

Name Rom Bor Sang  
(Bor Sang Umbrella)

Country Thailand

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#### Main characteristics/features

Almost two hundred years ago, when Phra Intha, a monk from Wat Bor Sang, was on a pilgrimage near the Burmese border, some Burmese people presented him with a *glot* (monk's umbrella). He found that the *glot* was easy to use and could provide protection from both rain and sunlight. The monk therefore went to Burma to study the method of making *glots* as well as normal umbrellas from a local kind of paper called *sa*. He later passed on his knowledge to villagers of Bor Sang who now produce beautiful umbrellas, which the village is now famous for. They have become a tourist attraction in Chiang Mai and the Bor Sang Umbrella has become a symbol of the province.

#### Geographical area

The Doi Saket and San Kamphaeng districts, Chiang Mai province.

#### Production and processing

The umbrellas are made of cotton, silk, calico or mulberry paper covering a bamboo frame. With sizes ranging from small to large, the umbrellas come in various bright colours and the natural colour of the *Mamue* lacquer. Traditional Thai designs and motifs of flowers and birds are painted on the umbrellas with oil paint using traditional methods and they can provide protection from both rain and sunlight.

#### Link between product and territory

Bor Sang umbrellas are produced by the area's local people using traditional knowledge inherited over the centuries.

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