifs, Center panel, Handloom weaving, *Kurti*

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