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Skeins of blue and red dyed threads hang outside on poles to dry at a Balinese weaving factory. Unlike Java, which is most famous for wax-resist painted batik cloth, Bali is known for various kinds of tie-and-dye patterned weavings called ikat which means "tie." Although originally made on backstrap looms from homegrown cotton, much of Bali's woven cloth today is dyed with chemical dyes and manufactured in factories on mechanical looms in the eastern district of Gianyar.



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