

KEBAYA DESIGNS

What do you see in this Chinese ink painting? Look at the three women and describe the colours and patterns of their clothing. Are their clothes similar or different to what the people around you wear?



Chen Chong Swee. *After Bath*. 1952. Chinese ink and colour on paper, 90 x 118 cm. Gift of the artist's family. Collection of National Gallery Singapore. © Family of Chen Chong Swee.

This painting shows three women in front of a hut. They are wearing *kebaya*, the traditional attire of women in various parts of Southeast Asia.

The artist Chen Chong Swee settled in Singapore in 1931. He taught in various schools here, and travelled around countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia to paint.

Chen Chong Swee is known for his Chinese ink paintings that feature people of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

TRY IT OUT!

Let your creativity take flight and design your own *kebaya* on the next page!

You could even cut out interesting colours and shapes from magazines to make an exciting collage of patterns for your *kebaya*!

