

Río Negro Memorial Textile

Weaver Profile

Analia Ixpata, 22



Analia was born in Pacux to survivors of the March 13, 1982 massacres. She is a young mother who works from home while taking care of her two children, Carla, 4, and Edilson, 10 months. Her work as a weaver helps to buy food for the family.

As a member of the first generation of children born in a resettlement community, Analia understands the Río Negro massacres as a part of her family's history and understands clearly its effects on her own life and that of her husband, whose father, Fernando Chen Tecu, and grandmother, Dominga Chen, are commemorated in two textiles.

Analia included typical huipil designs from Río Negro and Rabinal on the borders of her textiles as well as small feline designs with great significance for Dominga in particular. Dominga died at Pak'oxom with 176 other people on March 13, 1982. During the days following the massacre, it is believed that small cats and local mountain lions attacked the bodies. Many weavers associate their feline designs with Pak'oxom for this same reason.

Analia is a member of the board of directors for the Pacux artisans' cooperative.