


Batik sarong

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	65.16.1 
Type:	textile; costumes; textile arts
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	textile, batik
Dimensions:	height: 106.5 cm width: 190 cm

A richly decorated textile in traditional Central Javanese colours (dark blue-beige), with an elongated field (Indonesian: kepala) at each end with two rows of triangular motif ("tumpals") turning towards each other, and a repeated "semen romo" motif in the centre field (Indonesian: baden). The name of the motif means "interesting" and is intended to attract attention. It is an old pattern, basically used before the forties. Among other things, it shows flowering plants and contains a fertility reference.

