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### About the Artisans

## Tara Projects

Tara Projects works to change the lives of India's "untouchables," by eliminating unfair trade practices and child labour, fighting the exploitation of artisans and supporting Fair Trade and human dignity. Tara is a pioneering Indian organization in the field of fair wages, non-formal education programs for children and women, health and environmental awareness, adult literacy centres and further development for its member artisans. Numerous levels of committees with elected representatives from all sections of the project co-ordinate the production, design and marketing of handicrafts. Currently, nearly 1000 artisan families from 35 community-based artisan groups and workshops create products from all the major traditional handicraft lines of northern India. These artisans receive medical insurance, interest-free loans and advances, access to savings programs and skills training.

## Stormy Sea Glass Necklace

Like smooth sea glass found on the beach, the beads that make up this stunning three-strand necklace are a wonder. Grey and clear, they create a perfect storm of style.

### Special Details:

With many thousands of Indian artisans earning their living every day through the art of jewellery making, India has become known as a major producer of precious stone jewellery. Famous for their ability to cut and polish beautiful gemstones, often using simple, manually-operated vertical rotating discs, talented Indian artisans produce pieces featuring amethyst, black and green onyx, garnet, rose, smokey quartz, lapis lazuli, blue and amber topaz, and jade and tiger eye. In addition to their work with these beautiful gemstones, innovative craftspeople fashion unique pieces made from materials such as papier mâché, carved and dyed camel bone or waterbuffalo horn, glass beads, sequins, wood, copper, silver, and brass. Distinctive bracelets, brooches, necklaces, and earrings are handcrafted with a sense of skill, artistry and cultural flair.



### Materials:

glass beads, metal

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**Travel the world with each visit to Ten Thousand Villages.**

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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