

Special “Dupta Tie and Dye Course”

**02 Days Tie & Dye Training at Women Skills Training Centre,
Dhulli, Nar Sher Ali Khan, Bagh (AJK).**

Definition of “Dupta”:

Pakistani and Kashmiri women traditionally wear three piece dress, called ‘Shalwar Kameez’. Shalwar is lower/pajamas, Kameez is top/shirt and the third piece is a 2-3 yards long very fine cloth, dyed in any one of the matching colors in the Shalwar - kameez. Women also use this third piece, called “Dupta’ to cover their head when they go out of their homes to do traditional chores or to go to schools, college or any other place.

This ‘Dupta’ along with Shalwar-kameez dyed in different colors looks very pleasant and adds to the beauty of the dress. Generally the Shalwar-kameez is bought in one piece of cloth and then is stitched separately into Shalwar and kameez, whereas Dupta is bought separately in white colors and later on dyed in any matching color to the suit. Some times ‘Dupta’ also comes as a third piece with Shalwar kameez already dyed and printed in same or matching patterns as the dress.

This traditional job of dyeing a Dupta is done by the dyer called in local language “Lalliayree”. This skill demand special training and a very strong knowledge of colors. As dyer has to dye a white piece of fabric into matching colors of the dress, which is a tough job.

Objective of the activity:

Skill enhancement of Women and small entrepreneurs to establish and strengthen the enterprise to reduce poverty.

Background:

Due to the tough terrain of Kashmir and village population scattered over the mountains, it is difficult for the women to go to main market every time they have to get a Dupta dyed. Therefore students at the WSTC have been demanding that if a

short course could be arranged for them at the centre, to complement the overall training of the tailoring.

Keeping in mind the need and the demand of the student a joint collaborative effort was made with another NGO called Islamic Relief, who are also running Skills Training Centre, in the city of Bagh and have a dyer as an instructor in their centre. They were kind enough to extend the support and agreed to have a short two days Dupata dyeing course at WSTC, Dhulli.

Partnership with NGO - Islamic Relief

Introduction:

Islamic Relief started working in Pakistan under the aegis of Islamic Relief Pakistan in 1992 to promote sustaining economic and social development through a participatory community development approach. It has its head quarter in Birmingham (UK) and offices in over 38 countries across Europe, America, Asia and Africa. Islamic Relief Pakistan, since its inception in early nineties has been successfully implementing various relief and development projects in Livelihood, Water and Sanitation, Health, Education, Disaster Preparedness, and Orphan Support sectors.

Right now, its major operational focus is on Balochistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Rawalpindi in Pakistan. It has been providing emergency and relief assistance in all major human and natural disasters in Pakistan since its establishment in 1992.

Course:

In this context a 02 Day Tie & Dye training was held on September 5th and 6th, 2007 at Women's Skills Training Centre, Dhulli, Nar Sher Ali Khan, jointly organized by Islamic Relief and WSTC.

The course was attended by 48 female students, out of which 42 were either current or ex students of WSTC from 1st, 2nd and 3rd batches. Whereas balance 6 women attended the course on behalf of Islamic Relief Community organization from the surrounding villages.

An experienced dyer/trainer Mr. Abdul Jabbar was invited to impart the training. All the participants took keen interest in this course and gave the feedback of course being very informative and practical.

Training module:

- * Introduction of HOPE- 87 & Islamic Relief
- * Introduction of the participants
- * Need and importance of skill
- * Introduction of Tie & Dye & Techniques
- * Full practical work

Revision on 2nd day:

At the start of 2nd day, 1st day exercise was revised so that any weakness on the part of trainees could be overcome. The trainees were highly motivated and maximum attendance was observed the training.



“Duapta Dying course” training being imparted

Vote of Thanks:

We are Thankful to Islamic Relief for their cooperation and special thanks go to Ms. Nasreen Akhtar, Community Development Officer (CDO) of Islamic Relief Pakistan who helped coordinating the entire event.

Group Photo of participants:



Participants of the Course

Ser. No	Name	Daughter of	Education	Village/Community Organization
1	Zubaida Khatoon	Sher Zaman	5 th	Srimang
2	Iffat Shaheen	Ashraf Khan	5 th	Nakar NSAK
3	Kausar Perveen	Maqbool	7 th	Phoniary
4	Naseem Akhtar	Younas Khan	Nil	Jhundi
5	Rabia Hafeez	M Hafeez	10 th	Paddar
6	Naheed Akhtar	M Yaqoob	12 th	Sannikas
7	Shumaila Aslam	M Aslam	12 th	Srimang
8	Nazia Kausar	M Khalil	4 th	Moharian
9	Maqsoom Jan	M Din	6 th	Dhulli Bazar
10	Zahida Kausar	Bashir Ahmed	9 th	Khori Nar
11	Perveen Kausar	M Yaseen	5 th	Moharian
12	Maqsoom Bano	Abdul Hameed	10 th	Kahali
13	Atiya Yaseen	M Yaseen	9 th	Dhulli
14	Azra Nazeer	M Nazir	5 th	Srimang
15	Asima Kausar	M yousaf	6 th	Moharian
16	Rozina Kausar	Rasheed Shah	Nil	Jhangli
17	Anis Fatima	Khalil Shah	5 th	Jhangli
18	Iram Sarwar	Sarwar Hussain	9 th	Upper Dhulli
19	Zaheen Kausar	M Afzal	5 th	Erara
20	Shazia Shareef	M Shareef	6 th	Dhulli khas
21	Khadija Abbas	M Abbas	12 th	Nakar Barian

22	Sughra Kausar	M Sarwar	5 th	Barian
23	Shazia Ishaq	M Ishaq	5 th	Erara
24	Rukhsana Naz	Abdul Ghani	6 th	Hastani
25	Rahila Sadiq	M Sadiq	5 th	Erara
26	Shahida Perveen	Ali Muhammad	14 th	Srimang
27	Robina Jan	Baboo Khan	8 th	Srimang
28	Naheed Akhtar	M Yaqoob	8 th	Srimang
29	Shabina Khatoon	M Fareed	6 th 5 th	Moharian
30	Uzma Muner	Muneer Hussain	5 th	Dhulli bazaar
31	Saima Begum	M Saddique	6 th ^h	Kalaban
32	Zamina Hameed	Hamidullah	10 th	Ser
33	Shaista Niaz	Niaz Ahmed	10 th	Jaindi
34	Taj Begum	W/o M Rasheed	Nil	Ziarat Dhulli
35	Rahila Khatoon	M Ilyas	10 th	Khas Dhulli
36	Shaheen Akhtar	Hadayat ullah	10 th	“
37	Sadia Saddique	M Saddique	12 th	“
38	Sania Malik	Jahangir Malik	10 th	“
39	Shazmim Akhtar	Said Husain	12 th	“
40	Kausar Basheer	M Basheer	10 th	Lower Swange
41	Tazeem Ashraf	M Ashraf	5 th	“
42	Mussarat Nazir	M Nazir	5 th	Dhulli
43	Mehwish Ellahi	Abdul Ellahi	10 th	Jhundi
44	Ulfat Jan	M Afsar	6 th	Dhulli
45	Fozia	M Akhtar	8 th	“
46	Ishrat Khatoon	Manzoor Husain	5 th	Kalaban
47	Nazreen Kausar	Abdul nazir	12 th	Hastani
48	Rozina Ismail	M Ismail	10 th	Chanal Kot