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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

Palam Rural Centre (People's Association for Leather and Allied Manufacturing) offers employment opportunities to people of the marginalized Harijan community in a village in Tamil Nadu region, southeastern India. In the Tamil language, Palam also means "bridge." Palam Rural Centre seeks to build a "bridge" to the markets of the rest of the world. With money from product sales, Palam has purchased land and homes for artisans (ownership traditionally unavailable to lower castes) and built a school for artisans' children. Other artisan benefits include health care and retirement pensions. Palam artisans see education of their children as the key to hope and change. Through this work, Palam Rural Centre is providing dignity and security to artisans and helping to break down caste walls in society. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Palam Rural Centre since 2001.



ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Orange Spice Soaps

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The individually wrapped squares, packaged in a crimson organza bag, are scented with orange, cloves and honey. These soaps are made by artisans at Palam Rural Centre, started in 1978 to offer employment opportunities to people of the Harijan ("untouchables") community. All our soaps made in India use palm oil grown on local plantations. This palm oil provides work to local farmers and does not contribute to deforestation.



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