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### About the Artisans

## Women's Multipurpose Co-op

The Women's Multipurpose Co-operative is a job-creation program for women in the Manila area who create woven, crocheted and knitted items, home decor products, recycled newspaper pieces, Christmas decorations made of pine needles, and baskets indigenous to local communities. The organization, representing some 200 artisans working in 20 groups, is affiliated with the Cooperative Development Authority and is a member of the Philippine Exporters Association. The organization helps the women create groups, obtain government help in skills training, buy raw materials, provide access to low interest loans and work toward obtaining title to their land.

## Good News Reindeer Ornament

Good news of the season, in recycled newsprint. Makers with the Women's Multipurpose Cooperative in Baguio City, the Philippines, collect stacks of newspapers from hotels and offices to ensure they can have enough of the same issue to create uniform colouring. The women then wrap the paper into coils to make spiraled building blocks, which are joined with thread and glue, and starched for durability. It takes one full sheet of newsprint to create each ornament.



### Materials:

recycled newspaper

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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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