



Zajda

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zajda (eastern Slov. dialect; Ungr.: "batoho"): blanket for carrying all kinds of loads, including small children.

The corners of the blanket were tied together in front over the chest. A *zajda* was carried almost exclusively by women. The wives of blacksmiths carried horseshoes, chains, clamps, etc. – objects made by their husbands – from village to village. Food that women had acquired in exchange for goods or for all kinds of services - sweeping the farmyard; chopping branches; doing housework; lining ovens, etc. – was stored in the *zajda*.

In western Slovakia, women carried a *noša/nuša* – basket on their backs. [*Servika Roma*]