

Crimson Ajrakh

Seven pages for one week, by hand, in the diary with this cover.

READ YOUR COVER

Your cover is cotton, hand block-printed with Ajrakh geometry on a crimson ground: stars, lozenges and dotted borders in ivory and indigo. In Ajrakh, the eight-pointed star belongs to the night sky, on a cloth where white resist dots are read as stars.



star
NIGHT SKY



lozenge
DIAMOND



border
DOTTED EDGE

Simplified drawings, not copies of a printer's block.

THE ONLY RULES

- ◆ One page a day
- ◆ By hand, about ten minutes
- ◆ No rubbing out
- ◆ Nobody else has to read it

A page written by hand is the one nobody else could have written.

FROM THE STUDIO, AHMEDABAD

THIS WEEK

- 01** **WRITE**
10 min
Write about a night sky you remember: a terrace in summer, a power cut, a long drive. What could you see?
- 02** **DRAW**
10 min
Draw an eight-pointed star with a ruler: one square, then a second square turned on its corner over it. Repeat it across the page.
- 03** **LOOK**
10 min
Find a border at home: the edge of a sari, a rug, a plate. Copy a short stretch of it.
- 04** **WRITE**
10 min
Ajrakh cloth passes through washing, printing, dyeing and drying more than a dozen times. Write about something that took you many attempts to get right.
- 05** **MAKE**
10 min
Make a dotted border around this page by hand, dot by dot, without checking the corners until you reach them.
- 06** **WRITE**
10 min
Crimson, indigo, ivory. Choose one and write everything it reminds you of, for ten minutes, without stopping.
- 07** **RETURN**
5 min
Look back at the week. Put a small star beside the page you would keep if you could keep only one.



TWENTY SHEETS

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Motif names from the Gaatha craft archive, the M.S. University of Baroda Textile Art Museum and the International Folk Art Market, as gathered at houseoffalguni.com/pages/ajrakh-motifs