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Terracotta Angel Ornament

This little angel will be this year's Christmas tree star. Makers form models, and then press clay into them. Then they set the clay in the forms outside to dry in the sun. Historically in Bangladesh, rains were mostly restricted to monsoon season, but terracotta makers have noticed rains are becoming much less predictable. Wet weather can ruin pieces, so they are worried climate change will cause a shortened work season.



About the Artisans

Corr - The Jute Works

Corr - The Jute Works markets handmade items created by Bangladeshi women, and in 2000 received the National Export Trophy in recognition of the significant contribution made to its country's economy. Corr primarily produces jute and terracotta handicrafts. Today, 4,000 artisans are members of the 154 rural cooperatives that make up Corr-The Jute Works. The organization works with women regardless of caste, religion or race. They focus on job training, literacy and health issues, developing leadership skills and generating awareness of women's rights. Micro-credit loans have also been made available to enable independent small business projects.

Materials:

terracotta

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