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Solid Crafts Sales manual

Interior with a soul and a story
Let's rise by lifting others!



Kenya

Handwoven baskets made from local sisal and palm leaves

These beautiful baskets are 100% handmade with love by local Kenyan women from Kasigau, a beautiful but very poor region, with a fragile ecosystem and a varied and abundant wildlife.

Solid Crafts' partner Hadithi offers meaningful and decent work to these vulnerable, underprivileged but strong women. They make beautiful handmade baskets which in turn provide the women with hopes of a brighter future.

"If you empower women, you empower a whole community."

100% handmade with love, especially for you.



Your Hadithi basket, her future.



Hadithi means ‘a story’ in Swahili. This name was chosen because each basket sold tells the unique story of the woman who made it. In this way you can find out from whom, from where and the why of what you buy. Hadithi baskets are made in the region of Kasigau, in southeastern Kenya between the East and West Tsavo National Park.

These unique baskets are made of sisal that is grown locally, either on the fields of the basket weavers themselves or otherwise purchased from sustainable sisal growers in the coastal province. Fibers are extracted from the leaves of the sisal plant, which are rolled into twine and then woven into baskets.

Mandenmaken is een heel arbeidsintensieve kunst. De Basket making is a very labour-intensive art. The baskets come in different colours and patterns, with each unique design created by these artistic ladies themselves. Each basket is one of a kind! No two are the same in the world. Offer your customers the chance to get a unique piece of art.

Each product is handmade. For this reason, it may have a few small ‘imperfections’. These will vary from product to product, but are a reflection of absolute authenticity.

Taking care of your basket: Sisal is known for being an extremely strong material. However, be careful when placing the basket in direct sunlight, as this may cause the colours to fade. Although these baskets are water resistant, it is still advisable to let a wet basket dry thoroughly. Sisal is a natural product and can become mouldy if left damp for a long period of time. You should therefore place a waterproof bag or dish inside your basket before using it as a plant pot.

“I married my husband in 1979, but I have been a widow for 8 years now. Thanks to the basket weaving group I have hope. With the money I get from selling baskets, I can pay my children’s school fees and buy uniforms, as well as water tanks and solar energy for my house.”

- Teresia Mulinge - Kisimenyi Basket Weavers

With the purchase of a Hadithi basket you help provide 1650 ladies from a poor rural community with an income. In this semi-arid region, harvests regularly fail due to the lack of rain, resulting in widespread poverty. So, an alternative source of income is necessary.

The beautiful and yet fragile ecosystem of this region is home to a varied and rich fauna. The sale of Hadithi baskets is a sustainable alternative to disastrous practices such as poaching and clearing forests for charcoal, lumber and farmland.

You should see the pride in the eyes of these women when they realise that they have their lives in their own hands and can provide an income for their families themselves.

These baskets will provide unique and striking items for your customer’s home and ultimately, a brighter future for women like Teresia.

Interested? Questions?

Are you interested in a specific product or your own development and/or other questions? Contact Solid Crafts (inge@solidinternational.be, +32 473 93 76 19). Together we will look at the possibilities.

By the way, did you know that Solid Crafts also has fair-trade handicraft workshops in the Andes Mountains in Peru and in a rural region in India? There, too, Solid Crafts is working on the economic and personal empowerment of underprivileged women by offering them an honest job in our sustainable and fair workshops.

Are you also interested in the high quality, unique and beautiful interior items from Peru and India? We are happy to answer all your questions. We'd love you to get in touch!

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Product details

Sisal baskets

Composition

Sisal fibers, dried, hand rolled, hand dyed. Available in a fine and a thicker weave.

Dimensions

XXL (h: 50cm Ø 41cm), XL (h: 40cm Ø 31cm), L (h: 30cm Ø 26cm), M (h: 25cm Ø 21cm), S (h: 20cm Ø 16cm), XS (h: 15cm Ø 10cm), XXS (< Ø 10cm)

Shopping baskets and bags

Composition

Palm leaves: dried and hand cut. With or without handle made of unpainted goatskin leather (treated animal friendly).

Dimensions:

H: 35 cm - diameter: 40 cm

Plant hangers

Composition

Sisal fibers, dried, hand rolled, unpainted with macramé cord.

Dimensions

H: 14 cm - diameter 14 cm

Bread baskets

Composition

Sisal fibers, dried, hand rolled, hand dyed

Dimensions

H: 9 cm - diameter 29 cm

Washing and cleaning instructions

Be careful when placing the basket in direct sunlight: this may cause the colours to fade.

Keep your basket dry: it is made of natural materials which will become weak if exposed to too much water.

If your basket loses its shape, you can sprinkle it lightly with water and shape it again with your hands, or place a pot with a similar shape inside your basket.

If you use your basket as a plant pot, make sure you keep it dry. Place a thick plastic bag inside the basket or use a plastic pot for protection.