

Exploration and Manipulation of Design Languages, Patterns and Shapes found and inspired from the Wau: Known to have its shape inspired by the moon, the edges of the body are curvilinear and not edgy. The designs and patterns are centred at the body of the wau which acts as the main focus of the subject matter. The Wau is symmetrical as in both sides carry the similar design when cut into halves.

ORIGIN



Popular in Kelantan

MAS Airline Logo



Harvest Game

Materials are usually independently bought, but often the same, as paper sources are few in Malaysia. The humung strips or 'busur' can be ribbon or magnetic tape (which many flyers prefer for casual flying) but for competition, they must be a rattan strip.

Wau became a traditional game after the harvest to relieve tiredness after working in the fields. It's also said to be used as a scarecrow in the fields too.

The sound made by the kites lured children to sleep so farmers can work with little interruption. The reverse side of RM0.50 and MAS Airline Logo also uses Wau as its symbol.

Curvilinear Centralized

Symmetrical



Wau Bulan

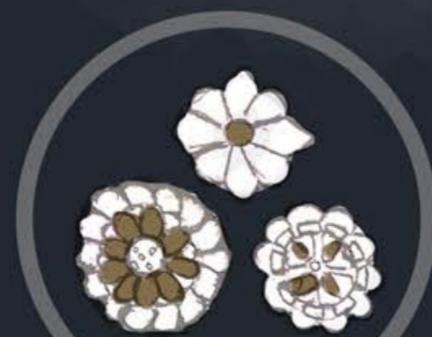
Wau Bulan got its name from its lower section shape. Given the right colour, Wau Bulan resembles a rising crescent moon when flown.

WAU

FLORAL MOTIFS



Flower-Women



Vines- Men's Life



Close Up



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The best bamboo for wau kite frames is considered to be 'buyoh' or 'duri'. It is cut during November or December for

Head: Serves as a wind split and controls the weight balance
Wing/Body: Most important part that works to accommodate the wind
Waist: Connector between tail and wing
Tail: As a thrust for the Wau



3. The strands of the bamboo but bamboo skin is removed



4. Nylon is used to tie the kite frame



5. The patterns or details are meticulously cut from rice-paper



6. Lastly, make the kite string helm. After installation, it's complete.

WAU MAKING

1. Bamboo spines are used to make kites

2. It's split and soaked in mud for 2 weeks

3. The strands of the bamboo but bamboo skin is removed

4. Nylon is used to tie the kite frame

Each Wau is designed according to its own set of elaborate motifs, adhering to the traditional style of artwork

The vine symbolises the path of a man's life and the flowers, women. The more meandering the vines are, the more twists and turns in a man's life mean the more interesting is the person's life.