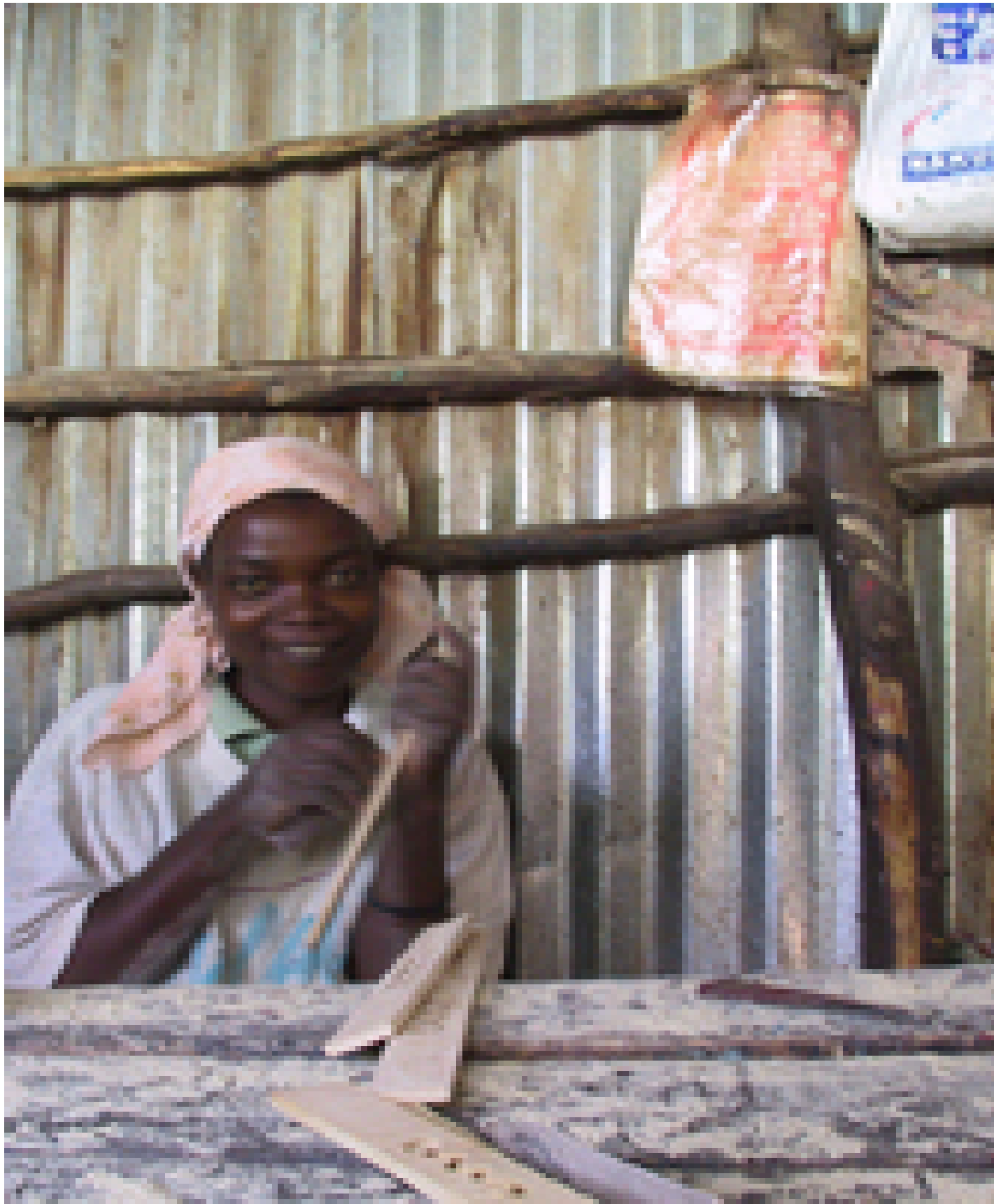




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Carved Hippo Eyeglass Holder

Don't forget your glasses! This whimsical hippo is here to help. Hand-carved hippopotamus holds your specs till you need them next. From Kichaka Poa. Jacaranda wood is a sustainable, fast-growing wood, one of the woods recommended for carvings in Kenya.



Materials:

jacaranda wood

About the Artisans

Otic International (OTICART)

OTICART provides export, marketing and quality control services to a number of small workshops around Nairobi, Kenya. In 1995, Claytone Ombasyi, a Christian businessman, started OTICART to help local artisans connect with international markets. A quiet man of integrity, Claytone stays in close touch with artisan groups, encouraging them to take pride in their work and to consider their products a reflection of themselves. Artisan groups speak highly of him: he provides helpful advice and guidance, and clearly states his expectations of quality work. Depending on their circumstances, these small groups provide a variety of advantages to artisans: some offer training in wood carving while others provide short-term, zero-interest loans.

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