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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. ContentsBy 2crazy4books2Ikat technique - Jackie Battenfield (1978)From introduction "The purpose of this book is to introduce the intermediate and the advanced weaver to ikat, a method of tie-dyeing yarns that, when woven or otherwise constructed, produces patterns with characteristically blurred edges. The book assumes that the weaver has a good grasp of handweaving and is interested in experimenting with design through dyeing processes...The scope of this book is modest - to provide the weaver with a reasonably uncomplicated approach to ikat technique that nevertheless includes the essential elements of the most complex as well as the simplest of ikats". Ancient ikats have been found throughout Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Mesoamerica. This is an essential book for anyone interested in ikat.

What's Ikat? ""A method of tie-dyeing yarns that, when woven or otherwise constructed, produces patterns with characteristically blurred edges""--a subtle, painterly effect. Of interest to accomplished weavers, it's a relatively difficult, complicated process, dependent on a good color sense and meticulous tying-- seepage can add to or undermine desired results. Battenfield enumerates materials and procedures, offers ample historical illustrations, most made of cotton or silk, and many modern adaptations (striking even in black-and-white photographs) using less

traditional materials--linen, Boulez mohair, heavy one-ply jute. A specialty item, attractive but demanding.