Zardoszi

Zardozi work is a type of embroidery predominant in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. It is a type of heavy and elaborate metal embroidery on a silk, satin, or velvet fabric base.

It was **patronized by the Mughals** that involves weaving metallic threads. Designs are often created using **gold and silver threads** and can incorporate pearls, beads, and precious stones. However, in recent times craftsmen make use of a combination of copper wire, with a golden or silver polish, and silk thread.

It is used as decoration for a wide range of applications, including clothes, household textiles, and animal trappings. **Historically, it was used to adorn the walls of royal tents, scabbards, wall hangings and the paraphernalia of regal elephants and horses.**