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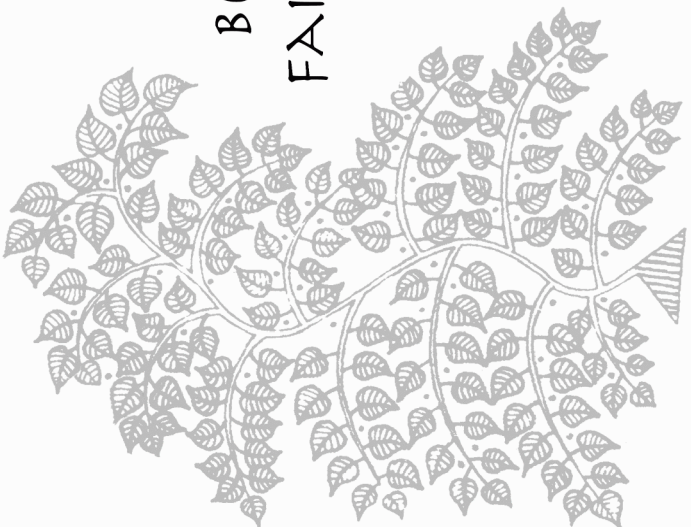
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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

Prokritee (meaning "essence" in Bengali) manages several handicraft enterprises and helps other groups sell their products in local and foreign markets. Prokritee and its enterprises provide jobs for poor rural women. By providing jobs for women, Prokritee improves women's standard of living and helps them send their children to school.



The organization provides skills development training to artisans.

Prokritee creates and promotes income-generating projects that benefit the artisans, adhere to good safety and environmental standards, and have the potential to become self-reliant. Prokritee was established in 2001 as an independent organization. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Prokritee and its predecessor MCC Bangladesh since 1986.

ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Borderlands Placemat

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The borderlands: where contrasts complement. Like the deep blue and natural colors of this placemat, handcrafted in natural materials of pathi grass and hemp. Pathi grass is a fibrous plant cultivated and harvested in the Nougao region of northern Bangladesh. To create pathi products, artisans first dye the grass fibers, then wash and dry them in the hot sun. They weave the grass on a traditional loom to make a variety of unique products.



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