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Black Stripes Fringed Alpaca Throw

This striped alpaca throw is light and warm for in-between seasons. Between the weaving and finishing, it takes three days and five makers to create each throw. Now, with so many orders, the Celestinos Workshop has been able to move to a larger city with more opportunities for its workers and families. Alpaca fibre is warmer and finer than sheep wool so it's not prickly. It's also hypoallergenic as it doesn't contain lanolin.



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.

Materials:

alpaca wool

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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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