

# Midwest Trade Group

## Multicultural Textiles & Handicrafts {1-800-645-3683}



**Backpacks!! Guatemalan Fabric Accented with Leather**  
 GBP1-Nebaj Backpack  
 GBP2-Con Cinta Backpack  
 GBP3- Perraje Backpack



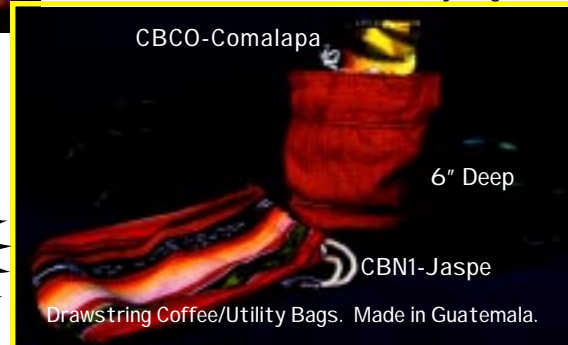
**Carry Bags!! Guatemalan Fabric Accented with Leather--**  
 BTS1-Todos Santos Carry Bag  
 BTAB-Bolsa Todos Santos Carry Bag  
 BNP3-Nebaj Carry Bag  
 BTS4-Bolsa Todos Santos Carry Bag



**Handy Pouches & Wallets**

Guatemalan  
Wallets &  
Pouches

Any other items  
you are interested  
in? Please ask us!!  
We can provide you  
with a Custom  
Quote!!



**CBCO-Comalapa**  
 6" Deep  
**CBN1-Jaspe**  
 Drawstring Coffee/Utility Bags. Made in Guatemala.

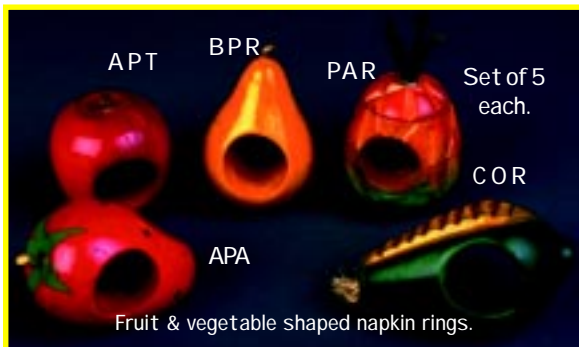


**Chicken Shaped Potholders. 100% Cotton. Well Padded.**

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product line!!



**Potholders. Made in Guatemala. San Lucas Fabric.**



**Fruit & vegetable shaped napkin rings.**

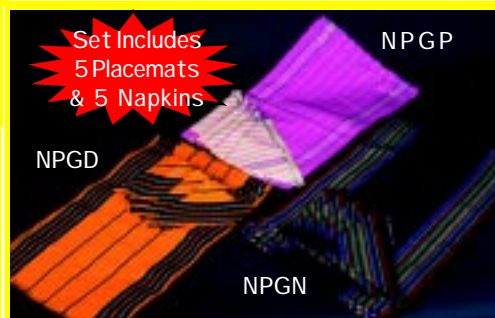
High Quality  
Handcrafted  
Home  
Accessories



**Handcrafted Guatemala Nebaj Pillows**

We offer a variety of multicultural fashion accessories and household items. Custom orders produced upon request. Complete product descriptions and price list attached. Products are available in several color choices. Please ask us! We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover, Personal Checks and Money Orders.

**100% Cotton Napkins & Matching Placemat Sets. Made in Guatemala. Sets available in Gold, Pink, Green, Dark Blue, and White.**



Set Includes  
5 Placemats  
& 5 Napkins



**Tablecloth & Napkin Set  
(Includes 6 napkins)**

Available in Green, White or Dark Blue

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# Midwest Trade Group Presents...

## Multicultural Textiles and Handicrafts {1-800-645-3683}



Handpainted Soapstone Candleholders.

**Candleholder Set Consists of 2 Candleholders**

**Home Accessories and More!!**



Handpainted Soapstone Plates. Made In Kenya.



Silhouette Shadows. Handcrafted In Ghana.

F1, F2 5 in. tall, 1.5" wide  
F3-F6 12 in. tall, 1.5" wide  
Handcrafted from Ebony Wood, with a smooth beeswax finish.

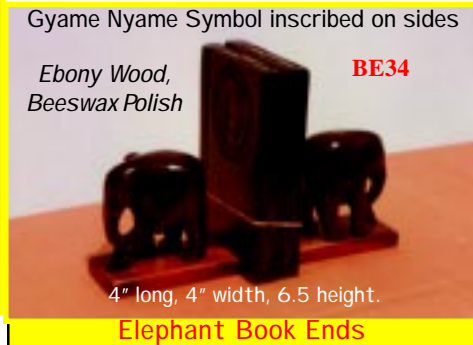
Your purchases help pay the wages for artisans throughout Africa and Central America, thus helping them aid and uplift their families and communities. All products are uniquely produced using centuries old production techniques. We employ the use of several handicraft groups and cooperatives to ensure these artisans are properly and fairly compensated for their work.

If you have any questions, regarding our product offerings, please call us at 1-800-645-3683 {(847) 328-3688 outside the US} or via fax at (847) 869-0312.



Ashanti Kente Stool, "Sankofa" symbol (Go Back To Your Roots), Ebony Wood, handcrafted in Ghana.  
32" length, 18" width, 24" height

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Gyame Nyame Symbol inscribed on sides

Ebony Wood, Beeswax Polish

**BE34**

4" long, 4" width, 6.5 height.

**Elephant Book Ends**



Ashanti Book Ends (Gyame Nyame)

Ebony Wood, Beeswax Polish

**BE28**

4" long, 4" width, 6.5 height. Handmade in Ghana.

**All items are produced by skilled African and Central American artisans.**



Mahogany, Olivewood & Ebony Wood

Handcrafted napkin rings from Kenya



KP4A

KP4B

Kente Pillows, crafted in Ghana, West Africa.  
Pattern shown on both sides  
16" long, 16" wide.

Shipping/Handling Charges:	
\$20.00 to \$60.00	\$2.00
\$61.00 to \$150.00	\$5.00
\$151.00 to \$250.00	\$7.00
\$251.00 to \$750.00	\$10.00
\$751.00 to \$1000.00	\$15.00
\$1001.00-Above	2% of Subtotal

**Orders of \$350 or more are shipped FREE via FEDEX!!!**

**Bed Spreads, Handcrafted In Guatemala. Available in King and Queen Sizes. Made of 100% Cotton. Available in White (shown), Green, Blue, and Red. Specify color & size when ordering.**



Hand-woven and embroidered, comprised of backstrap woven cloth

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>
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HAND-CRAFTED GUATEMALAN BACKPACKS-Accented With Leather

GBP1	Nebaj Backpack-10.5" deep	\$40.00
GBP2	Con Cinta Backpack-15" deep	\$40.00
GBP3	Perraje Backpack-9" deep	\$25.00

HAND-CRAFTED GUATEMALAN CARRY BAGS/PURSES-Accented With Leather

BTS1	Medium Size Todos Santos Carry Bag/Purse-	\$40.00
BTAB	Medium Size Bolsa Todos Santos Carry Bag/Purse	\$40.00
BNP3	Medium Size Nebaj Crochet/Leather Carry Bag	\$35.00
BTS4	Medium Size Bolsa Todos Santos Carry Bag/Purse	\$40.00

GUATEMALAN COIN PURSES

CEW1	Medium Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$6.75
CEW2	Medium Morales Coin Purse	\$5.00
CEW3	Medium Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$6.75
CEW4	Medium Morales Coin Purse	\$5.00
CEW5	Round Nebaj Coin Purse	\$6.75
CEW6	Small Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$4.25
CEW7	Small Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$4.25
CEW8	Small Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$4.25
CEW9	Medium Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$6.75
CEW10	Small Todos Santos Coin Purse	\$4.25

GUATEMALAN DRAWSTRING COFFEE/UTILITY BAGS/PURSES

CBCO	Small Comalapa Bag (Avail. in Black, Dark Blue, Green, Brown (Shown), Violet	\$7.00
CBN1	Medium Jaspe Bag	\$7.00

POTHOLDERS

PMC	West African Mudcloth Potholder (Set includes 2 potholders)	\$11.00
PGA	Multicolored Cotton Potholder (Set includes 2 potholders)	\$8.00
PKC	West African Kente Cloth Potholder (Set include 2 potholders)	\$11.00
PHGR	San Lucas Potholder Mittens (Set includes 2 mittens)	\$7.00
PHPK	San Lucas Potholder Mittens (Set includes 2 mittens) (Available also in Dark Blue)	\$7.00

FRUIT SHAPED NAPKIN RINGS

APT	Apple Shaped Napkin Ring (Set of 6)	\$20.00
BPR	Pear Shaped Napkin Ring (Set of 6)	\$20.00
APA	Strawberry Shaped Napkin Ring (Set of 6)	\$20.00
PAR	Pineapple Shaped Napkin Ring (Set of 6)	\$20.00
COR	Corn Shaped Napkin Ring (Set of 6)	\$20.00

ANIMAL SHAPED NAPKIN RINGS-Made of Handcarved Wood

R1	Elephant Shaped Napkin Ring	\$5.00
R2-	Lion Shaped Napkin Ring	\$5.00
R3	Jaguar Shaped Napkin Ring	\$5.00
R4	Zebra Shaped Napkin Ring	\$5.00
R5	Jaguar Shaped Napkin Ring	\$5.00
R6	Elephant Shape Napkin Ring	\$5.00

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SOAPSTONE CANDLEHOLDER SETS

CS1	Leopard Pattern twist candleholders (2 pieces @ 7" height)	\$32.00/Pair
CS2	Mudcloth embossed Pattern twist, assorted design candleholders (2 pieces @ 7" height)	\$32.00/ Pair
CS3	Leopard Pattern twist candleholders (2 pieces @ 5" height)	\$28.00/ Pair
CS4	Assorted bright acrylic colors handpainted, (2 pieces @ 7" height)	\$35.00/ Pair

SOAPSTONE PLATES (10" Diameter) (\*)

PL1	Plate With "Sunburst" embossed design in brown tones and black	\$45.00
PL2	Plate With bright handpainted acrylic "African Mask" design	\$45.00
PL3	Plate With "Leopard" embossed design	\$45.00

(\*) These plates are for decorative purposes only.

HAND-CRAFTED SILHOUETTE SHADOW FIGURINES

F1, F2	Silhouette Shadows, 5" height, 1.5" wide	\$60.00
F3-F6	Silhouette Shadows, 12" height, 1.5" wide	\$95.00

BOOKENDS

EB	Elephant Shaped Bookends, 4" long, 6.5" height-Gye Nyame Symbol Inscribed	\$67.00
BE28	Ashanti-Bookends, 4" long, 6.5" height-Gye Nyame Symbol Inscribed	\$67.00

HANDCRAFTED STOOLS

KS32	Sankofa Stool, 32" length, 18" width, 24" height	\$235.00
SKST	Gye Nyame ("Except God") Stool, 32" length, 18" width, 24" height (Not Pictured)	\$230.00

PILLOWS

NPA	Guatemalan Nebaj Pillows	\$35.00
NPB	Guatemalan Nebaj Pillows	\$35.00
KP4A	Ghanaian Ewe Fabric Pillow	\$40.00
KP4B	Ghanaian Ewe Fabric Pillow	\$40.00

PLACEMAT & NAPKIN SETS

NPGD	Gold & Green Trim Napkin Sets	\$30.00
NPGN	Green & Multicolored Trim Napkin Sets	\$30.00
NPGP	Pink & Green Trim Napkin Sets	\$30.00

*All Sets include 5 placemats and 5 napkins*

TABLECLOTH & NAPKIN SET

	100% Cotton tablecloth, includes 8 napkins. 56" X 80" tablecloth	\$70.00
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BED SPREADS

CBSA	Hand woven, Zacualpa Bed Spread, 100% cotton ( <i>King Size</i> )	\$135.00
CBSA	Hand woven, Zacualpa Bed Spread, 100% cotton ( <i>Queen Size</i> )	\$125.00

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## NOTES ABOUT OUR PRODUCTS

### SOAPSTONE:

Soapstone is also known as Kisii stone as it comes from the Kisii highlands in the western part of Kenya near Lake Victoria. The carvings are produced there by the Gusii tribesmen. The main quarries are found in Tabaka where large pieces are cut from the hills and then cut into smaller blocks for carving. First the shape is roughed out and then a knife is used to achieve the finished work which is then sanded and polished. The entire process is done with hand tools and no machinery is utilized anywhere in the process. The colors vary from cream to pink to almost black. The carvings are sometimes dyed and incised. The final product is a delight to the eyes and touch. Any exposure to liquid or soap will make the dyes run and could be toxic if ingested. As water will literally dissolve soapstone, we recommend that you label soapstone **“FOR DRY USE ONLY.”**

### HANDCARVED WOOD:

The majority of our wood items comes from the town of Wamunyu in the Machakos district. Here, the Kamba tribesmen, using a two-man saw, cut the huge Mahogany logs into pieces that will then be worked into various forms. The rough shape is chipped out with an adze (a type of small ax) and then various sized knives are used to achieve the final form which is then sanded and, if the piece calls for it, dyes are used to color the wood. Finally, the piece is waxed to bring out the beauty of the grain. Olivewood and some ebony is also used. No machinery is ever involved.

### FABRIC GLOSSARY:

JASPE: Tie-Dyed hand or foot-loomed fabric, usually cotton. Colors will vary from bright to muted, and designs will also vary. Often Jaspe designs will include dolls, trees, or blocks of colors.

ZACUALPA: The material is striped, usually with zig-zag embroidery on the end. Usually available in red, jade, white, turquoise, magenta, burgundy and other colors.

NEBAJ: Heavy crochet material usually using geometric birds, animals and other shapes.

TODOS SANTOS: Fine crochet material, with detailed embroidered, often in shapes of red and bright pinks.

CON CINTA: Sashes (Cinta) of various colors are sewn throughout the material.

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