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### About the Artisans

## St. Mary's Mahila Shikshan Kendra

Artisans with St. Mary's Mahila Shikshan Kendra use their traditional skills to create beautiful Gujarati embroidery featuring mirror-work and peacock, elephant, flower and fern motifs. Artisans use locally produced thread and hand-loomed cotton.

Approximately 400 women are employed full-time, and another 100 part-time, many working from home as they care for their children. Nearly 40% of these women are the primary wage earners for their families. St. Mary's is an intentional mix of Christian, Hindu, and Muslim artisans who work together and share in decision-making and project management. The women also have access to medical care, savings plans, sewing education, cooking classes and scholarships for children.

## Midnight Tree Wall Hanging

Celebrate life with this embroidered cotton wall hanging with a "Tree of Life" motif on a nighttime background. The image captures how all things on earth are related.

### Materials:

cotton

### Product Care:

Follow the care instructions on your purchase. Most fabrics from St. Mary's have already been hand-washed in warm water and line-dried. To ensure colour-fastness, you may wish to soak the fabric for several hours in 1 cup of vinegar and 2 cups of salt for every gallon of cold water. Rinse in clear water and then wash in cold water with a cold rinse. Do not bleach the fabric.



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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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