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### About the Artisans

## Uganda Crafts 2000 Ltd.

Uganda Crafts is an organization managed by the disadvantaged to help the disadvantaged: many of the artisans are physically disabled, widowed or suffering from HIV/AIDS. Approximately 85% of Uganda Craft's artisans are women. Located in Kampala, Uganda Crafts provides training in product design, quality control and marketing. In addition, employees receive health benefits, emergency loans, transportation, and revolving loans to enable artisans to start new projects. An 85-acre plot of land has been purchased to build a Uganda Crafts Village where disabled youth can learn crafts, trades and other business skills. Many of these young people have now successfully started their own businesses.

## Blue Whirlpool Basket

Handmade beauty from Ugandan traditional artisans. The interior fibre forming the core of each coil is banana fibre, around which raffia palm is wrapped. With each wrapping, the fibre is threaded through the previous coil to form the basket. Raffia fibres are used in textiles, basket-making, rope-making, garden string, construction and for roofing.



### Special Details:

Baskets in Uganda are traditionally made from a wide variety of natural fibres: banana leaves, raffia palm, grasses, millet and sorghum straws; and reed-grasses.

### Materials:

banana fibre, raffia

### Product Care:

Vacuum clean as needed, or wipe with a wet cloth and allow to dry.

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**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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