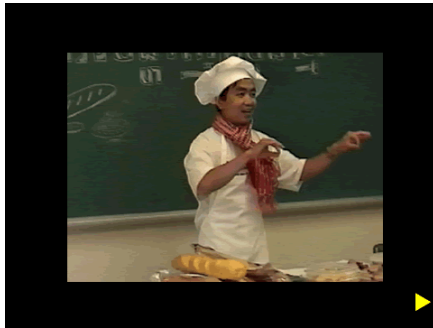


# The Khmer Kromah



A Kromah is a piece of cloth used by both men and women (girls and boys) in Cambodia. They vary in length between 1 and 1.5 yards and are about 2 feet in width. They come in all colors - almost always patterned. And, they have a multitude of uses.





## **To Keep Cool**

Khmer people for generations have tied kromahs around their waists to work and play in cool comfort.

## **To wipe off sweat**

The Kromah is wrapped around one's head or neck and is used primarily to wipe the sweat from a hot face.

## **A fashion statement**

Is is like wearing a necktie or scarf.

## **Baby holder**

Some wrap the Kromah around their bodies and a carry a baby or it is used to shield children from mosquitoes.

## **As a sun protector**

When working in the rice field, it can shield one's neck and face from the hot sun.

## **A symbol**

It is considered a symbol of respect and good manners