

A man and a woman are running happily on a sandy beach. The woman is wearing a pink sarong and a white bikini top, and the man is wearing a blue sarong. They are holding hands and looking towards each other. The background shows the ocean with waves breaking on the shore.

*Fun*  
**KASUKU™**  
*Kikoys*





## Vibrantly coloured kikoy and kangas

have adorned generations of East Africans: for many centuries these prized textiles were a unit of currency, used by the peoples of the coast and interior. Now Kasuku is offering these versatile garments to people everywhere. Made in Africa for Africa they are already much sought after world-wide.



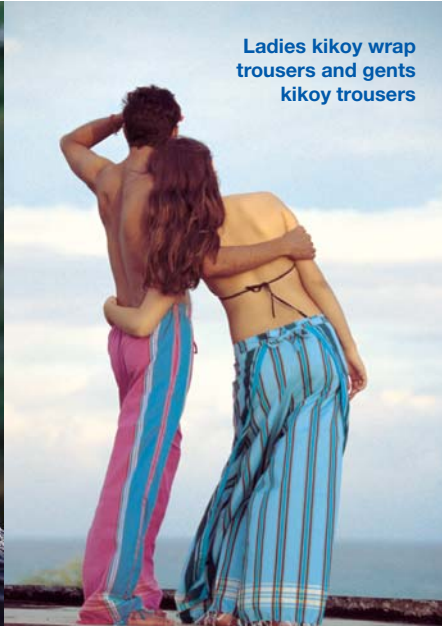
Striped woven kikoy were traditionally worn by Swahili sailors plying the Indian Ocean. The Swahili people continue to wear them for any occasion but they are now worn by men and women all around Kenya and beyond. Kikoy are principally used as a sarong but also as scarves, pyjamas, for cheering up a room, or as turbans. Immensely versatile kangas are essential kit for any African – the height of style from Nairobi to New York.

### Standard size guidelines

Kikoy	approx	104 x 174 cms
Kikoy kids	"	56 x 112 cms
Khanga	"	118 x 164 cms
Shuka	"	152 x 203 cms



Ladies kikoy wrap trousers and gents kikoy trousers



Ladies 3/4 length trousers



Gents smock shirt



Ladies smock shirt



Ladies kikoy beach wraps

# KASUKU™ Kikoy's



All our 100% mercerised cotton kikoy's are dyed and woven in our own workshops, then hand-knotted to create the distinctive border, which adds to their individual appeal. Available in a rainbow of colours, we can also make them specifically to your own designs.



Gents drawstring shorts & ladies kikoys wrap shorts



Kids kikoy's and headgear

We make a range of clothing from these distinctive fabrics: dressing gowns, shorts, trousers and tops which all look great when crafted from the cloth that defines the East African coast. Once available only to Kenyans and lucky visitors, Kasuku now distributes kikoy's worldwide.

We also make kikoy's in a smaller size for children. All kids love wearing kikoy's - on the beach or around the house - but since these smaller kikoy's are also the perfect length for mini-skirts, it is quite often the older sisters who buy them!



Kanga beach wraps



Kanga wrap trousers

# KASUKU™ kangas



Ladies kanga wrap shorts

Kangas were traditionally made for women to wear but have long been unisex and multi-functional. Perfect for carrying babies or to keep the sun off your head, they also make great skirts, shawls and curtains: the only limitation of a kanga is your imagination!

The soft, high quality cotton from which kangas are made makes an ideal fabric for floaty skirts, trousers and shirts. Kangas are made from thin cotton and – unlike Kikoys – their designs are printed instead of woven. There are many established designs and more being invented every day. Each kanga has a Swahili proverb printed on it and these can, of course, be ordered to your own specifications. Kangas are the great advertising hoardings of East Africa: often handed out during political campaigns, bearing the portraits of aspirant MPs, or as souvenirs of great events: many people collect them.

Shoe bags



Dressing gowns



Scatter cushions



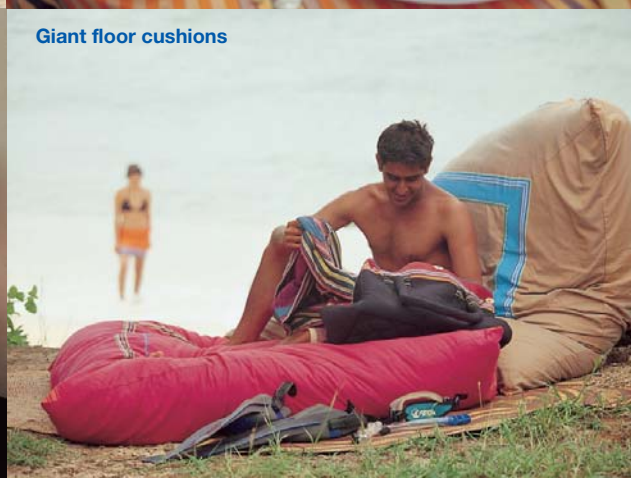
Table cloths



Duvet covers and pillow cases



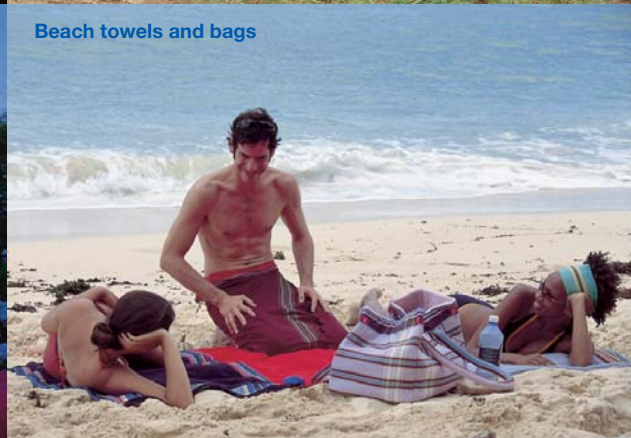
Giant floor cushions



Giant size kikoyis



Beach towels and bags





# KASUKU™ Accessories

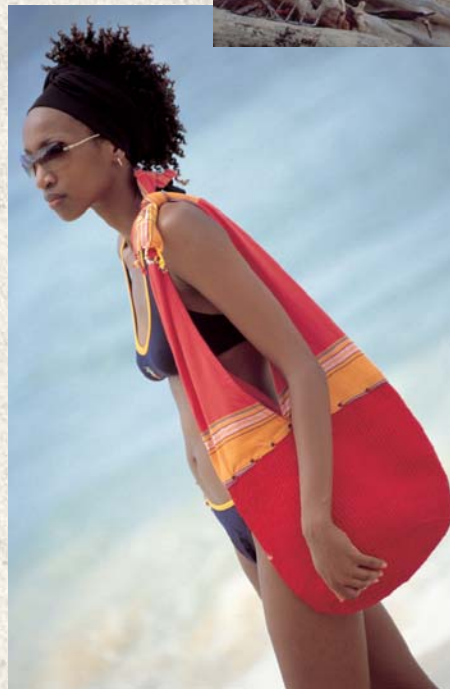
Kasuku makes accessories and items for the home with all these East African fabrics. Their radiant shades brighten up cold grey bedrooms and add a splash of colour to everything they touch.

Slightly thicker than kangas, soft cotton kikoyos make fabulous handbags and tablecloths – even shoes and slippers. Hard-wearing, brightly coloured and fun, a few kikoy cushion covers or curtains makes Kenyan sunshine stream into the darkest corners of a home.

Whilst Kasuku has its own line of clothing and accessories, our large Kenyan workshop can undertake commissions for anything you need. We dye, print and weave all our own yarns and fabrics, and have our own sewing and finishing workshops on the premises. We can thus undertake orders for anything your imagination suggests.



Oven mittens and gloves



Sisal bags with kikoy shoulder straps

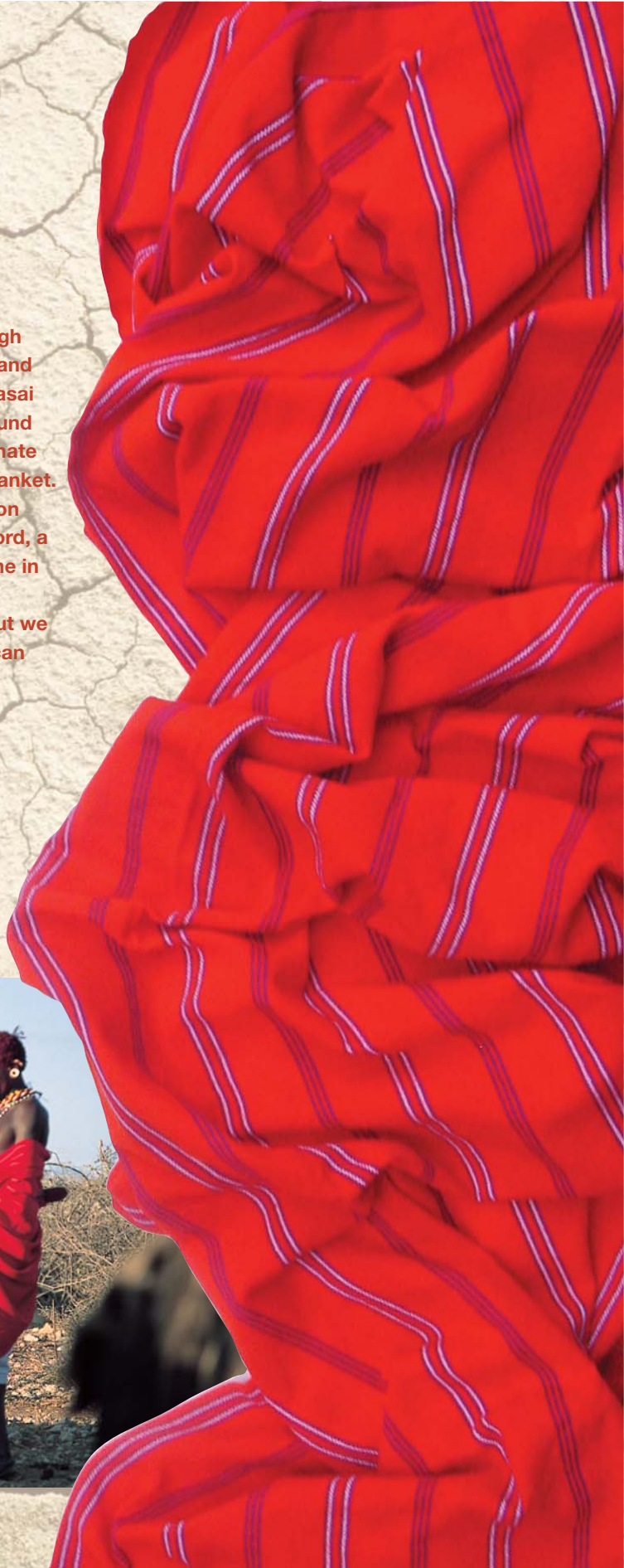


Kikoy bags with beaded straps



## Shukas

Shukas - made from both cotton and a tough acrylic mix - are heavier than both kangas and kikoyis; they are the traditional outfit of Maasai men. Thrown over the shoulder and tied round the waist by a sword belt, they are the ultimate in multi-purpose clothing: wrap, rug and blanket. The Maasai wear little else and will set off on long safaris with nothing but a spear, a sword, a shuka and a snuff-box. Shukas usually come in red - the favourite colour of the Maasai, to match their red ochre decorated bodies. But we weave shukas in our own workshops and can create them in any colour you desire.







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