

Traditional Thai Dresses Part II

Following **the first part** of my article about **traditional Thai dresses**, I'd like to continue with the remaining four styles. In the previous post on traditionalistic Thai dresses I have presented the Thai Chakkri, Thai Boromphiman, Thai Siwalai and Thai Chakkraphat to you. Thus, I'd like to continue with the fifth one called Chut Thai Chitlada.

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5. Chut Thai Chitlada

Chitlada is a daytime ceremonial dress. Hence, it is worn on formal occasions such as welcoming royal guests at the airport. The Chut Chitlada can be worn with a long sleeved buttoned silk blouse. The skirt (Pha-Noong) is a casual wrap skirt that has a brocaded band at the hem. It is not necessary to wear royal decorations with this style. However, the colour of the dress should be appropriate for the respective occasion.



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*Thai Chitlada dress**

6. Chut Thai Ruean Ton

The Chut Thai Ruean Ton is the most casual style of all eight traditional designs presented here. It is most often worn at non-official functions, for example for the religious ceremony of the conferring of royal offerings to the monks (Khtin ton). The Thai Ruan Ton comprises a collarless buttoned blouse and a striped or plain coloured skirt (Pha-Noong) with a patterned band at the hem. This is sometimes folded to one side. The Chut Ruean Ton is a two piece dress which means that the blouse and the skirt are separate.



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7. Chut Thai Amarin

The Chut Amarin or Amarintra is a beautiful formal evening gown. It is made of brocaded fabric and ornaments. The blouse is usually round-necked and the skirt (Pha-Noong) is ankle length. With this style, royal decorations are worn. The Thai Amarin is a dress for an evening dinner or the Royal Birthday Procession.



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8. Chut Thai Dusit

Dusit is the most Western style of all eight traditional dresses presented here. It is a wide necked and sleeveless brocaded dress. The skirt and top are sown together so that they form a one piece dress. The Chut Thai Dusit can be worn for evening ceremonies in place of a Western style dress. For this kind of dress, Yok silk fabric is used. The Dusit can be either worn with Thai or Western style jewellery.



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*Thai Dusit dress & HM Queen Sirikit in Chut Thai Dusit around 1950**

I really enjoyed researching about Thai traditional dresses and since I have not been to the **Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles** in Bangkok, this place is on my top priority list next time I have the chance to go there ☐

Finally, I'd like to close this article with a picture of little me in a traditional dress ☐



This is probably the casual Thai Ruan Ton style

I hope you enjoyed reading this post! Do you also like these dresses as much as I do?



Traditional Thai dresses featured in this post (photo credit: bangkokpost.com)

In case, you've missed my first part of Thai traditional dresses, check this out **here!** Did you know that there is also a *traditional make up look* that goes well with traditional Thai dresses? What is more, it is also interesting to note that today the Siamese Fashionista group tries to encourage young Thais to dress traditionally.

Yours, Sirinya

(*All photos in this post are from the **Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles** unless otherwise stated, a further source about traditional dresses in Thailand is **here**)