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## Sodalite Swirl Ring

Sodalite, a dark mineral used as an ornamental gemstone in jewellery-making, gets a bright lift from sterling silver. This sodalite ring was handcrafted by makers working with our fair trade partner Intercrafts Peru, creating opportunities for artisans in economically challenged areas.



### About the Artisans

## Intercrafts Peru

Intercrafts Peru is a non-profit association formed by artisan groups across Peru in order to export their creations. Today, it represents more than 700 different workshops employing over 2,400 artisans. The group aims to keep overhead costs low, to share responsibilities so more income can stay in the hands of the artisans, and to explore new markets.

Intercrafts offers its members such benefits as health care, loan funds and advances, school supplies and books, training programs and technical assistance. Since 2002, the export arm of CIAP has been known as Intercrafts Peru. Intercrafts Peru empowers artisans with full participation in organizational decisions.

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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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