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## Felted Sheep Ornament

Wide-eyed and whimsical, this sheep ornament is going to be a favourite this year. Each is handmade by Nepali makers with the Association of Craft Producers, a non-profit group. ACP makers have access to benefits including medical services, paid maternity and paternity leave, and clothing and household allowances. The Nepal earthquake in April 2015 killed thousands of Nepalese citizens and left even more homeless, but ACP offers hope to the region and its people.



### About the Artisans

## Association of Craft Producers (ACP)

The Association of Craft Producers is a non-profit group that provides design, marketing, training and technical services to low-income artisans of all ethnic backgrounds, 90% of whom are women. ACP artisans also have access to benefits including counseling and medical services, paid maternity and paternity leave, and clothing and household allowances. They have also initiated a savings program and a retirement fund, low-interest loans, education allowances for artisans' daughters, and seminars on health, nutrition and women's rights. ACP takes an active role in protecting Nepal's fragile environment by recycling materials, using water-based dyes for printing, using only softwood in production, harvesting rain water and treating production waste water.

### Materials:

felt

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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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