

## Traditional Houses

Indonesia is rich in traditional house that characterizes each area. Sangiran is represented by limasan and joglo traditional houses. There are still types of traditional houses with architecture of Central Java designed with limasan and wuwungan on the top of their roofs. Wuwungan is a decoration made from clay/terracotta also can be from iron sheeting. The word wuwungan derives from “wuwung” which means top of the roof. There are various forms of wuwungan, namely:

1. Animals (like dragon and chicken) and human.
2. Gunungan (mountainlike figure in wayang), figure of wayang (Kresna, Semar, Pandhawa, and animals related to the story in wayang).
3. Ukel-ukelan, stilisasi of flowers and leaves.



Wuwungan is usually placed on top of the roof and curving upward on its edges and it symbolizes Javanese traditional house. The designs and materials used are varied. At first, it was only made from clay, but now it is also made from iron sheeting and metal.

Additionally, there are also traditional houses made from plaited bamboo, board, and the combination of both materials as its wall found in Sangiran. The use of bamboo is intended to make use the natural resource found nearby the area. Bamboo is also used as wall also as the house structure. However, some houses have used bricks and cement. Generally, the ordinary houses are made from wood with limasan (pyramid shape) type of roof.

