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About the Artisans

Allpa - Peru

Allpa is an indigenous word meaning 'earth' in the Quechua language – a reminder that the stone, wood, vegetable and animal fibres with which they work all come from the earth.

Allpa aims to improve the living standards of handicraft producers, many of whom are internally displaced refugees living in slums on the outskirts of major cities. Others live in villages, often located in remote mountainous or rainforest regions. For most, craft production is the only source of income. Allpa provides technical help, product development advice, skills training, tools and equipment. Artisans are also provided with short and mid-term loans for workshop improvements.

Botanical Bounty Tray

Breakfast in bed anyone? Present snacks and meals on this luxurious tray awash in a rich floral pattern. Each tray is handpainted in the traditional reverse-painting style, in which colours are applied “back to front” with details first and larger coloured areas next. The background colour comes last.



Special Details:

Imagine going through your day doing everything backwards. You eat dessert before dinner, put your shoes on before your socks, and prepare for your meeting after giving a big presentation to the boss. Yet as weird as that sounds to the rest of us, to a reverse glass paint artist, doing a job backwards just makes sense. That's because every reverse glass painted item is created in a way that seems counterintuitive. Colours are applied “back to front.” Some people call the technique, “cold painting.”

Purchasing a reverse painting product helps preserve history and offers artisans a market for their considerable skill. Our artisan partner, Manos Amigas, in Peru, was established in Lima in 1991 and Ten Thousand Villages was one of its first customers!

Materials:

painted glass, wood

Travel the world with each visit to Ten Thousand Villages.

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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