



My Clay Batik

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Uncle Rizal and his son, Bima, visit Hani and her family. They have not been together in a long time.

Hani serves them rambutan because she knows it's Bima's favorite fruit.



Bima enjoys the rambutan very much, but Hani wonders why he puts the fruit peels in his bag.

Everyone laughs.

"Hani, you have to visit our house to learn the answer," Uncle Rizal says.

"And don't forget to bring more fruit peels!" Bima says.



Hani and her Mom collect more fruit peels. The next day, they visit Bima and his family. Hani can hardly wait to find out what they do with the fruit peels.





Wow! There are a lot of colorful clothes in the front yard. Dad says Bima's parents are *tanah liek*, or *batik* artists. They make beautiful fabrics.



*Tanah liok* is ... clay!" says Hani. "Why is the batik named after the clay? What does it have to do with the fruit peels?" asks Hani. Bima smiles and invites Hani to come inside and learn all about batik.



“Wait! Why do you dip the cloth in the mud? It will get dirty!” Hani says.



Bima says it is not ordinary mud. It's a clay that gives the batik its first color. That is why the batik is called clay batik.





"This is the batik I am making," Bima says. "You can also make one."



Hani cant wait to make a beautiful piece of batik fabric just like Bima.



"Now it's time for coloring," says Bima as he takes Hani to the next room. Hani can't wait to choose the perfect color. But where is the dye?



Finally, Hani finds the answer to the fruit mystery!

"We use the peels from the fruit for coloring," Bima says. "This is the juice of boiled blackbead fruit and mangosteen peel. Can you guess what color it will make?" he asks. Hmmm, Hani thinks a bit. Maybe black?





Oh wow! It makes purple!



This is the juice of boiled avocado peel and shallot. "Can you guess what color it will make?" Bima asks.

Hani thinks again. Maybe it will make green?



Oh, it's brown!  
Hani is amazed.



Now she sees the juice of boiled rambutan and dragon fruit peel. Hani knows for sure that it will make red!





She's right! The peels from the fruit she brought turned the fabric red.



Hani is amazed the fruit peels make so many beautiful colors.  
Maybe now Hani can make batik by herself!



Hani promises to return with more fruit peels.  
"Bring lots more!" Bima shouts.  
Hani can't wait to see all the colors she will  
make from her favorite fruits.



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