



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES



About the Artisans

Saidpur Enterprises

Saidpur Enterprises is comprised of two projects: Action Bag Handicrafts and Eastern Screen Printers. Both projects offer literacy classes and training sessions on nutrition, women's legal rights, educational awareness and financial advice. .

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) workers founded Action Bag Handicrafts in 1976 out of concern that the same malnourished children kept showing up at their feeding centre. This job creation program trains women to sew bags and wallets and currently employs about 60 people.

Eastern Screen Printers also began as an MCC job creation program. In 1986, five women received training in silkscreen printing. Today, this project employs 30 women to screen-print handmade paper from the Biborton, Bonoful and Shuktara Paper production centres. They also print the cotton and jute fabric which is used by Action Bag Handicrafts.

Sari Shop Slouchy Bag

Look at the colourful patchwork patterns, innovatively pieced from recycled sari fabric. Each Sari Shop Slouchy Bag is as unique as the saris themselves. From Action Bag Handicrafts, employing women and providing classes on literacy, nutrition and legal rights.



Special Details:

Some sari fabric is collected as cast-offs from owners, while other fabric, perhaps having been dyed the wrong colour, has never been worn and is donated by the factories that make them. The fabric is well-washed and stitched together to make many of the purses and other items you'll find at Ten Thousand Villages. Because each piece is crafted of authentic sari material, colours and patterns vary widely. No two are exactly alike.

Materials:

cotton

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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