



Get Crafty!

Paintable ornaments from Mali are the perfect project to share with children, your girlfriends, your Bible study group, or women's group. Or you can design these on your own to create a signature look for your tree or to give as unique gifts. (As an added outreach element, you may wish to give your ornaments to a women's shelter or children's group!) Whether you choose to do your painting project alone or in a group, to keep or to give as gifts, these unfinished ornaments let you put your creative touch on the holidays.



Christmas Can Be a Hands-On Experience for the Whole Family.



A. Embroidered Stocking

This hand-stitched stocking will bring a touch of Asia to your hearth. Amazingly, these pieces are crafted by 12 Baluch women living in mud homes in Pakistan's mountainous deserts. Their work is expertly crafted in 100 percent cotton. From Pakistan. W034166 (18-by-6) \$19.99

B. Satin Christmas Stocking Set (New)

An elegant update to a fireside tradition. Satin pattern on both sides. Set includes two, one in classic holiday red and one in green. Ideal for newlyweds' first Christmas. From Cambodia. H054103 (16-by-8) \$14.99

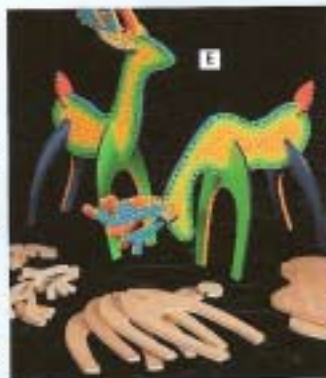
Crafting Tips:

- Choose acrylic paints for durability and fast drying time. (Put on an old T-shirt before you start since acrylic will stain clothes!) Spray-painting or hand-painting both work; it all depends on your personal preference.
- If you want colors to be vibrant, prime the unfinished wood with white spray paint (or hand-paint with a white paint) before beginning your design.
- If you're sharing this project with a group, gather newspapers and butcher paper (to cover tabletops), paint, paintbrushes, and water cups for rinsing brushes. (If you want to prime the wood, you should do so prior to the event for sufficient drying time.)
- If you choose to paint the wooden deer, assemble the piece first. Painted pieces are more difficult to assemble since paint can slightly alter the size of the connecting grooves.
- When you're finished, spray the whole piece with a clear acrylic varnish to seal.



If you share this project with friends, they'll surely want to know the story of how these pieces were made using bicycle power in

the absence of electricity! These Mali artisans are as innovative as they are talented. You may even want to print the story for each person to take home. You can find this story on www.WorldCraftsVillage.com.



C. Unfinished Fireplace Set

Ideal for Sunday School or children's groups. Three-piece set, hand-cut from local hardwood. From Mali. W034199 \$3.99

D. Unfinished Nativity

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E. Unfinished Reindeer Set

Ready for easy assembly. Set of two different reindeer. Hand-cut from local hardwood. From Mali. W994162 \$4.99