

# A Thread of Hope

## Guatemalan Fair Trade

Here are some of the artisans with whom we work, and their beautiful work! 22 years providing work with dignity for over 350 Maya artisans, mostly women, organized into cooperatives, groups and families!

**Asociación Maya, Sololá** – A cooperative of 180 backstrap loom weavers, working together for over 30 years, preserving cultural traditions, developing leadership, and healing from the genocide.



Lightweight bamboo & bamboo chenille yarn is hand-dyed in 4-6 colors per skein in small batches.



**La Puerta Abierta, Santiago Atitlán**  
Felt and repurposed traditional fabric ornaments made by moms to pay their kids' primary school tuition. Creativity, critical thinking and literacy.



**UPAVIM, Guatemala City**, a cooperative of 75+ women. Their artisan business and donors help fund a Montessori preschool, primary school, English program, free public library, academic scholarships, tutoring center, pharmacy, clinic, lab, bakery and more.

**Creaciones Chonita and other Fair Trade artisans in Santiago Atitlán** – Handmade beaded jewelry, ornaments, key rings, backpack charms, table sculptures, hair ornaments and more, made from high-quality Czech glass beads.





**Mayan Hands**, a Fair Trade non-profit organization working with over 200 women artisans in 17 communities, also provides scholarships and capacity-building programs. The artisans make placemats, napkins, runners, tablecloths, pine needle and sweetgrass baskets, felted animal and bird ornaments, friendship bracelets, Judaica and more.



**Embroiderers of Santiago Atitlán** – Hand embroidery and thread-painting (hand embroidery with a sewing machine). Coin purses, masks and huipiles.



**Coco Spirit by Rafael** – Hand-carved coconut shell necklaces with adjustable cords as well as earrings.



**Tz'utu Kan Maya Hip Hop Music**



**Women of Panabaj** is a group of 25 women formed in response to the landslide after Hurricane Stan in 2005. The women work on small foot looms and make belts, camera straps, wallets, and more.



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**Bamboo Scarves • Beaded Jewelry • Bags • Maya Hip Hop Face Masks • Home Goods (Potholders, Placemats, Ceramics, Runners, Baskets) • Huipiles • Worry Dolls • Toys • Wreaths & Ornaments • More! • Something for Everyone on Your Gift List!**

**Gifts that Give Twice**

Soft-as-butter scarves & ponchos made from hand-dyed lightweight bamboo & bamboo chenille yarn, handwoven by a 180-woman co-op of backstrap weavers—genocide survivors and their daughters working together for over 30 years.

**Beautiful**

# Meaningful

Social worker Eliza Strode lives mainly in Guatemala, working directly with over 350 Mayan artisans for 22 years. Be part of an ethical Fair Trade relationship & help support Mayan women & their families to improve their standard of living, preserve cultural traditions, and foster women's leadership. Help provide food security to indigenous families through our [GoFundMe campaign](#). Virtual presentations on Fair Trade co-ops, sharing resources & connections, fundraising, assistance with educational tour planning, travel, scholarships.

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