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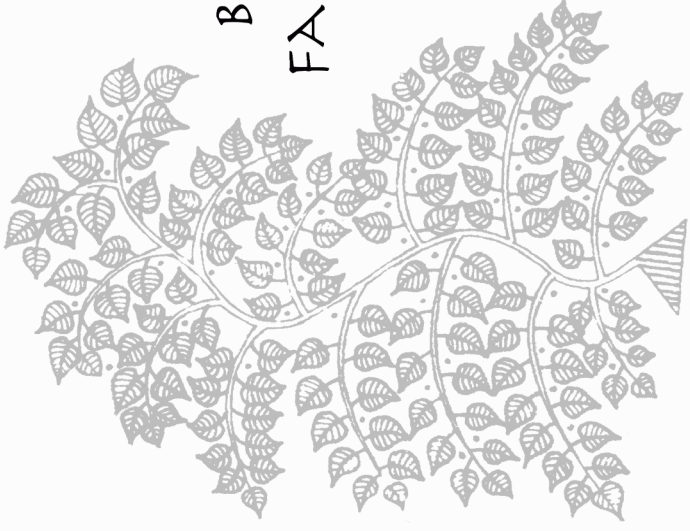
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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

Rishilipi, a nonprofit, nongovernmental development organization in southwest Bangladesh, was founded to improve the lives of people of the Rishi caste.

"Rishilipi" is formed from two Bengali words, "Rishi," denoting the caste, and "shilipi," meaning artist or craftsman.

Rishi, traditionally leather workers, for centuries have lived at the margins of Bengali society. Generally landless, with no easy access to schools, many

struggled in a continual search for work to survive. In addition to income generation, Rishilipi conducts relief and development work in rural Bangladesh communities. Benefits to artisans include education sponsorship, health care, microcredit savings programs and early marriage prevention support for their adolescent daughters. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Rishilipi Development Projects since 1983.



ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Wheatstraw Tree Card

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Christmas bells open to a fold-out holiday tree, beautifully crafted from hand-cut wheat straw.

Artisans cut and flatten wheat straw and even it by scraping with a knife. Artisans apply heat in varying degrees to make the range of tones from tan to dark brown or black. The cardboard base is covered with cloth to complete the item.



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