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About the Artisans

Blue Mango Trust

The Blue Mango Trust is a business run by and for women who are disabled, deserted, widowed or living with AIDS. Founded in 2001 with four employees and four sewing machines, the organization has since grown to offer not only employment, but empowerment and community to over fifty women in south India. Blue Mango hires women based on level of need, rather than education or experience; products are then designed to match the skills of the women. Blue Mango also strives to make environmentally conscious choices, procuring its raw materials from eco-friendly sources whenever possible. The organization is fully self-sufficient and all profits are reinvested in improving the business and enhancing quality of life for employees.

Rock Dangles Necklace

Polished river rocks dangle from silver chain. Each is handcrafted by makers of Blue Mango workshop, a training and income generation program for village women in south India. The group reaches out to marginalized women: those affected by AIDS, widows and abandoned wives, women with physical or mental disabilities, and victims of domestic abuse. Blue Mango provides a loving atmosphere for women to work in, and gives them an opportunity to earn a fair income.



Materials:

rock charms, white metal

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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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