# ANTEP KUTNU KUMAŞI

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**Category:** Protected Designation of Origin
**Product Type:** Cloth
**Geographical Area:** Gaziantep city – TURKEY
**Specificity of the Product:** Kutnu is a woven textile with a shiny surface and colorful vertical stripes, made with silk warps (lengthwise yarns) and cotton wefts (crosswise yarns). It used to be made on wooden looms with shuttle and pulling whip, but is today woven on more advanced dobby and jacquard looms. Although the type of loom may have changed, the weaving method has stayed the same for centuries.
The silk and cotton content of kutnu make it a cool and comfortable material to wear in summer. The types of kutnu cloth depends on the number of warn weaving wire, which differs between 2000 and 5000.
The name "kutnu" is first mentioned in the literature as a cloth type in 16th century. In the past, kutnu was called the "Palace Cloth" as it was used to make the sultans' kaftans, and over time came to be used for clothing by men and women of the public, especially the wealthy ones. Toda, kutnu is used in the costumes of folk dancers and for certain accessories like ties and scarves.



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