



Tivaevae

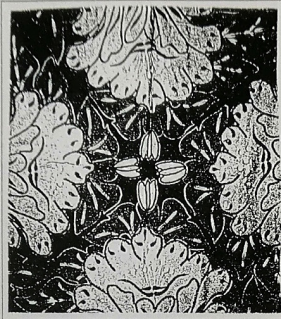
Tivaevae is an artform practised by Cook Island women. The art of making hand-sewn quilts was imported by the Missionaries but soon became distinctly Cook Island. The patterns and colours came to reflect their natural environment and if became a social activity.

Groups of women in communities came together to cut and sew the designs while talking, singing and sharing their skills with each other.

Tivaevae are made with love and care and are gifted on special occasions. They are not only decorative but have social and cultural value.

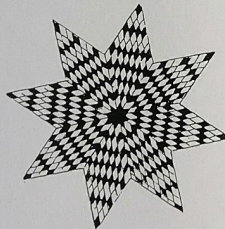
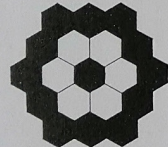
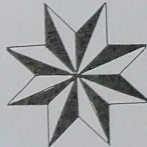
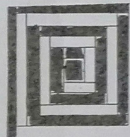


There are three different methods of sewing Tivaevae: Tivaevae taorei (patchwork) and Tivaevae manu or Tivaevae tataura (applique).



Tivaevae Taorei:

Small pieces of coloured fabric cut in geometric shapes, rectangles, diamonds, hexagons.

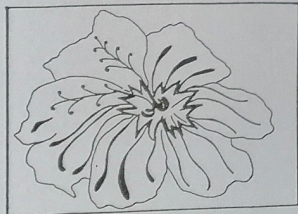


Tivaevae Manu:

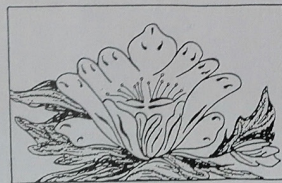
Two colours. Cloth is cut from a piece of folded material and sewn onto contrasting base cloth and hand embroidered.

Tivaevae Tataura

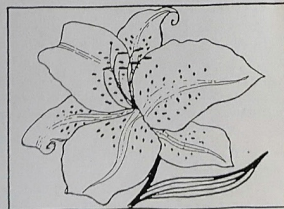
Separate pattern pieces in different colours sewn onto contrasting base cloth and hand embroidered.



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Tivaevae Art Unit

Learning Outcomes

- Source:** Able to develop environmental shapes and patterns into Tivaevae designs
- Knowing:** Able to describe Tivaevae and discuss how it was developed in the Cook Islands.
- Making:** Develop an effective pattern using
- symmetry
 - Strong contrasts
 - detailed design
 - Cuts and pastes pattern carefully
- Attitude:** Appreciates that art from other cultures has value
- Demonstrates enthusiasm making own artwork

Possible Introductory Activities

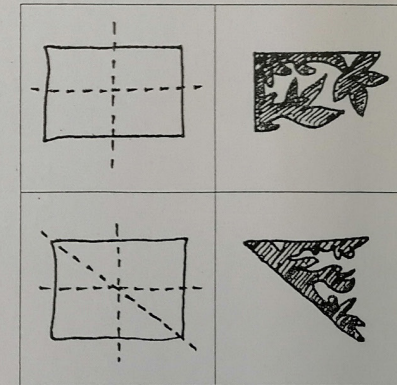
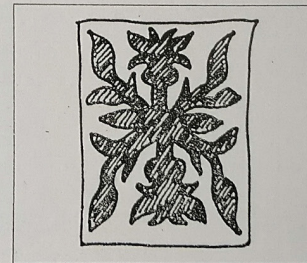
- Research
- Arrange a visit to an exhibition of Tivaevae or invite someone who could demonstrate how Tivaevae are made
- Collect pictures of tropical flowers and plants
- Observational drawing of hibiscus flowers, lilies, orchids etc observe and discuss symmetrical patterns
- For young children — practise cutting paper dolls, snowflake patterns etc

Materials

- Variety of coloured papers
- Pencils
- Sharp pointed scissors
- Craft knives and cutting boards
- PVA in squeeze bottles

Method — Tivaevae Manu

1. Fold Paper
2. Draw on design



3. Check that all patterns are working from the folded corner and that shapes are all joining together.
4. Cut out carefully with scissors. Use craft knife for small details (inside pieces).
5. Unfold carefully
6. Glue onto contrasting coloured paper.



