



**Arab American  
National Museum**

## **Thobe Activity**

### ***Coming To America***

A thobe, also sometimes known as dishdasha or kandora, is an ankle-length garment, usually with long sleeves. Thobes come in many different styles, colors and designs and can be found across many of the Arab countries. Some thobes come in solid colors while others are very detailed, like the one you saw in the virtual tour. For some people, the thobe is an expression of themselves, their culture, their ancestry. Many may decorate their clothing using specific colors, symbols and shapes. The Arab American National Museum (AANM) has a very special, beautiful example of a thobe in our exhibits. To see and learn about our thobe, you can click the video [HERE](#). This virtual tour clip highlights a Palestinian thobe. This thobe you saw had many colors, Arabic writing, the Palestinian flag and other symbols of importance.

Now it's your turn to design your own thobe! Below, you will find an image of a blank thobe. This garment you're designing should be an expression of yourself, who you are as a person. Feel free to color, draw, design and create your own unique thobe. Think about the following:

- What colors represent you?
- What types of symbols and designs would you put on it?
- If you were to wear a piece of clothing that represented your identity, what would you include on it?
- Where would you wear this garment?

