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New Leaf Silver Necklace

Genuine sterling silver is cut by hand into an intricate leaf design on this necklace from the Allpa artisan group, providing employment opportunities for makers in and around Lima. Allpa is a Quechua Indian word that means "earth."



About the Artisans

Allpa - Peru

Allpa is an indigenous word meaning 'earth' in the Quechua language – a reminder that the stone, wood, vegetable and animal fibres with which they work all come from the earth.

Allpa aims to improve the living standards of handicraft producers, many of whom are internally displaced refugees living in slums on the outskirts of major cities. Others live in villages, often located in remote mountainous or rainforest regions. For most, craft production is the only source of income. Allpa provides technical help, product development advice, skills training, tools and equipment. Artisans are also provided with short and mid-term loans for workshop improvements.

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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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