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to earn income by bringing their products

in developing countries

We create opportunities for artisans

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TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES®



ABOUT THE ARTISANS

Mai Vietnamese Handicrafts is a nonprofit organization that provides income generation and marketing services to Vietnamese artisans. Mai Handicrafts runs several craft production projects and markets the work of numerous other craft producers. During recent years, Mai Handicrafts has established itself as the primary marketing agent for artisans from neglected families and women. It practices a model of social development in which social service cannot be separated from economic self-reliance. Mai Handicrafts sales fund various community development activities, including clean water projects, vocational training equipment purchase and teacher wage subsidies. Mai Handicrafts artisans receive social and health insurance, and can apply for scholarship funds. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Mai Handicrafts since 1994.



Artisans use printing overruns of heavy paper and posterboard to make this colorful lampshade. They print lines of glue about an inch apart on paper, then attach the next sheet. Each sheet is glued with a half-inch offset from the previous sheet's glue line. When dried, the block of paper is cut to shape with a bandsaw, then opened out to reveal the beautiful form with even paper openings.
60 watt or fluorescent bulb

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