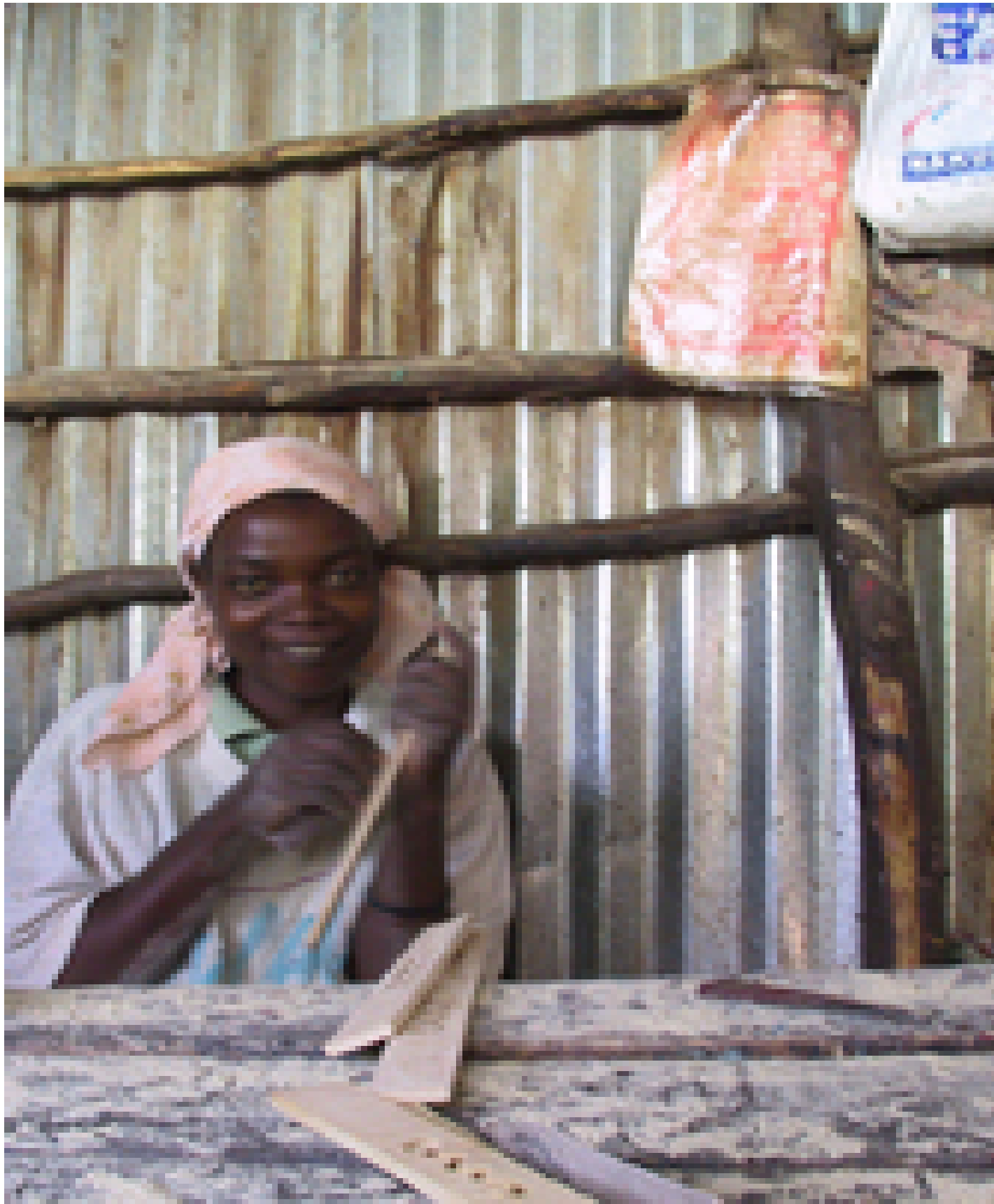




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Elephant Carved Drum

Catch the vibe of traditional African percussion with the forceful sounds of this djembe drum created from goatskin and jacaranda wood. Originating in West Africa, the djembe plays an integral role in the region's musical culture, but the drums – meant to be played with bare hands – are now popular around the world. Its name comes directly from a saying translated as, “Everyone gather together.” The black cord handle on the drum can be used as an extra tuning string.



About the Artisans

Otic International (OTICART)

OTICART provides export, marketing and quality control services to a number of small workshops around Nairobi, Kenya. In 1995, Claytone Ombasyi, a Christian businessman, started OTICART to help local artisans connect with international markets. A quiet man of integrity, Claytone stays in close touch with artisan groups, encouraging them to take pride in their work and to consider their products a reflection of themselves. Artisan groups speak highly of him: he provides helpful advice and guidance, and clearly states his expectations of quality work. Depending on their circumstances, these small groups provide a variety of advantages to artisans: some offer training in wood carving while others provide short-term, zero-interest loans.

Materials:

goatskin, jacaranda wood, string

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