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Fern Leaf Accent Rug

Ferns sway across this 100% Tibetan sheep wool rug handcrafted by expert knotters and designers at the Kumbeshwar Technical School. KTS offers training in wool spinning, hand knitting, carpet weaving, carpentry and jewellery to members of low-caste communities, disabled individuals and destitute women in Nepal. In fact, KTS now has over 2,300 producers, benefiting over 4,000 family and local community members. This contemporary rug helps families thrive.



About the Artisans

Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS)

The Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS) offers training in wool spinning, hand knitting, carpet weaving, carpentry and jewellery to members of low-caste communities, disabled individuals and destitute women in Nepal. Graduates of the training program have the opportunity to move into employment at KTS or to establish their own workshops. KTS embraces environmentally friendly practices such as the use of AZO-friendly dyes for carpets and the use of replanted trees from a community forest for their carpentry production. In addition to the technical school, KTS operates an orphanage for abandoned children, a nursery, a primary school for children of impoverished families and a workplace daycare. Other benefits include literacy classes, training in writing and basic numeracy, women's health education, health and accident insurance and access to loans.

Materials:

wool

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Learn how Fair Trade really makes a difference. Our goal is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages sells product from more than 30 countries, providing work for nearly 60,000 people around the world.

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