

## MAKING CLOTHES

The Karen people made clothes much the way people all over the world have made clothes for thousands of years. Making clothes was a long, time-consuming process.

*Read the chapter again and number the following steps 1-7.*



*The blue dye from indigo is actually taken from the leaves of the plant rather than the flowers. The leaves are soaked in water to extract the dye.*



*The lac beetle (above) leaves behind resin (below) that looks like hard cocoons. The people of Southeast Asia took this “stick-lac” and crushed it and soaked it to make their red dye.*



- \_\_\_ They made the cloth into skirts and smocks.
- \_\_\_ They harvested the cotton and picked the dirt and seeds out of it.
- \_\_\_ They dyed the thread blue and red.
- \_\_\_ They spun the smoothed cotton into thread.
- \_\_\_ They wove the colored thread into cloth.
- \_\_\_ They combed and smoothed the clean cotton.
- \_\_\_ They grew cotton.



*This hundred-year-old photo shows a Karen woman weaving cloth on a loom under her house.*

