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Taranta

“Coperta Abruzzese”

In the 1800, with the development of the mechanical manufacturing of wool, in Abruzzo started the production of “tarante”, traditional woolen blankets.

“Tarante”, as also known as “Coperte Abruzzesi”, are colorful two-sided woolen or man-made fibre blankets. They have many uses: bedspreads, tablecovers, cushions, shawls, mats, carpets and throws. They were manufactured from the 1920s and continued a tradition of fine quality wool-working in the lanifici or weaving workshops of Abruzzo, few of which still operate.

Tarante's main peculiarity is the double-sided floreal and geometrical pattern, which made them easily recognisable.

They were produced to become the main element of the young girl's “hope chest” and for the shepherd's wives habit to build clothes and blankets for the transhumance.

One of the main villages where Tarantas were produced, received the name from this kind of blankets and, now, it's name is “Taranta Peligna”. Already in the 18th century there were dyeing plants.

