

The Handcrafted

Holiday

Collection

Handmade by refugees around the world, the MADE51 Holiday Collection is a 24-piece series of ornaments that celebrate the stories, cultures, and craftsmanship of refugee artisans.



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DESERT MOON

Aluminium / Nickel

Crafted by Malian refugees living in Niger. This moon highlights the impressive heritage techniques of the Tuareg. For these nomadic pastoralists who traditionally inhabit a vast area in the Sahara Desert, the moon is a symbol of protection and prosperity.



DELICATE DOVE

Cotton / Felt

Crafted by Syrian refugees living in Lebanon. With love in the air, this delicately embroidered dove carries an olive branch, an enduring symbol of forgiveness and peace. The olive tree, which originated in Syria, is also a reminder of home for the artisans.



DOZI BIRD

Cotton / Embroidery thread

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. This playful bird is decorated with a strong embroidery style, suzani nouratta. The festive design is a reminder to stay attentive to small joys of life, like a cheerful birdsong.



DAINTY TAPESTRY

Glass beads / Brass / Cotton thread

Crafted by refugees living in Kenya. Intricate beadwork is suspended in a handcasted brass hoop, bringing the skills of two artisan groups together. Tiny but striking, this piece of art showcases the power of collaboration and community.





ETERNAL SNOWFLAKE

Metal wire / Silver zari thread / Metallic beads

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in India. This detailed crochet snowflake is emblematic of the winter peaks and mountain passages that define the landscape of Afghanistan. For Afghans, the snowflake is a reminder of home.



SILVER MOON

Metal wire / Silver zari thread / Metallic beads

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in India. This detailed crochet work takes the shape of a crescent moon, one of the most enduring motifs throughout time. For many, the moon represents progress in life and new beginnings.



BRAVE IBIS

Organic cotton / Cotton / Polyester thread

Crafted by Syrian refugee women living in Turkey. The Northern Bald Ibis is the national bird of Syria, representing brilliance and splendor since the times of Ancient Egypt. Critically endangered, only a few of these brave birds can still be found.



BOLD RAM

Recycled carpet / Stuffing material / Thread / Beads

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Malaysia. This little ram is inspired by the Urial, a wild sheep that is native to the artisan's homeland. The ram is known to be a bold and resilient creature, ready to take on life's challenges.



© Earth Heir

Saleha is a refugee artisan from Afghanistan, working with Earth Heir to craft the Bold Ram ornament. "We have many memories with this animal because we grew up around them back home".





QUIRKY CAT

Felt / Embroidery thread

Crafted by refugees from Syria living in Armenia. This little cat is hand-felted using local sheep wool. The design is inspired by a rare Armenian breed that often has two different coloured eyes and is known for its freedom-loving character.



RISING SUN

Sisal

Crafted by Burundian and Congolese women living in Rwanda. This sweetgrass basket is handwoven using a time-honoured weaving technique. The design represents the additional strength and persistence needed to rise again after being forced from home.

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SHOOTING STAR

Aluminium / Leather

Crafted by Malian refugees living in Burkina Faso. This star is a shining example of the metalworking skills of Tuareg artisans. For these nomadic pastoralists, who traditionally live in the Sahara Desert, stars in the night sky are navigational tools.



SPLENDID PEACOCK

Linen / Thread / Glass beads / Cotton padding

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. This vibrantly embroidered design is an homage to one of nature's most splendid creatures. The peacock, often associated with strength and divinity, lives in the wild in Pakistan.





BEAMING RINGS

Acrylic bangles / Thread

Crafted by Rohingya refugees living in India. Three rings wrapped with cotton thread in a radiant ombré effect are inspired by the bangles worn by Rohingya women for festive occasions. Bound together, the graceful design represents the strength of women.



PEACEFUL DOVE

Jacaranda wood / Metal loop

Crafted by Congolese refugees living in Kenya. The Jacaranda wood is locally and sustainably sourced and takes the shape of a dove, symbolizing peace. The skillful freehand carving technique used to carve the dove is passed from one generation to the next.



BLOSSOM OF HOPE

Glass beads / Wire

Crafted by internally displaced women living in a camp in a remote area of South Sudan. This intricate ornament showcases the artisan's mastery of beadwork and represents the blossoming of hope for a brighter future for their children.



VIBRANT BUTTERFLY

Felt / Thread / Stuffing

Crafted by Syrian refugees living in Lebanon. This richly embroidered butterfly is a metaphor for transformation and rebirth, and represents the vibrant culture refugees contribute to their host communities.



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AFRICAN ELEPHANT

Hand dyed cotton

Crafted by refugees from East Africa, now living in Kenya. This hand-dyed ornament celebrates the revered and beloved African elephant, a creature that is in need of protection, despite being strong, intelligent and resilient.



SNOW LEOPARD

Waste fabric / Thread

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in India. The Snow Leopard is the national animal of Afghanistan, where it is revered for its bravery and beauty. This rendition is made from upcycled remnants of fashion production and decorated with embroidery.



CHARMING SONGBIRD

Handwoven fabric / Felt, Thread

Crafted by Karenni refugees living in Thailand. This little bird is made from handwoven textiles by Karenni women. The women spin threads, dye them, and weaving them into fine fabrics using traditional backstrap looms.



BRIGHT BLOOM

Grass / Cotton thread

Crafted by Burundian refugees returning home after decades in exile. Locally sourced sweetgrass is woven to create a beautiful bloom that represents new opportunities for artisans as they rebuild their lives in their home country.





PROUD CAMEL

Cotton thread / Woven fabric / Wire

Crafted by Syrian refugee women living in Jordan. The camel is known for its incredible endurance and strength, essential characteristics for surviving the hardship of desert life. For centuries, the camel served as a valuable mode of travel.



FLOWER OF LIFE

Waste fabric / Thread

Crafted by Syrian refugees in Lebanon. This elegant flower is made from upcycled fabric, embellished with embroidery. The petal shape is inspired by the beautiful, geometric shape that blossoms in the middle of interlocking circles.



NOBLE DONKEY

Acrylic thread / Nylon thread

Crafted by refugees from East Africa living in Egypt. This crochet donkey celebrates the importance of steadfast company on difficult journeys. Historically, the donkey has been a travelling companion for those forced to flee.



STAR OF UNITY

Glass beads / Nylon thread

Crafted by South Sudanese refugees living in Egypt. This intricate beadwork is an homage to the star on the national flag of South Sudan, which symbolizes unity and, for the artisans, the hope to see peace in their homeland.



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PRECIOUS PEACOCK

Linen / Cotton embroidery thread

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. This vibrantly embroidered peacock is a homage to one of nature's most splendid creatures. The peacock is often associated with strength and divinity, lives in the wild in Pakistan.



PROUD PINE

Linen / Cotton embroidery thread

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. This Afghan pine tree is beautifully embellished with Tarshumar embroidery. This intricate geometric pattern is celebrated for highlighting the exceptional craftsmanship and artistic tradition.



FAITHFUL FRIEND

Upcycled fabric / Cotton embroidery thread

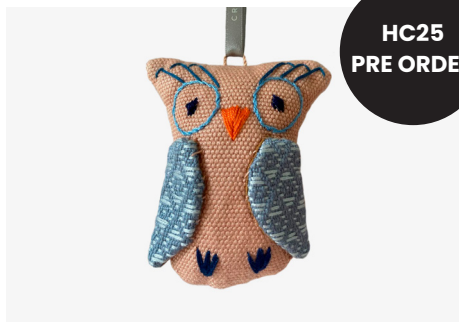
Crafted by Afghan refugees living in India. This little dog is made with upcycled fabric. In Afghanistan dogs have long served as hunting companions, shepherds, and guardians, and are respected for their intelligence and loyalty.



GENEROUS COW

Upcycled fabric / Cotton embroidery thread

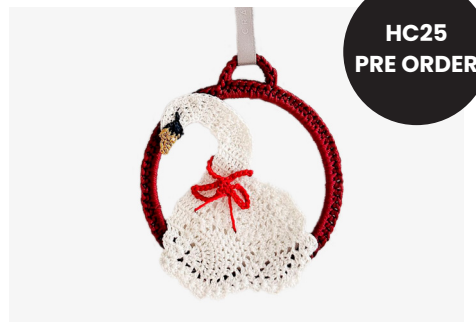
Crafted by Afghan refugees living in India. This charming cow is made from upcycled fabric. In Hinduism, cows are sacred beings, associated with non-violent generosity and motherhood. Afghan refugee artisans craft this design to thank their host communities for welcoming them and sharing their culture.



MYSTIC OWL

Handwoven fabric / Felt / Thread

Crafted by Burmese refugees living in Thailand. This charming owl features wings made from handwoven fabric and an expressive embroidered face. It honors the traditional Burmese belief that owls are guardians bridging the spiritual and physical worlds.



GRACEFUL SWAN

Organic cotton / Metal ring

Crafted by Syrian refugees living in Turkey. This swan is brought to life with beautiful crochet. It is inspired by the elegant and graceful swans that appear in Syrian folklore and art.



DASHING DEER

Felt / Stuffing material / Thread / Beads

Crafted by Afghan refugees living in Malaysia. The Bactrian deer, once thought extinct due to decades of war in Afghanistan, was recently rediscovered. It now symbolizes resilience in Afghan communities and the enduring spirit of Afghans.



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COLLECTORS EDITION

All 24 ornaments in a 32x42cm two-tier collector's edition box that includes the story of the ornament's design and its connection to the artisans who crafted it.

£140 - €155 - USD \$190 (landed) / \$150 (FOB)

Packaging and Display



SINGLE ORNAMENT PACKAGING

Each ornament comes in a 10x10cm MADE51 gift box that includes the story of the ornament's design and its connection to the refugee artisans who crafted it.

Single Ornament:

£ 5.20 - € 6.60 - USD \$7.50 (landed) / \$5.70 (FOB)



ORNAMENT DISPLAY

High-end, flat-packed wooden display unit available to purchase.

- 3mm birch plywood
- Base unit (W20cm x L42cm x H15cm) holds 36 single ornament boxes
- Double bars (62cm high) display 12 hanging ornaments

£35 - €40 - USD \$49 (landed) / \$45 (FOB)

Product images, artisan images and storytelling content available to all Wholesale customers.



Our Story

BRINGING REFUGEE CRAFTSMANSHIP TO THE WORLD.

Over 120 million* people have been forcibly displaced across the world, driven from their homes by war, persecution or disaster. Amongst this vast group of people, there are incredible artisans that possess the talent, culture and heritage to create objects of true beauty. Products that can fill our homes with life and joy.

MADE51 is a global brand, an initiative brought to life by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, who connects these artisans with

local social enterprises. By utilizing Fair Trade principles, they support the design, development and marketing of the unique products that make up the MADE51 collection.

Through MADE51, those who have been forced to flee have an opportunity to earn an income while in the midst of displacement.

For consumers, these pieces are more than beautiful examples of craftsmanship and heritage, they are expressions of hope.

JOIN US IN CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR REFUGEES AROUND THE WORLD BY OFFERING THESE UNIQUE, HEARTWARMING PIECES.

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Burundian refugee artisans who have returned to Burundi after years in exile, crafting the Bright Bloom ornament.





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