



Wāhine Pō'ai - 'Oloa and Kalukalu

We wanted to honor the transformational work women did in kapa making with naming each pō'ai after a type of kapa. 'Oloa is the name of a fine white kapa, often gifted at birth and held in high esteem. We named our first pō'ai '**Oloa** to honor them with "birthing" the first circle of women.



The second pō'ai we named **Kalukalu**, after the fine gauze-like kapa reserved for chiefs. This kapa was said to originate on Kaua'i and we wanted to honor Aunty Rae Nam, Executive Director of Kukulu Kumuhana o Anahola who is the senior member of our second cohort.





As with kapa making, each piece you create takes on a life of its own. You make sure all conditions are right and work to ensure the outcome is consistent, but still, each one has its own signature and



thus our pō‘ai follow suit.

After our first year creating relationships and getting our professional bearings, we find a rhythm and purpose that feels good and makes sense for each group and we holomua! And because “o ke kahua ma mua, ma hope ke kukulu” (first the foundation, and then the building), the pō‘ai will always be here and welcome you back as your needs and kuleana ebb and flow with life.

