

We see a lovely Cambodian lady wearing a traditional native costume. The long colorful skirt is called a sarong. She's wearing a blouse with a scarf that is worn over one shoulder - across the chest and tied behind her back. She's wearing a gold bracelet and fancy slippers on her feet. On a typical day, her sarong would be quite simple and she would not be wearing a scarf. But this is a very special occasion because she is going to the temple, a house of worship, to pray. She must wear her "best" clothing.

The temples are up on the right hand side of the collage.

Buddhism is the major religion of Cambodia and the gold statue on the temple is that of Buddha. The figure of the monk with a shaved head and wearing a saffron (orange - yellow) colored robe is the spiritual leader of the Buddhist's religion.

One of the most widely celebrated and important holidays in Cambodia is the New Year, celebrated on April 13, 14 and 15. Look at the top of the collage and you will see two cones. The cones may contain flowers, money, traditional foods, candles and joss sticks (incense) which are brought as offerings by the people to the monks at the temple. Sometimes very large banana leaves are fashioned into cones to help keep the food fresh.

It is a festive holiday and near the bottom right of our collage you see four persons; two are kneeling and two are dancing.