



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES



Summer Fun Hammock

Relax and unwind in a hammock on a porch or between two favourite trees. Crocheted by hand using soft cotton yarn, makers construct decorative tassels and scalloped edges to create the essential tool for an afternoon siesta. From Oyanca Artesania, which works with artisans in both rural and urban areas of Nicaragua, with 50 per cent of the artisans being women.



Materials:

cotton

About the Artisans

Oyanca

Based in Managua, Nicaragua, Oyanca Artesania was founded in 2001 by Tamara Pereira. Her goal? To provide more export opportunities for Nicaraguan artisans, like those who create our wonderfully soft and sturdy cotton hammocks, which are woven on simple looms and tied by hand. Today the enterprise offers resources so artisans can develop new, contemporary designs and colours based on market trends, while still building on traditional skills. Oyanca works with artisans in both rural and urban areas of Nicaragua and, although business is typically male-dominated, 50 percent of the artisans are women who are able to balance their ability to earn a living from weaving and their family life. Oyanca also conducts training programs for artisans, focused on marketing assistance, technical skills, infrastructure and production efficiency. No wonder “Oyanca” means “on a new path!” Ten Thousand Villages started purchasing from Oyanca Artesania in 2015.

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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