

Intangible	Artisans	Traditional "Reka" women's clothing	NGO "ZANA" Tahire Gashi	+377(0)44 406 812	PCDK	Yes
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Traditional clothing of Reka: Traditional women's clothing is made of a special fabric (with cotton threads). The material used is specific to this kind of clothing and is woven on a loom using ancient techniques. A traditional motif in brown thread is chestnut and alder trees. Another typical feature of this clothing is the combining of two embroidered aprons (the first worn on the upper part of the body, tied by specially knitted laces, and the other apron being similarly fastened). Dark colours are predominant, particularly combinations of red and black, brown and black and dark green and black. This crafted clothing is made in an operation of two cycles: firstly weaving on a loom, then using a manual knitting needle known as a spike. Vests are made of the same material and in the same design. Another element of this clothing is socks knitted using five knitting needles (different wools are used, with black being predominant and the colours used in the embroidered apron also appearing). Clothing often includes something like a pair of sleeves (gloves covering hands to elbow) made of the same material as the shirt.