

INDONESIAN TRADITIONAL BATIK WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION TO BATIK INDONESIA

Batik is an old Javanese word that means "to dot" or "to stipple". The word batik is derived from the word *ambatik*, *amba* which means to write and *tik* which means little dot, drop, and point or to make dots.

Indonesian Batik is a traditional hand-crafted dye-resist textile rich in intangible cultural values, passed down for generations in Java. Traditionally the colors used in batik are blue to symbolize earth, brown to symbolize fire and white to symbolize air and water.

Indonesian Batik has a rich symbolism related to social status, local community, nature, history and cultural heritage; provides Indonesian people with a sense of identity and continuity as an essential component of their life from birth to death; and continues to evolve without losing its traditional meaning.

THE WORKSHOP

This batik workshop is in collaboration with and guided by Batik House Indonesia, one of Batik Artisan from Indonesia. Participants will learn about basic hand drawn technique of batik pattern with canting and wax. Not only that, participants also will get a new knowledge and information about Traditional Batik through a short presentation before the workshop. This workshop hopefully can serve as window for people in Croatia to know better about Indonesia and the intangible cultural values from this precious handmade Batik.