



What is 'Yaboi' ?

Yaboi is written ‘ຫຍ້າບ່ອຍ’ in Lao language. Yaboi is called ‘Linden’ in English and ‘科 -shina-’ in Japanese.

In the areas which Yaboi is found in, the local villagers have used it in their daily life since long ago.

The fiber is strong and has a natural flavor.



Yaboi plants (Female)



Lavang plants (Male)

The colors of Yaboi fiber are subtly different by the tree, and also different from the season harvest.

In Yaboi textile, there is weaved white fiber. This white fiber is the fiber of a tree called ‘ລະວັງ [Lavang]’.

In Laos, It is said that ‘Yaboi-tree is female, and Lavang-tree is male’. And, Lavang-tree are less than Yaboi-tree.



Yaboi pouch



Weaving textile



Yaboi textile

The way to get the fiber from Yaboi tree

1. Yaboi in the forest



2. Peel by hitting



3. Strip the Yaboi-tree barks off and take out the fiber between the center of the tree and the bark by knife



4. Dry fiber

top : Yaboi fiber
bottom : Lavang fiber



6. Yaboi yarn after twisting



5. Split the dry Yaboi fiber thin, and then twist the fiber with leg and hand

