



How Many Ways Can You Use a Pakhaoma?



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The Lao bathing towel is the pride of Laos. It has many little white and black squares. It is called a *pakhaoma*.





You can take its two ends and tie them to a tree to make a hammock for a little child.





Women use it as a turban to cover their heads to protect them from the hot sun.



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Men wear it like a bathing suit when taking a bath.





You can roll up the pakhaoma and use it as a pillow to get a good night's sleep anywhere!





We also use it as a towel
after washing our hands.
That's why it is called the
Lao bathing towel.





You can use the pakhaoma as a table cloth too! Just spread it out on the ground and use it for your food.





Elders wear it on their shoulders when offering alms to monks on holy days.





Grandfather Nu uses it as a mat when
a chair is not available.





When a baby is sleeping, a mother uses it to carry the baby on her back. Now both mother and child are happy!





While taking a walk, Uncle Khampa wraps it around his waist like a belt.





Occasionally, it's used as a bag.
It's much better than a plastic bag.





The pakhaoma can be a scarf to keep you warm and snugly in the winter.





The pakhaoma can be worn like a coat.
These girls love it!





When it gets old and worn out, we can use it to clean our homes.

