CLOTHING
Lesson Forty-Eight

Objectives: This lesson is about clothing and colors, so you will
be introduced to related vocabulary in these areas. After mastering this lesson, you should know the names
of the colors and the more common articles of apparel.

Activities: Study the dialogue and the accompanying supplementary
vocabulary. When you are ready, take turns describing
what you and the others in your class are wearing.

Translation
of Dialogue:

Clothing

Mother: Well, it's about time for the wedding so get
yourselves ready.

What are you wearing George?

George: Perhaps I'll wear my blue shirt and my long
pants.

Mother: And you'll wear shoes too?

George: Yes, I'll put on shoes and socks.

Mother: How about you Ann?

Ann: I'll wear my red dress with the yellow border,
and my bright-colored hair scarf.

Translation
of Supplementary
Vocabulary:

shirt pants
belt shoe
scarf earring
necklace stocking

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TE KUNNIKAI
Reirei Abwi Ma Waniua

Dialogue for Study:

Te Kunnikai

Tina: E uara b'a e a kani boo te tai ni mare ma anikatauraoi ngkamii.

Ao teraa kunnikaim ngkoe Tioti?

Tioti: Tao N na b'aina au kabaraaki ae e mawaawa ao au kawaerake ae e m'arairai.

Tina: Ao ko kauniko naba?

Tioti: E eng, N na kaunai ma te titaokin.

Tina: Ao ngkoe Anna?

Anna: N na b'aina kunnikaiu ae e uraura are e baabooboo mataniuwina, ao au kabaea n atu ae e tokotoka matana.

Supplementary Vocabulary:

kabaraaki
    te roo
kabaea n atu
m'ae n roroa

kawaerake
ekau ni wae
taabia
titaokin

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Additional Activities: Study the continuation of the dialogue. When you have finished, practice using color terms, and asking for the colors of different things. Color pictures in a magazine might be a help, or items you bring to class. You might try a guessing game on the order of "I know something blue..." with the others asking questions to identify it.

Translation of Continuation of Dialogue:

Mother: Oh, you're so beautiful in your dress!
Anna: Don't kid me.
Mother: I'm not. And Elizabeth's dress is also very pretty. And you too George.
George: Well, shall we go?
Anna: We're all ready so let's go.

Translation of Supplementary Vocabulary and Expressions:

What color is your shirt/dress/shirt/pants/loincloth?

red orange
yellow green
blue black
white brown
light dark

Outside Activities: How does dress in Kiribati compare today with that of the past? Can you detect a difference between that on Tarawa and on the outer islands? Between old people and young ones? What about the traditional costumes at dances? Are bright colors popular? Do most people make their own clothes or buy them?
Continuation of Dialogue:

Tina: Auee, ko a bon rangi n tikiraoi ma am kunnikai!

Anna: Tai kewe.


Tioti: E uara, ti a nako?

Anna: Ti a bane n tauroai ma ti a nako.

Supplementary Vocabulary and Expressions:

Teraa matan: am tiibuta/kunnikai/kabaraaki/kawaerake/beem?

| uraura   | aoranti |
| baabooboo | kiriin |
| mawaawa  | rooro  |
| mainaina | buraun |
| maii     | roo    |

Note:

bee, loincloth takes the possessive suffixes used with inalienable nouns (see grammar). Most traditional articles of clothing take these suffixes, while modern clothing takes the preceding independent possessive pronouns.