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Sunrise Grassland Dancer Wall Hanging

African beauties dance in celebration in this wall hanging from Burkina Faso. The colours and textures of this wall-hanging are achieved through the ancient technique of batik dying, which starts by hand-tracing an original design on a light but sturdy fabric. Hot wax and dye are expertly applied in an alternating process of adding colour to certain places while preserving other areas with the wax. At the end of the process, all of the wax is removed to reveal the finished design.



Bamboo hanger not included.

About the Artisans

Atelier de Formation et de Promotion des Artisans - Burkina Faso

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) West Africa works with more than 400 artisans from 20 workshops in and around the capital city of Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso, the economic centre of Burkina Faso. MCC is a relief, development and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches, with programs in more than 50 countries. Sissao Hamidou, a colleague of MCC, acts as a liaison with artisans. Some of the artisans also work at the Atelier de Formation et de Promotion des Artisans and Village Artisanal de Ouagadougou, which since 2000 has showcased the work of Burkinabe artisans.

Special Details:

Batik is a centuries-old technique that uses wax to resist dyes. Original designs are hand traced on fabric, and then hand painted on both sides using brushes or droppers. Hot wax is applied in areas where colour is not desired. The fabric is then immersed in dye, and the wax removed. The process of waxing and dyeing is repeated as many times as necessary to produce a multi coloured design or picture.

Materials:

cotton

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