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Model: 51-Vari

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper use and care of your Shibori Dragon Sashiko Thread, Model 51-Vari. Designed for traditional Japanese Sashiko stitching, this 100% cotton thread offers a natural texture and gentle feel, suitable for various textile projects. Please read these instructions carefully to ensure optimal results and longevity of your thread.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Shibori Dragon Sashiko Thread is crafted from 100% cotton, specifically developed to enhance the natural beauty of Sashiko stitching. Its unique composition minimizes fluffing, resulting in clean, beautiful, and slightly fluffy stitches. Each skein contains 20 meters of thread, making it versatile for both small and large projects. The variegated green color (Model 51-Vari) provides a dynamic visual effect.



Image 1: A full skein of Shibori Dragon Sashiko Thread, Model 51-Vari, showcasing its variegated green hues.



Image 2: A detailed close-up view of the Shibori Dragon Sashiko Thread, highlighting its natural cotton texture and color variations.

3. SETUP AND PREPARATION

Before beginning your Sashiko project, proper thread preparation is crucial for smooth stitching.

1. **Unwinding the Thread:** Carefully remove the paper band from the skein. Locate the ends of the thread and gently unwind the desired length. Avoid pulling forcefully to prevent tangles.
2. **Cutting Thread Lengths:** For Sashiko, it is recommended to use thread lengths no longer than your forearm (approximately 18-24 inches or 45-60 cm). Longer lengths can lead to tangling and fraying during stitching.
3. **Threading the Needle:** Use a Sashiko needle with an eye large enough to accommodate the thread without excessive force. Thread the needle, and if desired, tie a small knot at the end of the thread to secure it, or use a waste knot method.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (SASHIKO STITCHING)

This thread is designed for Sashiko, a form of decorative reinforcement stitching. Follow these general guidelines for effective use:

- **Fabric Selection:** Sashiko thread works best on medium to heavy-weight fabrics such as cotton, linen, or denim.
- **Marking Your Design:** Transfer your Sashiko pattern onto the fabric using a washable fabric marker or stencil.
- **Stitching Technique:** Load several stitches onto your needle before pulling the thread through the fabric. Maintain consistent stitch length and spacing for a traditional Sashiko appearance. The thread's gentle feel allows for smooth passage through fabric.
- **Tension:** Apply even tension to the thread. Avoid pulling too tightly, which can pucker the fabric, or too loosely, which can result in uneven stitches. The thread's natural texture helps maintain consistent tension.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper care ensures the longevity and quality of your Sashiko thread and finished projects.

- **Storage:** Store unused thread in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and degradation. Keep it in its original packaging or a sealed container to protect it from dust and moisture.
- **Cleaning Finished Projects:** Projects made with this thread can be machine washed. Use a gentle cycle with cold water and a mild detergent. Air dry or tumble dry on low heat. Avoid harsh chemicals or bleach, which may damage the cotton fibers and color.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Encountering issues during your project? Here are some common problems and their solutions:

- **Thread Tangling:** If the thread frequently tangles, try using shorter lengths (e.g., 18 inches). Ensure you are not pulling the thread through the fabric too quickly or with excessive force.
- **Thread Fraying or Breaking:** Check your needle for any burrs or rough spots that might be damaging the thread. Ensure the fabric is not too dense for the needle and thread combination. Reduce tension if pulling too tightly.
- **Uneven Stitches:** Practice maintaining consistent tension and stitch length. Using a thimble can help push the needle through evenly.
- **Difficulty Threading Needle:** If the thread end frays, twist it tightly or use a thread conditioner to stiffen it slightly before threading. A needle threader can also be helpful.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Shibori Dragon
Model Number	51-Vari
Material	100% Cotton
Color	Green (Variegated)
Length	20 meters (787.4 inches)
Item Weight	1.6 ounces
Product Care Instructions	Machine Wash
UPC	647608471186

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

For specific warranty details regarding your Shibori Dragon Sashiko Thread, please refer to the purchase documentation or contact your retailer. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects.

9. SUPPORT

If you require further assistance or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact the retailer where you purchased the product or visit the official Shibori Dragon website for customer support resources.