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## Handwoven Cream Napkin

Cloth napkins are pretty, practical and an environmentally aware choice. Perfect for the entertaining season, this one in neutral cream is hand-woven on looms in a small workshop. Maximizing Employment to Serve the Handicapped (MESH) is a non-profit organization that works in leprosy colonies and rehabilitation workshops in villages all over India to ensure fair wages. Makers say they are proud that their hand-woven pieces are sold in places as far away as Canada.



### About the Artisans

## MESH

Maximizing Employment to Serve the Handicapped (MESH) is a non-profit organization in India founded to provide opportunities for disabled people and their dependents, especially those affected by leprosy. MESH provides training, coordinates orders and facilitates marketing and exporting for numerous artisans and some 60 member groups across India. MESH exports textiles, jewellery, wooden products, toys, greeting cards and other handicrafts to Fair Trade organizations around the world. Increasingly, it is hiring disabled people to give administrative leadership. MESH works in leprosy colonies and rehabilitation workshops in villages all over India to ensure fair wages. Due to the stigma still attached to leprosy, most of these people would otherwise be unable to find work.

### Materials:

hand-woven cotton

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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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