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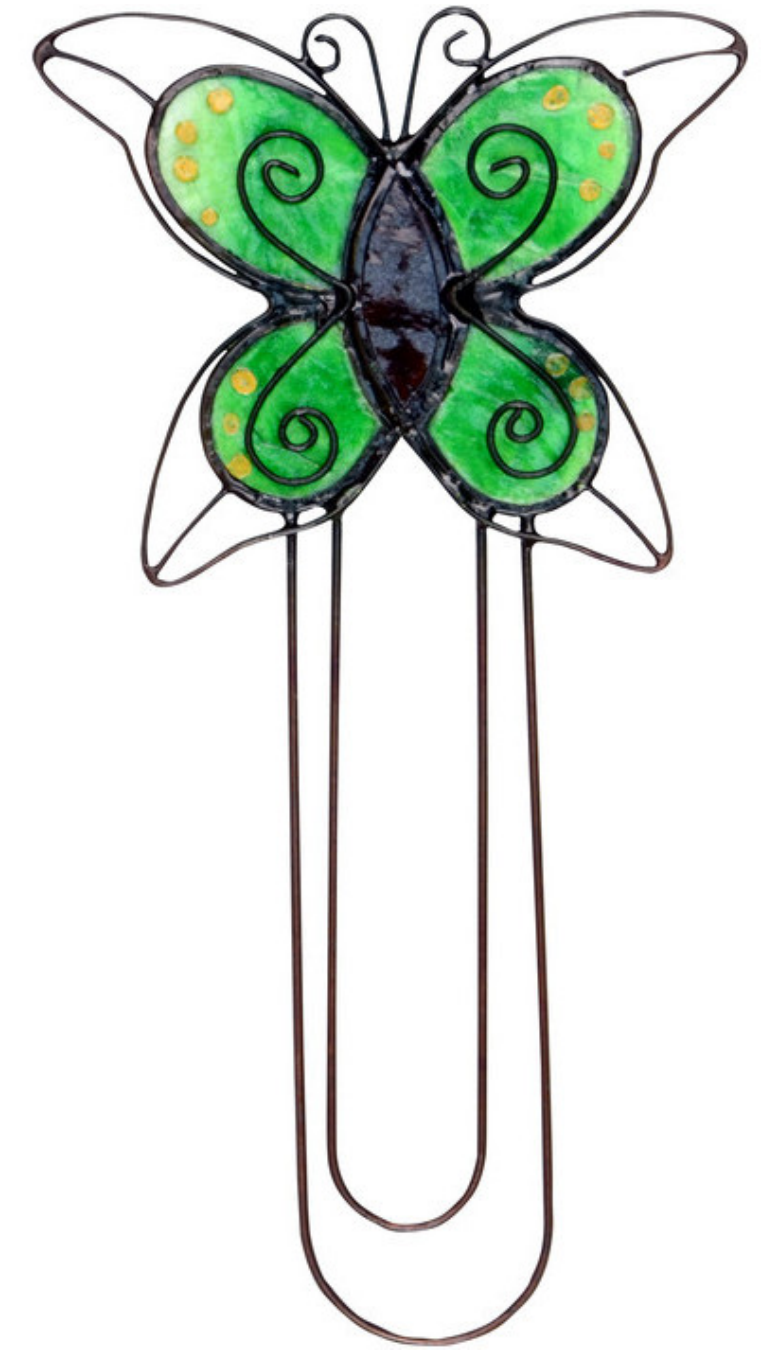
About the Artisans

Saffy Handicrafts

Saffy Handicrafts (which stands for Social Action for Filipino Youth) markets crafts for small artisan workshops and runs its own production unit specializing in capiz shell items. Saffy was founded by Sr. Juliaan Mullie, a Belgian nun, to create alternative sources of livelihood for impoverished women and youth in marginalized areas of Manila. The mission has since expanded to serve communities in need by launching social development programs. Saffy provides employment for more than 1,000 people, including 40 workers in its own production unit. These artisans benefit from educational seminars, vocational training, financial and medical assistance and profit sharing.

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Don't flit from page to page. Keep your place in that favourite book. This springtime butterfly holds your page with dark finished metal and translucent capiz shell. Capiz is the thin shell of a marine mollusk. First, artisans wash and soak shells. After the shells have dried, they are cut into shapes and edged with metal wire. A finishing coat of varnish completes this labor-intensive process. Before glass windows became available in the Philippines, capiz was used for windows in houses.



Materials:

capiz, wire

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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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