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Tatreez means embroidery, and Palestinian tatreez is a special kind of embroidery that celebrates culture and tradition by stitching images made of many small crosses onto fabric. One type of clothing that is used for tatreez is called a thawb.

The traditional Palestinian woman's long tunic is also called thawb (or thob, ثوب), and is generally considered women's Palestinian national dress. It is richly embroidered with tatreez patterns, with different colors and patterns signifying various aspects of the wearer's social position and most importantly its unique village, town or city.



Historically, each village in Palestine had their own tatreez patterns, with unique designs telling stories about the local people, legends, animals and plants, and various beliefs people had.

Today, Palestinians both in Palestine and in the diaspora use Tatreez as a way to connect with their cultural heritage and resist occupation. Palestinian tatreez is recognized by UNESCO on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



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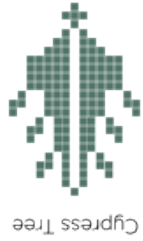
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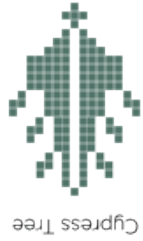
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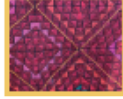
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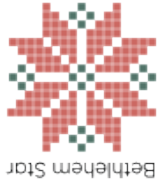
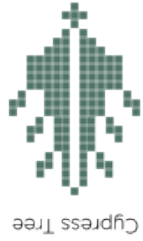
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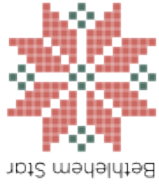
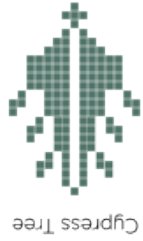
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