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## Peace Dove Cross Ornament

Beautiful! This asymmetric painted wood cross is made by artisans working with artisan cooperative La Semilla de Dios and hand-painted in the La Palma folk art style by women artisans. The wood used to make this cross has been dried in the sun to prevent future warping. The painting is a time-consuming process that requires significant concentration, but we think you'll agree the results are well worth it!



### Materials:

wood

### About the Artisans

## La Semilla de Dios

Internationally acclaimed artist Fernando Llort began La Semilla de Dios (meaning "The Seed of God") co-operative in his art workshop, to teach local people his skills. The co-operative owns a large plot of land where they have a fully-equipped woodworking shop, drying room, painting and finishing area, warehouse space and retail store. Here, they plant and sustainably harvest trees to supply about 40% of their wood needs.

About 50 artisans are presently part of La Semilla de Dios. Recognizing the importance of schooling for their children, the group has established an education committee. The co-op also runs a savings plan from which members can borrow and has instituted a retirement fund.

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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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