Catalogue 2023

-Solidarity Crafts-
“He/she who works with his hands is a manual worker; he/she who does it with his hands and his head is an artisan, but he/she who works with his hands, head and heart is an artist.”

Lous Nizer

thank you for your solidarity!
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We strive to promote solidarity and cultural exchanges between Salvadoran locals and people from all over the world. Through running different programs, we support the surrounding communities and strengthen a culture of solidarity, which includes respect for diversity, equitable relations, and mutual support among human beings. Our aim is to motivate and mobilize the community members towards social and economic justice and human dignity.

_CIS store works under the following fair trade principles:_

Artisan groups work interactively and cooperatively. Artisans are paid up front for goods nothing is left on consignment.

Artisans are paid a fair wage. CIS coordinates training workshops. Products, whenever possible, are made of local materials. Artisans stay actively involved in their local community, sharing their values and benefits through various projects.

_We sell fair trade products that are hand-made by Salvadoran artisans who have been profoundly committed to the community development._
CIS Store:
Works with people from communities all over El Salvador to promote economic empowerment and independance.

Your purchase small or large makes a huge difference in allowing the artisans to provide food and education for their children, as well as to give back to their community. In addition, by buying our crafts you are supporting initiatives for an alternative economic model and positive social change for Salvadoran communities.
Artisans:

- LAYALA
- Tinecas
- JESÚS OBRERO
- Artesanía Jaragua
- Comasagua, El Salvador
- Artesania La Colorada
- Vivaz
- El Zapotal Café
- Artesania Comasagua, El Salvador
New to CIS in 2014, LAYALA makes jewelry made of recycled copper, seeds, stones and other natural products. The name is a tribute to Prudencia Ayala, writer and women’s rights activist. LAYALA often uses natural products found in the forests surrounding Cinquera, a village repopulated after the war.
Earrings
stones/ seeds
Earrings made from meticulously painted stones, seeds and copper.

$5.00

Necklaces
Copper and Stones

$15.00
Necklaces
Copper and stones
$15.00

LANE 05
LANE 06
LANE 07
LANE 08
LANE 09
Necklaces
Copper and Stones

$15.00

Lane 11

Lane 12

Lane 13

Copper and Stones
Bracelets

$9.00

Labra 01
Location: San Martin, San Salvador
This group began in 1997 when a group of women in an impoverished community decided they needed to do something to provide a better quality of life for themselves and their families. Their name comes from the city they reside in. They make a variety of products, most notably their work with paper on their quilled cards and jewelry made out of recycled magazines.
NEW ARRIVALS

$5.00

TIER 01

TIER 02

TIER 03

TIER 04

TIER 05

TIER 06

TIER 01
Rolled Paper Earrings
Eco friendly earrings. Extremely lightweighted and stylish.

$5.00

Recycled Paper Earrings
Made from hand-rolled beads of magazine paper, beads and silver earwires
Recycled tire earrings
Bicycle tires recycled into wearable art, earrings. Also made with beads and recycled magazine paper.

$5.00
Magazine Paper and Beads

- **Wrap Bracelet**
  - TIBRA 01
  - $5.00

- **Single Layer Bracelet**
  - TIBRA 04
  - $5.00

- **TIBRA 02**

- **TIBRA 03**

- **TIBRA 05**
Recycled tire bracelets

Single Layer Bracelet
$5.00

TIBRA 06

TIBRA 07

TIBRA 08

Wrap Bracelet
$5.00

TIBRA 09
Recycled tire necklaces

$9.00

TINE 02  TINE 03  TINE 04  TINE 05  TINE 06
HOLIDAY CARDS

A handmade holiday card made with beautifully designed rolled paper. Perfect for any occasion: birthday, wedding, friendship and holiday cards.

Each $2.75
Taller Jaragua is one of a kind, and not just because of the unique natural creations they produce. As José Vasquez put it, “We are building a dream.” This dream includes having a way to feed their families without working in sweatshops, as well as using their workshop as a forum for education.
Coconut Earring

$6.00

JAER 01

JAER 02

JAER 03

JAER 04

JAER 05

JAER 06
JAER 07
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JAER 09
JAER 10
JAER 11
JAER 12
JAER 13
JAER 14
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JAER 17
JAER 18
JAER 19
$6.00
JAER 20

JAER 21

JAER 22

JAER 23

JAER 24

JAER 25

$6.00
Coconut necklaces

$12.00

JANE 01

JANE 02

JANE 03

JANE 04

JANE 05

JANE 06

JANE 07

TOME 13
Coconut Bracelets

- Jabra 01
  - $5.00

- Jabra 02

Coconut Satchels

- Jasa 01
  - $25.00

- Jasa 02
HOLIDAY/ coconut ornaments

Ornaments made from coconuts come in various shapes and colors perfect for bringing life to your Christmas tree.

$6.00 DOUBLE SIDED ORNAMENT

$3.50 SINGLE SIDED ORNAMENT
Location: Soyapango, El Salvador
Started in February 1991—one year before the signing of the peace accords would bring an end to the decade-long Salvadoran Civil War—this workshop had already begun to establish themselves and rebuild their community after living through war for over ten years. Each piece is a collaborative work—each artist working with their strength process that allows the artisans to work from their homes, taking care of their families.
HOLIDAY/ WOOD ORNAMENTS
Decorate your Christmas tree with these wooden ornaments of different animal figures painted in vibrant colors.

$3.50

JOOR 01
JOOR 02
JOOR 03
JOOR 04
JOOR 05
JOOR 06
JOOR 07
JOOR 08
JOOR 09
JOOR 10
JOOR 11
JOOR 12
JOOR 013
JOOR 14
Nativity scenes

Christmas would not be complete without a nativity scene. Comes in different design and sizes.

- **Small** JOSCE 01
  - $12.00

- **Medium** JOSCE 02
  - $7.00

- **Large** JOSCE 03
  - $4.00
  - $8.00
HOME DECOR/ Wooden Boxes

- $2.50 SMALL 2” X 2”
- $3.50 medium 3” X 2”
- $5.00 Large 4” X 3”

JOBO 01
set $10.00

Mirrored Boxes

JOBO 02

- SMALL 6” X 6” $10.50
- Large 8” X 8” $14.00
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/ COASTER SETS

- **Set of 3 coasters**
  - JOCOA 01
  - $13.00

- **Napkin holder**
  - JOCOA 02
  - $10.00

- **Pen & pencil holders**
  - JOCOA 03
  - $13.00

- **Pot holder**
  - JOCOA 05
  - $8.00

- **Letter holders**
  - JOCOA 04
  - $10.00

- **Card holders**
  - JOCOA 06
  - $2.00
Frames

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JOFRA 01

JOFRA 02

JOFRA 03

JOFRA 04

JOKEY 01

JOKEY 02
Paper Towel Rack

**JOPA 01**

- **Price:** $16.00

Mirrors

**JOPA 02**

- **Price:** $10.00

- Small round mirror with an approximate diameter of 7”
These wooden figures symbolize legends of the Salvadoran culture.

**SHELF ORNAMENTS**

- El Padre Sin Cabeza
- La Descarnada
- El Cipitillo
- El Cadejo negro
- Flor de Amate

**Legend Ornaments**

- El Cadejo blanco
- La Siguanaba
- La iglesia vieja
- El Tabudo
- La Carreta chillona

**Magnets**

- La Carreta chillona
- El Cipitillo
- El Tabudo
- La Siguanaba
- El Cadejo blanco
WOODEN TOYS
Wooden peg puzzles. The vibrant colour of the puzzle pieces are sure to catch your child’s interest.

- **JOTOYS 01**: Puzzles
- **JOTOYS 02**: Chess Set
- **JOTOYS 04**: Puzzles
- **JOTOYS 06**: 3D Animal Puzzles
- **JOTOYS 08**: Map of El Salvador puzzle
- **JOTOYS 09**: Hands with numbers puzzle

**Pricing**
- **$8.00** Each
- **$12.00** Each
- **$10.00**
RELIGIOUS ITEMS/Wooden Crosses

Wooden crosses come in different size and designs.

**Small 4” x 6”** $5.00
**Medium 8” x 5”** $7.00
**Large 10” x 6”** $8.00
**X-Large 12” x 8”** $10.00
**XX-Large 19” x 12”** $16.00

There are crosses for every occasion: Baptism, first communion, confirmation and matrimony. These crosses are perfect gifts to celebrants.
Figures and Magnets

JOFI 10  San José  $2.00

JOBO 05

Christmas wreath  $9.00

JOLE 01

Torogoz

Guacamaya

Tucan

Magnets

JOMA 01

Pajaro de colores

Mariposa

$3.50

$2.50  wooden letters

$3.50
Religious Figures

Decorate your household with these wooden religious ornaments that are hand-painted in bright color.

- Angel plaque (small: $6.00, large: $18.00) - JOFI 01
- Virgin of Guadalupe plaque (large: $18.00) - JOFI 02
- Saint Francisco de Asis plaque (large: $12.00) - JOFI 03
- Jesus with Children keyholder (large: $8.00) - JOFI 04
- Virgin of Guadalupe plaque (large: $18.00) - JOFI 05
- Noah’s Ark keyholder (large: $7.00) - JOFI 06
- Holy family (large: $2.00) - JOFI 07
- Wooden letter keychain (medium: $2.50 each) - JOFI 08
- Last Supper (large: $10.00, medium: $12.00) - JOFI 09

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Location: La Isla Tasajera, La Paz

Trained in creating stylish bags using the brightly coloured, traditional, hand-woven cloth from San Sebastian, El Salvador (a city known for its hand weaving since at least the late 19th century), this industrious group of women from the isolated Tasajera Island have made strides in creating opportunities for themselves, and training in sewing.
PURSES AND BAGS
With layered sponge inside from protection size zipper, and a pocket outside.

$6.00
COBAGS 01
Cosmetic Bags

$22.00
COBAGS 02
Laptop Cases

$15.00
COBAGS 03
Ipad Cases

$13.00
COBAGS 04
Satchels

$32.00
COBAGS 05
Large satchels

Choose a cloth style:
- #STY 1
- #STY 2
- #STY 3
- #STY 4
- #STY 5
- #STY 6
- #STY 7
COBAGS 06  Medium Handbags $22

COBAGS 07  Large Handbags $27

COBAGS 08  Strap bag with wooden accessory $20

COBAGS 09  Coin Purse $4

Please note: backpack, purse, and coin purse styles may vary depending upon season material availability.

COBA01  Backpack $27

COHA01  Small hammock $35
Leather Wallet
Design variations

Leather Coin Purses

COWA 01
COCOIN 01
COCOIN 02

$12.00
$4.00
Location: San Luis Los Ranchos, Comasagua
Formed by a group of driven women who wanted to change their lives and the lives of those within their community, Vivaz is a women’s cooperative responsible for producing personalized, quality uniforms and indigo fashion products.
NEW ARRIVALS

$6.00

VICOS 01

$4.00

VICOS 01

MAKE UP BAG
Indigo Scarves and Shawls
Naturally dyed with almonds, mango, coconut and more.

VISCAR 01

VISCAR 02

VISCAR 03

VISCAR 04

VISCAR 05

VISCAR 06

$15.00 for scarves

$25.00 for shawls
Indigo face mask

VIMASK 01

$5.00

VIMASK 02

VIMASK 03
Finca El Zapotal is located in San Francisco Javier, Usulután. The enterprise started with 12 acres to begin with and actually they own 86 acres. Since the beginning they started harvesting Bourbon Coffee. At this point production has surpassed their expectations, making the project a successful enterprise, moreover, the quest to improve and make a sustainable organic and excellent Salvadoran coffee continue.
Coffee Lovers

Black Honey

Green Parchment

Purple Honey

Authentic Salvadoran produced coffee, produced with salvanatura certifications. Perfect for coffee lovers. Available ground or whole bean.
cards with dried flowers

These Christmas cards are the best way to tell your friends, family, and clients that you are thinking of them in this holiday season. Comes with an envelope.

$2.75 Small

$3.00 Large

COMCARD 01

COMCARD 02

COMCARD 03

Comasagua
El Salvador
Cards with dried flowers

COMCARD 04

COMCARD 05

COMCARD 06
BLANCA 01

BLANCA 02

BLANCA 03

BLANCA 04

NEW ARRIVALS

CANDLES WITH COFFEE BEANS

$6.00

$11.00
CIS Solidarity Crafts
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