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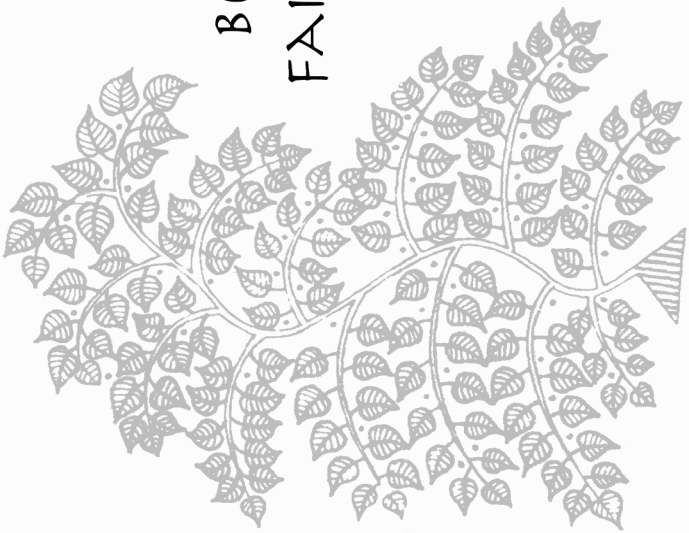
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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

MESH (Maximizing Employment to Serve the Handicapped) is a nonprofit organization that works with people with disabilities; many of whom are former leprosy patients. MESH provides training, marketing and exporting for numerous member groups. Increasingly, they are hiring people with disabilities to give administrative leadership. MESH works with leprosy colonies and rehabilitation workshops in villages all over India, ensuring fair wages.



Established in the 1970s and registered in 1981, MESH was founded to provide opportunities for disabled people and their dependents, especially those affected by leprosy. Their goal is self-sufficiency for artisans. MESH is a fair trade company that exports products to fair trade organizations around the world. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from MESH since 1999.

ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Three For Tea Tea Towels

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Three tea towels in fresh patterns and colors. Hand-woven in Bharat Mata Kusht Ashram, a small leprosy community located in Faridabad. Many of the members of the community came to Faridabad to lessen the social burden upon their non-leprosy family members. With the help of artisan group MESH they established a weaving workshop as a dignified alternative to rag-picking or begging. Profit from the weaving unit is shared annually amongst the more than 200 residents of the colony.



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