

Name Kasut Manik Melaka
(Nyonya Beaded
Slippers)

Country Malaysia

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Main characteristics/features

Nyonya Beaded Slippers are unique in that they are sewn completely by hand. The advantage of this hand-stitched footwear is its durability. The attractive patterns of these slippers are limited and exclusive, and only reproduced when there is demand for a particular pattern. Most of the patterns contain flora and fauna motifs such as carnation, rose, allamanda, phoenix, dragon, lion, chicken, and other traditional patterns. The motifs are the result of influences through the assimilation of Chinese and local cultures.

Geographical area

Nyonya Beaded Slippers are found in the state of Melaka, which comprises three districts and four local authorities.

Production/processing

The process of producing a pair of beaded slippers involves 6 steps, namely preparing the frame, preparing the canvas (vamp), beading the borders, beading the area within the borders, preparing the shoe base, and attaching the beaded vamp to the shoe base. Apart from regular flats, high-heels may also be fitted to match with a particular ensemble. Adding crystals and floral embroidery as well as selecting vibrant colours further enhances the attractiveness of the footwear.

Link between product and territory

Nyonya Beaded Slippers are traditional footwear made by the Peranakan Chinese, better known as Baba-Nyonya. Its traditional form may be traced to as far back as the Melaka Sultanate. In the modern era, the Nyonya Beaded Slippers made a comeback prior to the 1920s and were usually worn with the *kebaya* and *sarong* outfit. The Peranakan Chinese community, who long ago settled in Melaka, pass down this highly skilled art form from one generation to the next.

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