



**CREATIVE DIGNITY**

VOICES FROM  
**BIHAR**



## INTRODUCTION

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#CreativeDignity is an unprecedented national movement of India's leading artisan skill-based development organisations and master artisans in response to the devastating effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on millions of rural artisan manufacturers across India.



(Apindra Swain's art shows mythological figures wearing face masks)

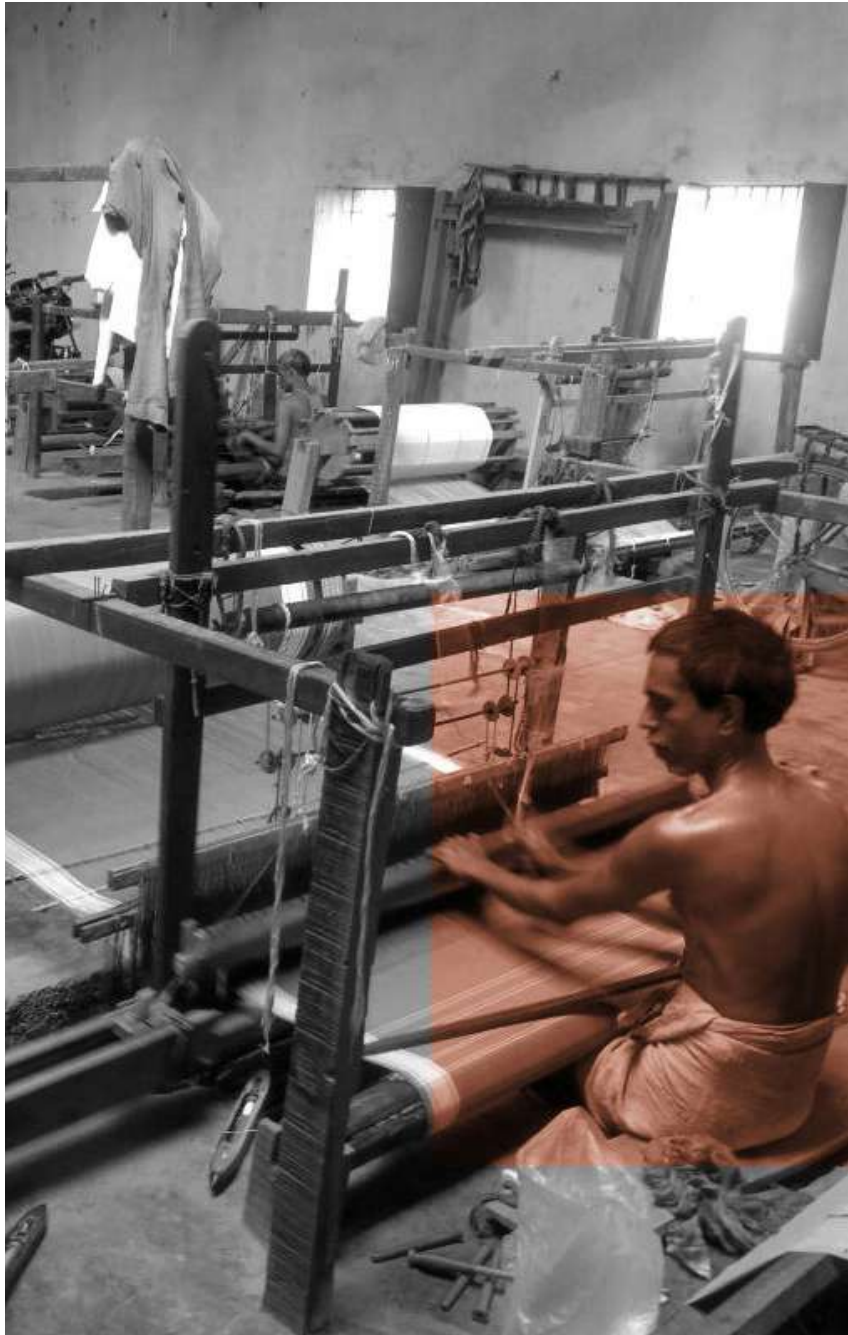
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# HANDLOOMS OF BIHAR

## The Technique of Extra Weft: The Timeless Weaves of Bihar

Extra weft is a fascinating display of hand skill, where each motif is created by inserting an extra weft (bana) to the standard weft that holds the warp (tana) together. As the weaver weaves the weft yarn, the shuttle intertwines with the warp yarn and a base fabric emerges on the loom. It is on this base fabric that an extra weft is deftly woven in by using a small spool of yarn to create an extra weft motif. There are some very fine and exquisite motifs that emerge out of this magical craft and embellish hand woven fabrics such as saris, fabrics, stoles, dupattas and home line such as bedcovers, curtains and table covers.





## SELECT

Pick the products you're interested in using this catalogue. Make note of the quantity, size and colours.

## PLACE ORDER

Once your selection is confirmed, please share your selected product code with the artisan along with quantity of chosen products. Also share your billing & delivery address for your invoice.

## PAY

Pay using bank transfer, NEFT, Google pay or even Paytm. You're directly paying to the artisan you're buying from, therefore the method depends on them.

## RECIEVE

Once the payment is received by the artisan, your product will be packed and dispatched by the artisan. Cost of packing and dispatch will be at actuals.

# SHOP & SUPPORT

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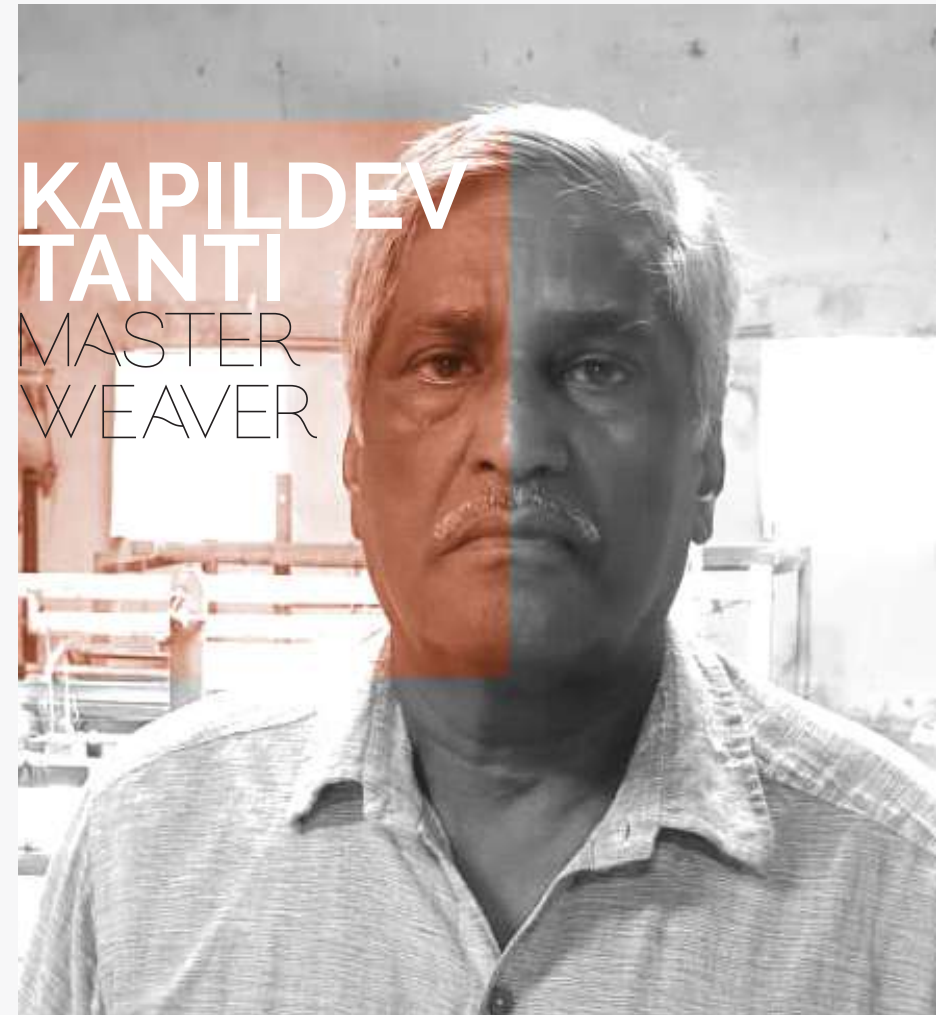
**BASWAN BIGHA PRIMARY WEAVERS  
CO OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.**

**MADHYA BIHAR GRAMIN BANK  
BRANCH: BIHAR SHARIF**

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## ARTISAN PROFILE

Basvanbigha Primary Weavers Cooperative Society, established in 1980 is one of the surviving legends in the fast disappearing handloom canvas of Bihar. Mentored and ably led by Kapildev Tanti, it is one of the oldest clusters that has survived the harshness of the machine-fed textiles. The society is known for its high skill extra weft cotton handlooms including the legendary Baavanbuti saris. The weavers of the society are natives of Nalanda district, the cradle of Buddhism and their work is deeply influenced by the Buddhist culture that imparts a purity in their handcraft. Lack of government support and loss of patronage resulted in the weavers migration and switching to other menial means of livelihood. The society is survived by few weavers who have Kapildev as their mentor and leader, Being a weaver himself, Kapildev has relentlessly pursued handloom orders for his tiny co-operative society regardless of the innumerable hurdles that have lined his path since the early 80's. His father had the privilege to work with the legendary Padmashree Upendra Maharathi ji, a legend who is credited with the development of folk art and craft of Bihar. Since early 80's it has been a struggle that has just taken the worst turn with stocks of 4 lakhs of bed linen and prospects of no market this year. His markets are the various Shilp bazaars, trade fairs across the country.





Kapil Jee in on his loom





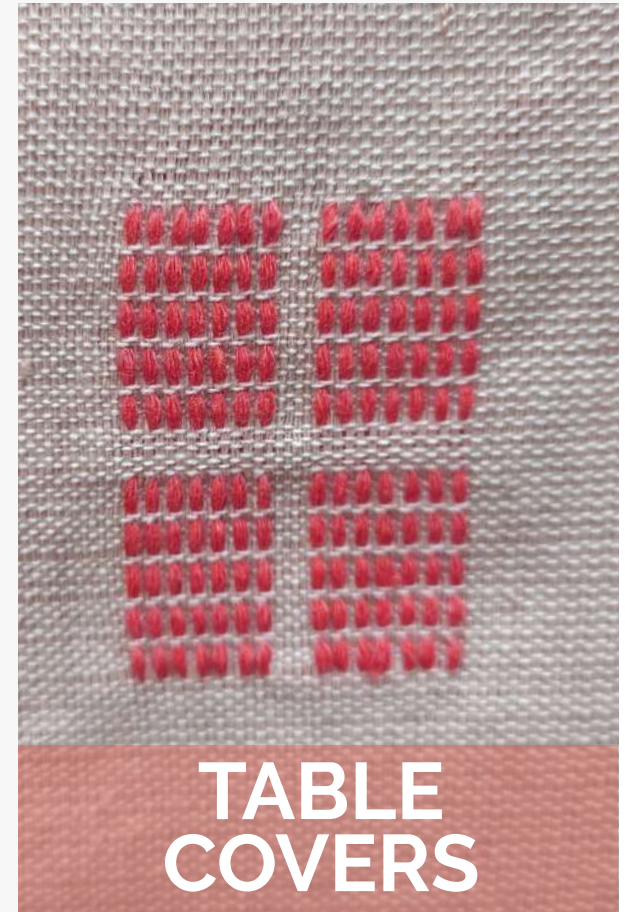
# COTTON HANDLOOM TEXTILES IN EXTRA WEFT



Yarn dyed extra weft handloom bedspreads with very intricate motifs, subtle colours to blend with every mood.



These elegant hand woven textiles with interesting motifs are made with extra weft technique. The artisan has played around with the motif and form selection to give it a very contemporary look



Available in two sizes, these table covers can serve as a multipurpose textile in every household. Easy to wash and dry, these are available in both multi and bi colour yarns.

# FAQ

## Regarding Bulk Orders & Design intervention

### How much stock is available with him?

-He currently has 200 bedcovers which he would like to sell to settle his finances; looks forward to repeat orders for his current designs.

### Is he willing to work with designers / stores and to change and adjust their designs to outside specifications?

-He can take fresh designs for bedcovers but later, currently prefers to work on same designs though color combinations can be changed.

### What's his MOQ and how much time would it take for him to prepare fresh orders?

-His MOQ is 20 pieces each in the 2 sizes. The Lead time to complete 20 bedcovers will be 1 month. 75% advance payment is a must with balance 25% at the time of delivery.

### What are the specifications of the pricing provided in the catalogue?

-Rates mentioned in the catalogue are valid till December 2020 for the present designs only. Rates are exclusive of GST, packing and transport and remain same for bulk orders.

## SINGLE BED COVERS



BH01SB01Red  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 600/-



BH01SB01Orange  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 600/-

# SINGLE BED COVERS



BH01SB01Beige  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 600/-



BH01SB01Yellow  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 600/-

## SINGLE BED COVERS



BH01SB01Blue  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 600/-



BH01SB02  
SIZE: 90"x60"  
MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 800/-

## DOUBLE BED COVERS



BH01DB01Beige  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 1200/-



BH01DB01Orange  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 1200/-

## DOUBLE BED COVERS



BHo1DB01Yellow  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 1200/-



BHo1DB01Pink  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRINCE: INR 1200/-

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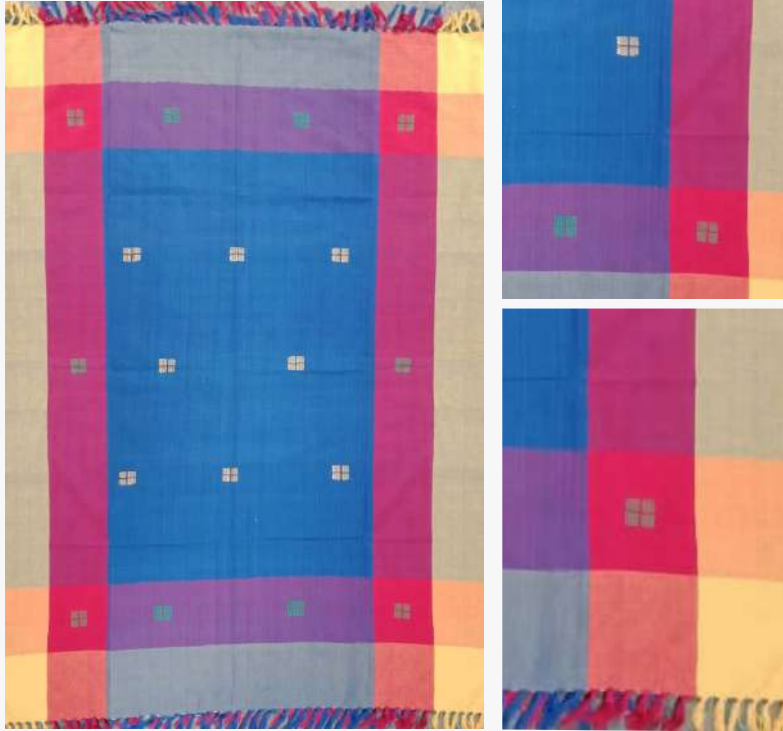
BH01DB01Red  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 1200/-



BH01DB02  
SIZE: 90"x108"  
MATERIAL:Handwoven pure cotton  
PRICE: INR 1400/-



## TABLE COVERS

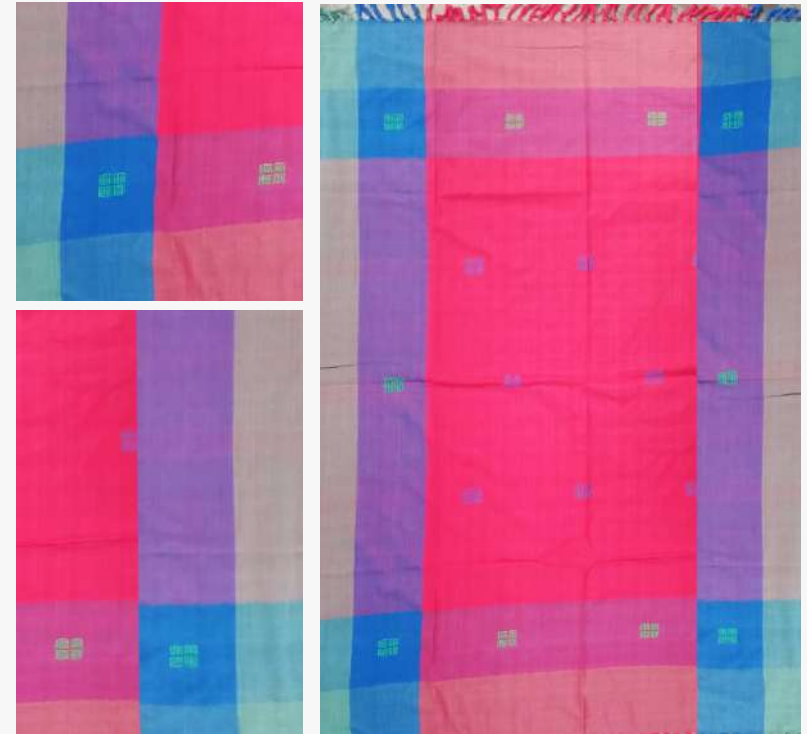


BHo1TCo1Blue

SIZE: 51"X63" & 45"X45"

MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton

PRICE: INR 375/- & INR 300/-



BHo1TCo1Magenta

SIZE: 51"X63" & 45"X45"

MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton

PRICE: INR 375/- & INR 300/-

## TABLE COVERS



BHo1TC01White

SIZE: 51"X63" & 45"X45"

MATERIAL: Handwoven pure cotton

PRICE: INR 375/- & INR 300/-



All the product photos have been taken by the artisans themselves. Kindly look beyond the pixels to appreciate their craft & effort towards a digital future.

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