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KATONG

A Peranakan Adventure



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
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


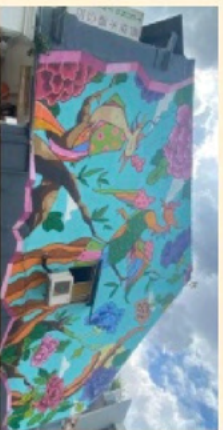
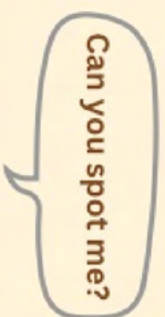
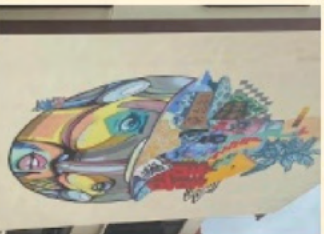
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Peranakan Houses 



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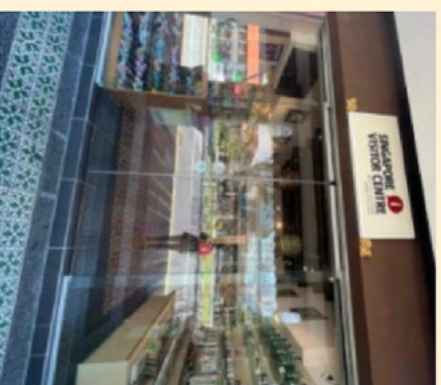
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SITE 1: PERANAKAN HOUSES

287 JOO CHIAT ROAD, SINGAPORE 427540

Traditional Peranakan Tiles

ALONG THE ROADS OF KATONG, YOU'LL FIND COLOURFUL SHOPHOUSES. THESE SHOPHOUSES HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE 1920S AND ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR UNIQUE PERANAKAN ARCHITECTURE. THESE HOUSES REMAIN A CONSERVED LANDMARK AND MAKE PERFECT INSTAGRAMMABLE SPOTS FOR YOU!

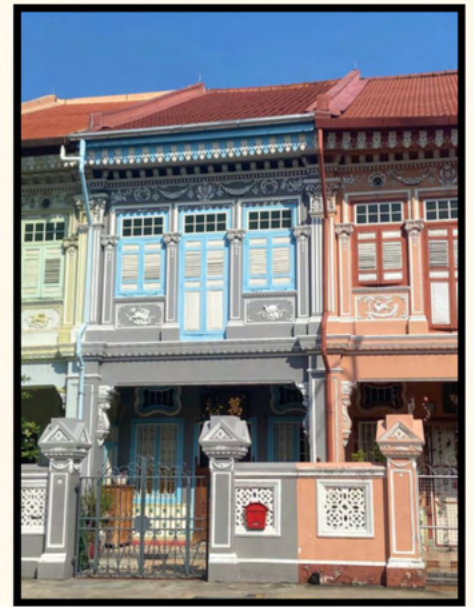
FUN FACT:

IN PERANAKAN CULTURE, HOUSES ARE DECORATED WITH VIBRANT COLOURS AND FLOWER MOTIFS AS IT WAS BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BRING WEALTH, LONGEVITY AND SUCCESS TO FAMILIES.



RIDDLE ME THIS

TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU. FIND THE ELEMENTS AND SOLVE THE RIDDLES BELOW!



A PRIMARY COLOUR WITH A CALM VIBE,
SWIRLING AROUND IN OCEAN TIDES.
I PAINT AND BRING THE SKY TO LIFE,
THE ANSWER IS BEFORE ONE'S EYES.

ANSWER: _____

OFTEN FOUND IN PINK AND RED
I BLOOM BRIGHT IN NATURE'S SPREAD.
DO NOT BE FOOLED BY MY DISGUISE,
FOR WEALTH AND HAPPINESS I SYMBOLISE.

ANSWER: _____

THE HEALTHY COLOUR OF AN EGG YOLK,
A VIBRANT HUE THAT SUNFLOWERS SOAK.
A PUZZLE PIECE TO A SEVEN PARTS BOW
WHO AM I? IT TAKES SIX LETTERS TO KNOW.

ANSWER: _____





SITE 2: RUMAH BEBE

113 EAST COAST ROAD, SINGAPORE 428803

HIDDEN IN THE BACK ALLEY BEHIND RUMAH BEBE IS A MURAL OF GIRLS DRESSED IN KEBAYAS AND PERANAKAN BEADED SHOES. BEBE SEET, THE OWNER OF RUMAH BEBE AND A CREATIVE BEAD ARTIST, SPECIALISES IN THE SKILL OF BEADING. THIS SKILL IS UNIQUE TO PERANAKAN CULTURE, WITH NYONYA BEADING TRADITIONALLY PASSED DOWN GENERATIONS FROM ONE'S GRANDMOTHERS AND MOTHERS. AS THE ART OF NYONYA BEADING BEGAN TO DIE OUT AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, BEBE SEET TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO TEACH CLASSES, HAVING LEARNT FROM HER FRIEND'S MOTHER. CURRENTLY, APART FROM HOLDING BEADING CLASSES, HER BOUTIQUE ALSO RETAILS BEADED SLIPPERS, HANDBAGS AND EMBROIDERED KEBAYAS.



NONYA BEADWORK: BEADED SLIPPERS

THE BEADS USED, ALSO KNOWN AS 'CHARLOTTE'S', USUALLY HAVE A DIAMETER OF 1.5 MILLIMETERS, WHICH IS ABOUT ONE-THIRD THE SIZE OF A SINGLE GRAIN OF SHORT RICE. BEADING REQUIRES PRECISENESS AND PATIENCE, AS EVERY TINY BEAD NEEDS TO BE SEWN TOGETHER INDIVIDUALLY. THEY ARE MANUALLY STITCHED ONTO A SECTION OF CROSS-STITCH FABRIC, WHICH IS AFFIXED TO A RECTANGULAR WOODEN FRAME BEFORE EVENTUALLY BEING FASTENED TO THE SOLE.



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SOLE CRAFT: SLIPPER SCULPTOR

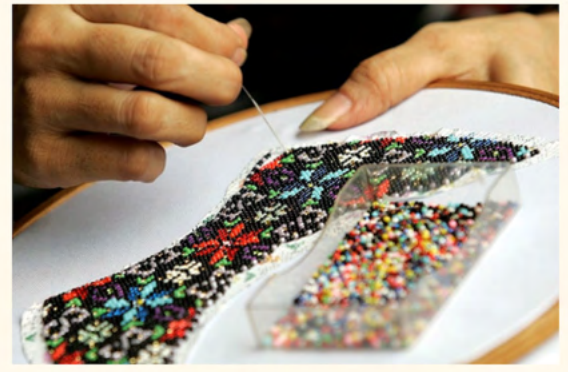
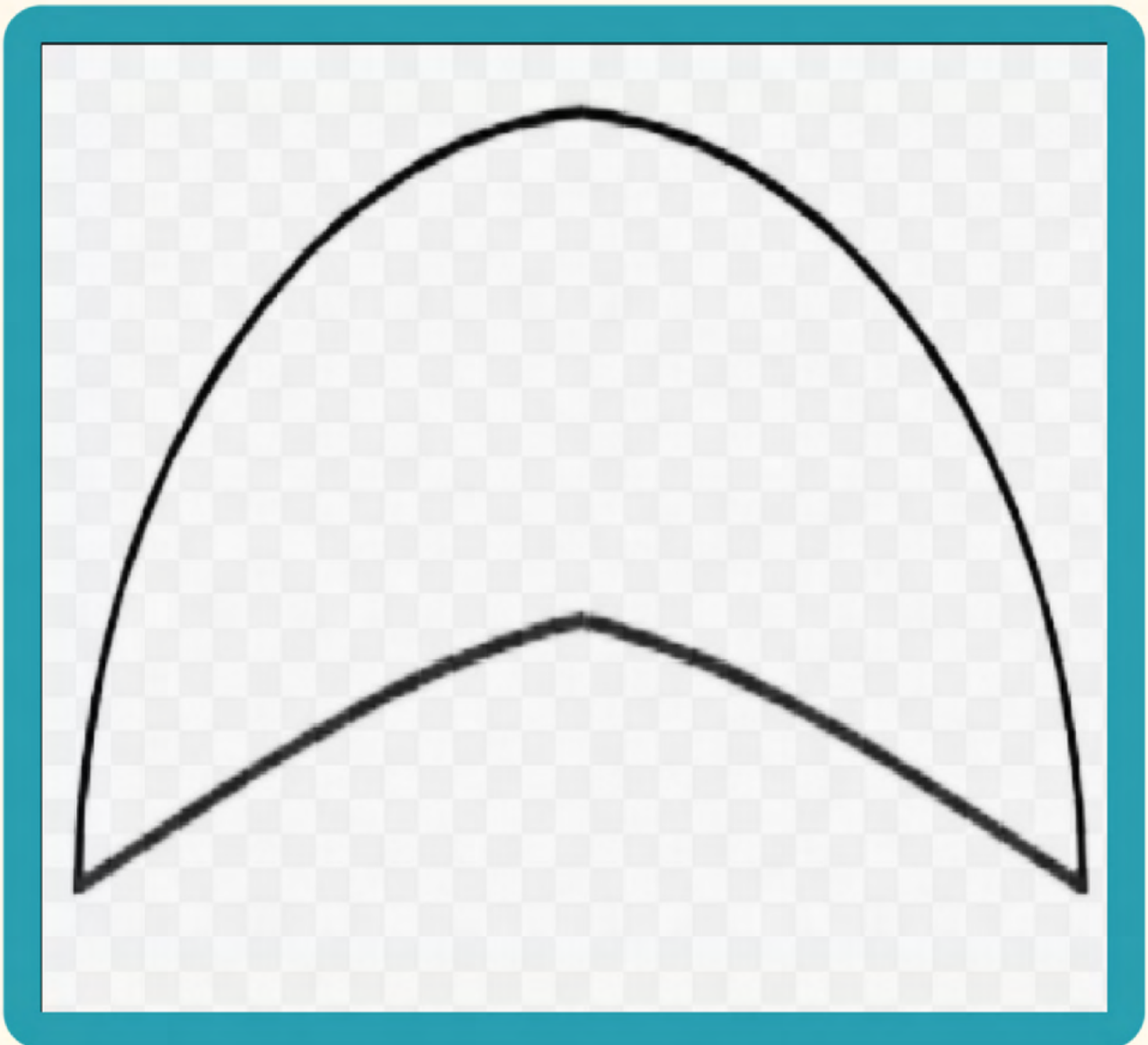


Image from: Aizuddin Saad (n.d.)

CREATE YOUR OWN PERANAKAN SLIPPER.
DOT COLOURS TO CREATE A DESIGN AND
MIMIC BEADING!



THIS TEMPLATE WAS MADE USING PIXILART



SCAN HERE OR GO TO
[HTTPS://WWW.PIXILART.COM](https://www.pixilart.com) TO
DESIGN YOUR SLIPPER DIGITALLY,
THEN SHARE YOUR DESIGN!



SITE 3: KIM CHOO KUEH CHANG

111 EAST COAST ROAD, SINGAPORE 428801



DID YOU KNOW?

THREE GENERATIONS HAVE RUN THIS BUSINESS SINCE 1945! NOT ONLY DO THEY HOST WORKSHOPS, BUT THERE IS ALSO A PUBLIC SPACE FOR VISITORS TO ADMIRE PERANAKAN ART AND TRADITIONAL OBJECTS.

OBJECTIVE

LEARN MORE ABOUT PERANAKAN CLOTHING AND FURNITURE!

PICTURE PERFECT MATCH



WALK AROUND THE SINGAPORE VISITOR CENTRE AT KIM CHOO KUEH CHANG, OBSERVE THE FURNITURE AND EXAMINE THE SPECIFIC MOTIFS CARVED.



DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH ITEM?
LET'S PUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST!



HOW DO I PLAY?

MATCH EACH PICTURE TO THE CORRECT FACT ON THE NEXT PAGE!



MIRROR

HAS MOTIFS OF PHOENIX AND DRAGONS TO REPRESENT FERTILITY.



CUPBOARD

BELIEVED TO REFLECT 'UNFAVOURABLE ENERGY' WHEN PLACED OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR.



WEDDING BED

SINCE THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MADE FROM LOCAL BATIK. IT IS USED TO COVER THE ALTAR.



ALTAR CLOTH

CARVINGS OF PHOENIXES ARE ONE OF THE KEY FEATURES OF THIS ITEM.



SITE 4: 328 KATONG LAKSA

51 EAST COAST ROAD, SINGAPORE 428770



Image from: Ahmad Iskandar Photography (2018)

HERE'S MORE ON THE HISTORY OF THIS ICONIC PLACE

THIS SHOP OPENED IN 1998. THE FOUNDER, MS NANCY KOH, SPENT OVER SIX MONTHS OF TRIAL AND ERROR TO PERFECT HER RECIPE.


Did you know?

IN 2013, MS KOH'S SHOP WAS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A COOK OFF WITH GORDAN RAMSAY, AND WON!


NAME MY INGREDIENTS



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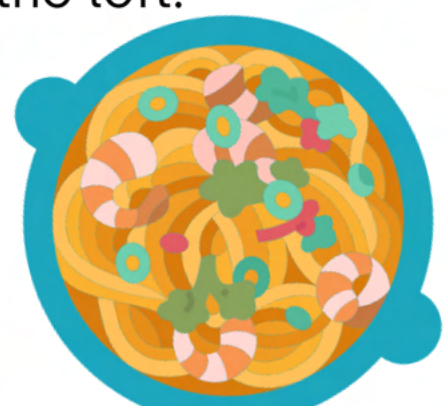


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ACTIVITY

While enjoying this famous laksa, try and guess the unique ingredients and fill up the missing letters on the left!



ANSWERS

RIDDLE ME OUT: BLUE, PEONY, YELLOW PICTURE PERFECT MATCH:

The matching exercise consists of five items on the left and five descriptions on the right. Lines connect the items to their correct descriptions as follows:

- MIRROR** connects to: HAS MOTIFS OF PHOENIX AND DRAGONS TO REPRESENT FERTILITY
- CUPBOARD** connects to: BELIEVED TO REFLECT 'UNFAVOURABLE ENERGY' WHEN PLACED OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR
- WEDDING BED** connects to: SINCE THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MADE FROM LOCAL BATIK. IT IS USED TO COVER THE ALTAR.
- ALTAR CLOTH** connects to: CARVINGS OF PHOENIX ARE ONE OF THE KEY FEATURE OF THIS ITEM
- UNIDENTIFIED ITEM** (with a speech bubble: "MISIDENTIFIED & USED TO DETERMINE THE GENDER OF THE BABY") connects to: HAS MOTIFS OF PHOENIX AND DRAGONS TO REPRESENT FERTILITY

NAME MY INGREDIENTS: COCONUT MILK, SHRIMP, COCKLES, CURRY LEAVES, FISH CAKE

Thank you for participating in the trail!

REFLECTION

What are 3 things you enjoyed or learnt in this heritage trail?

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