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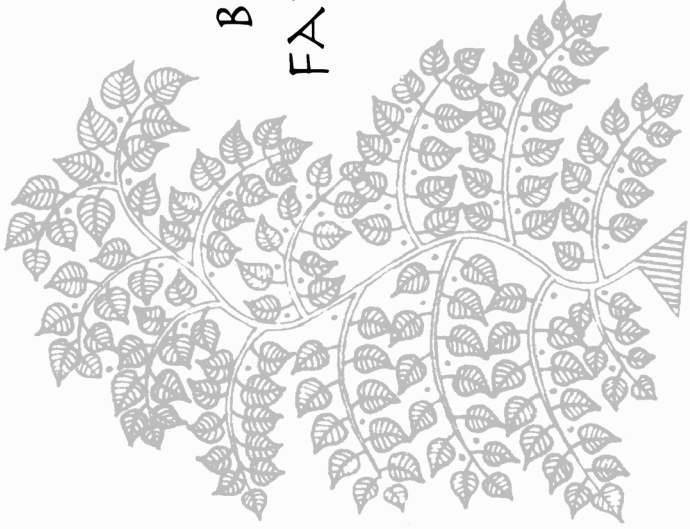
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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

Ashirwad (à€œBlessingsà€•) is a small group of women artisans who work in and around the Kolkata suburbs. The basic objective of the group is the social, economic and psychological well-being of its members, to enable them to provide a better life for themselves and for their families. Ashirwad seeks to upgrade the artisans' skills, and to promote self-reliance and leadership. The group also fosters entrepreneurial skills among artisans, provides education opportunities and encourages the creation of savings accounts. Although they come from Hindu, Muslim and Christian homes, the artisans of Ashirwad share love and respect for each other. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Ashirwad since 1989.



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A garland of stars in every shade of blue, with sequins and silver sparkles, beads and batik. This garland is made by a group of women who use the name Ashirwad, which means "blessings." The group originally met weekly in the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) office in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). Now they work in their own homes and gather together weekly at a home in the suburbs of Kolkata. All of the women are socially and economically disadvantaged.



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