



GIAN KAUR VIDEO TRANSLATION

Phulkari from 1940s Punjab

Gian Kaur: This is about 70 years old. It was part of my mum's dowry. They don't make this kind of thing anymore. It's a memory of my mother...I don't know who made it. My mum is not in this world any more. Otherwise I would have asked her. They start the embroidery from the back...This is *reshami* (silk) thread embroidered on it....Nowadays they make *phulkari* suits and shawls but on machines. But it's not the same thing. This is *khadar* (*khadi* or cotton) underneath. They were made by the *jalaha* community, and we'd buy it from them, cut it to shape, then dye it. These colours run (*kaccha*).