

Hand block printing is still a classic, but not only on silk saris, but also in Muslin. Muslin fabric is block printed with floral patterns, and such elegant collections are extensively available in our country.

If we look at our local boutique houses, we are likely to experience block printing not just in our outfits, but also in our daily commodities integrated in our lifestyle. Aarong is renowned for its wide variety of colourfully designed block printed bedsheet, dining/side/centre tablecloth, cushion cover, sofa back cover, and pillow covers.

Fashion houses have truly outdone themselves when it comes to versatility in fashion. If you look at Sadakalo, you will observe the classic black and white block or screen printed skirts and palazzos for comfortable wear. However, it is not just the women who are relishing in the fashion industry. Even for men, boutique houses such as OG, Aarong, etc. have brought diversity

in panjabis, kurtis, and fatuas. These collections are mostly in cotton, with block prints and embroidery to create a wholesome outfit for a festive mood.

Block prints are not merely an en-

semble of our clothing but can also be an integral part of our home. With advanced technology, this city also offers a plethora of block printed wallpapers to decorate your wall. These can be of any colour or

motifs, and can be customised according to your taste. If you want to look, there are a variety of numerous interior decoration stores right under the Mohakhali flyover all the way to Kuril.

Jatra — a journey into craft can also come to aid when it comes to accessorising your home further with placemats that are hand loomed and block printed. Jatra also offers furniture such as block printed two-seat sofas. Last, but not the least, one must also embellish their outfits along with their homes. This can be best done with the jute bags with block prints and handstitched patchwork, or if you favour a more casual style, you can also carry block printed cat backpacks from Jatra.

Irrespective of the modern technology, wood block printing remains relevant in fashion and textiles. Whether a designer is using the technique as a muse for a digital print or carving a hallmark herself, the look remains elegant and timeless.

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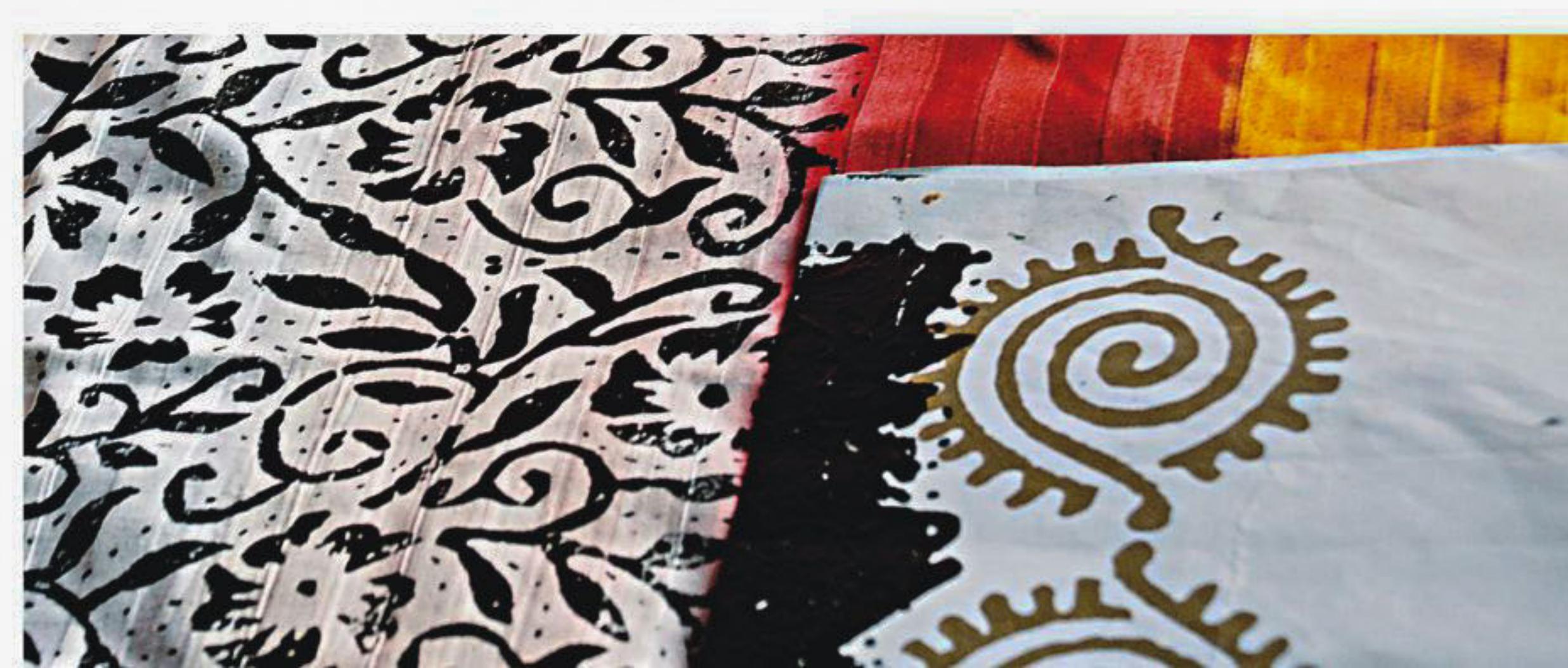


Block prints haven

All that discussion about block prints would do no good unless you actually know where it is available. Since block prints are the most affordable garb that looks both smart and urbane, it is actually one of the most preferred office wear.

If you walk down the lanes of Banani, especially through Road 11, you'd get numerous shops that specialise only in block prints for both men and women. Then there's Pink City in Gulshan, where an entire floor caters to fashionable block prints.

If you are the certain type that prefers



making your very own prints, then Mohammadpur Bihari Camp and Krishi Market is the go to place for everything block printed.

If you think making your own block prints is too much of a hassle, and you want something up-market with the uber cool prints, then you can always opt for deshi fashion stores like Aarong, Anikini, Kay Kraft, Deshal etc.

Happy Shopping!

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