

## Indian Kantha Cloth Inspires ROSA

Kantha cloth, known as “nakshi kantha” in Bangladesh, is a popular folk tradition for creating light bed quilts out of used and worn saris. In its most traditional form, usable parts of old saris are cut into big pieces and laid out flat to form a large square. Patterns and colors are pieced together and small holes are covered with bright patches.



Pieces are stitched together to form one large piece that is layered with light batting and another single piece of fabric. These layers are held together with continual running stitches, known as *kantha stitches* that are close together in parallel rows. The *kantha stitches*, stabilize the quilt, keep the layers from slipping and provide colorful embellishment to these quilts that are used for beds, sofas and even walls. *Kantha* cloth honors the idea of recycling beautiful sari fabric into other useful items.

This ancient textile tradition provided the inspiration for Rosa, a new fabric from Place.

