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Rainbow Zebra Ornament

This fuzzy, sweater-wearing zebra was created in Peru, where women work with alpaca wool to knit and crochet finger puppets and ornaments. Makers generally don't knit or crochet full-time, most work happens when they have a free moment. Crafting is handmade, but in 2014, artisan groups received a knitting machine for some tasks. The yarn is often still sorted, dyed and spun by hand.



About the Artisans

Intercrafts Peru

Intercrafts Peru is a non-profit association formed by artisan groups across Peru in order to export their creations. Today, it represents more than 700 different workshops employing over 2,400 artisans. The group aims to keep overhead costs low, to share responsibilities so more income can stay in the hands of the artisans, and to explore new markets.

Intercrafts offers its members such benefits as health care, loan funds and advances, school supplies and books, training programs and technical assistance. Since 2002, the export arm of CIAP has been known as Intercrafts Peru. Intercrafts Peru empowers artisans with full participation in organizational decisions.

Materials:

crochet alpaca 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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