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Adoring Bird Paperweight

Attention all birdwatchers! This heart-shaped painted paperweight is hand-carved from supple kissi soapstone, found only in Kenya. Its satiny finish is achieved through multiple stages of sanding, followed by waxing. In some cases, as with this piece, artisans also apply colour.



Materials:

kisii soapstone

About the Artisans

Undugu Society of Kenya

The Undugu Society of Kenya has worked for Kenya's urban poor since 1973 with the goal of offering hope to those at greatest risk. Father Arnold Grol, a priest from Tanzania, founded Undugu in response to the overwhelming number of street children living in urban areas and the lack of government programs to help the poor. Today, Undugu (a Kiswahili word for solidarity and brotherhood) is the leading rehabilitation agency for street children in Africa. Undugu began with only basic facilities but has since grown to provide education programs, health care and counseling for boys and girls who would otherwise live on the street.

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