

**Coming up next: 1Malaysia batik**  
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Kraftangan Malaysia today unveiled four 1Malaysia batik designs with potential for use on attire for official functions and the 1Malaysia campaign.

Four shirt patterns, two baju kurung and two kebaya featuring the designs were shown to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak before he chaired the cabinet meeting at his office.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, Information Communication and Culture Minister Rais Yatim and other cabinet ministers.

The prime minister will choose one of the designs to be used on attire for official functions.

The designer, Nazarii Maarus, said the idea was mooted by Rais and he took a month to come up with the designs.

"The designs incorporate all the races in the country, Malays, Chinese and Indians, and the ethnic groups of Sabah and Sarawak and feature songket, paisley, peacock feather, pua kumba, peony and cotton flower motifs," he said.

The five colours used were red, blue, black, yellow and white, said Nazarii, who has been in the trade for 26 years.

- *Bernama*

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