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: China is united multi-national country of 56 nationalities. Origins of all nationalities are diversified and patterns of their are colorful.

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The costumes of the southern farming ethnic groups and of those living in the mountainous areas. Being hot and rainy the geographical environment of the region where the southern ethnic groups live is rather complicated. Consequently costumes of these ethnic minorities are complex with varied styles. For those living in the mountainous areas　their clothes are heavy with no notable variations with seasons. For those dwelling in the hot and humid valleys　their clothes are light in texture　short and narrow in style. For those residing in flatland areas　their clothes are simple and practical resulting from influences of Han Chinese costumes. With frequent communications between ethnic minorities and Han Chinese who live together in the same area　some ethnic groups obviously assimilate into Han culture　which in turn results in some similarities in clothes designs. Traditional costumes of these minorities are mainly made of cottons　linens　silks　for fireweed cloth　and bark fiber cloth. Patterns of these costumes are of great variety which include paofu　robes　pull-over dresses　front opening dresses　open cross-collar dresses　sleeveless jacket　cloaks lined with felt　capes　trousers　short pants　leggings　long skirts　short skins　etc. Among them　the Miao costume is noted for its fine workmanship and numerous patterns which are as many as several hundreds.

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