Make it a Happy Holiday for all, your loved ones and artisans and their communities in El Salvador!

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.

2019 Holiday Catalogue

Fair Trade Products: Handmade with care in El Salvador, by artisan groups supporting local development.
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About CIS

Our Mission

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 provides/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.
The CIS store

The CIS store is based on fair trade principles. We work with people from communities all over El Salvador to promote economic empowerment and independance.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS:

Hand-made with care in El Salvador by artisans supporting local development.
Jaragua

Location: Tonacatepeque, San Salvador

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. They have a Community Library and Formation Centre with projects including art therapy classes, a girl’s soccer team, an Andean music group, a Women’s group, and English and Math classes. They work mainly with coconuts and seeds.

Layala

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 product found in the forests surrounding Cinquera, a village repopulated after the war.

Jesus Obrero

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 and fighting through war for over ten years. Each piece is a collaborative work—each artist working with their strength—a process that allows the artisans to work from their homes, taking care of their families. Originally founded in La Palma, the style of painting that characterizes their products is that of the folk art of the region, started by the art-naïf master Fernando Llort in the tumultuous years before the war officially began.

They work with wood items and can customize almost anything.
Mujeres Tinecas
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.

Vivaz
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. Responding to women’s disenfranchisement and their limited opportunities to generate independent, sustainable, financial income, forming this cooperative allowed these women to gain financial independence and a sense of self worth. The “añil” or indigo dye they use is indigenous to the region, used by the ancient Mayas, and further burgeoned into a major export under Spanish colonialism, before being displaced by artificial dyes.

La Confecciones La Colorada
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. Having pulled themselves out of financial dependence and/or sweat shop labour, this cooperative provides a sense of community amongst the women, to help each other through trying times, while being their own boss. Currently undergoing the accreditation process to become a legally recognized Salvadoran cooperative, they hope to secure government contracts for school uniforms, as a great source of stable income.
These earrings are made by local artisans. They are made from coconut fashioned into stylish designs and painted in vibrant colors.
Necklaces and Handbags

Copper Necklaces with Stone, Crystal and Coconut beads
Artisan: Layala
$15.00

Coconut Handbags
Bags made from Coconut Fibres. A variety of designs available.
Artisan: Isla Moda
$20.00

$35
Hammocks
Artisan: San Sebastian

Hammocks perfect for relaxation to hang in your backyard. Comes in different patterns of colors and different sizes.

Coffee
$6.00
Authentic Salvadoran produced coffee, produced with the Proce and Salvanatura certifications. Ecological and friendly with nature, and perfect for coffee lovers.

Artisans: Café San Andres (left) & Texacuangos (right)

Large Hammock: $30 each
Individual Hammock: $25 each
Chair Hammock: $25.00
Thread Hammocks: $25 each
Indigo Products
Blouse
Artisan: Vivaz
Off shoulder with a ruffle top

VI-01
$25.00

VI-02
$25.00

VI-03
$25.00

VI-04
$25.00

Tie-back top made of tie-dye indigo fabric

Short sleeves with scoop neckline, white flower pattern
**Scarf**

$14.00

**-Linen Shawls-**

$23.00

**-Mango&Teca Cotton Scarves-**

$10.00

Apart from indigo, we also have coconut, teca and mango dyes for the scarves and shawls.

VI-17

VI-18
Shawls $20.00
Indigo tie-dye shawl, which perfectly matches with any colors or designs of your outfits. Perfect addition to your look and make it appropriate for any occasions.
Dimensions: 26”x63”

Scarfes $12.00
Fresh and lightweight scarf. Perfect for both spring and fall, and could be also worn as a belt.
Dimensions: 14.5”x53”

Design Variations
-Material: Cotton-
*Each design can be made with either a shawl or scarf upon request.

VI-07

VI-08

VI-09

VI-10
Christmas would not be complete without a nativity scene. Comes in various designs and sizes. Available in 2D (JO-09, CH-41) and 3D (JO-08, JO-09, and JO-10). These hand-painted scenes are great ways to show your faith and love!
Wooden Christmas Ornaments
Artisan: Jesus Obrero $3.00

Decorate your Christmas Tree with these wooden ornaments of different animals, figures painted in vibrant colors.
Coconut Christmas Ornaments

Artisan: Jaragua

Tree Ornaments made from coconuts come in various shapes and colours perfecting for bringing life to your Christmas tree. These ornaments can be mixed and matched into a set of 6 or purchased individually. Made by Taller Jaragua

Set of 6: $16.00

Double sided ornament: $5

Single sided ornament: $3
Individual:

CH-5
CH-6

CH-7
CH-8
CH-9
CH-10

CH-11
CH-12
CH-13
CH-14

CH-15
CH-16
CH-17
CH-18

CH-19
CH-20
CH-21
CH-22

CH-23
CH-24
CH-25
CH-26
Christmas Cards

Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

Quilling Card

- Small: $2.50
- Large: $2.75

Gradient Coloured Card: $2.50

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.
ARTISAN: Artesanias Comasagua

Small $2.75

Large $3.00
FRAMES:
LARGE $10.00
SMALL $7.00
Garments

Clothes  Embroidered in various colors and patterns
Artisan: Renacer El Milagro

Blouse  $24.00

One-Piece  $30.00

Apron

Handkerchief  $9.00

$30.00

RM-01  RM-02  RM-03

RM-04

RM-05  RM-06  RM-07

RM-08  RM-09  RM-10

$14.00
**Scarves**  Naturally dyed with almond tree, mangos, coconut, teca, and more.

**Artisan: Isla Moda**

ES-03  ES-06  ES-08
ES-04  ES-05  ES-07  ES-09

$10.00 Each

ES-10  ES-11

Infinitive Scarves
-$9.00 Each

ES-12  ES-13  ES-14
**PC&iPad Cases**
Artisan: Colorado

For PC $19.00

For iPad $15.00

With layered sponge inside for protection, size zipper, and a pocket outside

**Leather Items**
Artisan: Jaragua

Wallet $12.00

Coin Purse $3.50

Card Holder $8.00
**Satchels**  Dimensions: 7.5”x 9.5”, with 44” of an adjustable strap

Artisan: Colorado  $12.00 Each


**Cosmetic Bags**

Artisan: Colorado

Dimensions: 8”x 4”, could be used as a pencil case as well  $6.00 Each

CO-49  CO-50  CO-51  CO-52  CO-53  CO-54  CO-55  CO-56
Coconut Bags

Comes in a few different color schemes and has leather inset in the middle. Inside there is a sipper pocket as well as one for a cellphone. 16.5x12 inches.

Artisan: Isla Moda

ES-16

Medium Handbag: $20.00

ES-20

Medium Handbag $35.00

ES-17

Small Purse $15.00

ES-18

Large Handbag $25.00

ES-19

Medium Purse $18.00

Coconut Purses

Made with a leather strap. The purses can be made in any of the colour schemes as indicated below, and the cloth linings are chosen to match the colour of the coconuts.

Artisan: Jaragua

Colour Scheme

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Backpacks

With a Kangaroo pocket, as well as pockets in flap and back. Closes with draw-string and snap.

Small: $25.00
Large: $30.00

Color & Design Variations

Artisan: Colorada
Handbags  Artisan: Colorada

Medium Handbags  $20.00

CO-63  CO-64  CO-67  CO-68

Large Handbags  $25.00

CO-65  CO-66  CO-69  CO-70

CO-71  CO-72  CO-73  CO-74

CO-75
Jewelry

**Earrings**  Made of different kinds of recycled or natural materials
All $5.00/Pair

**Tires**
Bicycle Tires recycled into wearable art, earrings. Also made with beads and recycled magazine paper.
Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

**Stones/Seeds**
Earrings made from meticulously painted stones, seeds, and coppers  Artisan: Layala
Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

**Rolled Papers**
Eco-friendly earrings made from quilled paper. Extremely lightweighted and stylish.
$4.00/Pair

**Magazine Papers**
Made from hand-rolled beads of magazine paper, beads, and silver earwires.
$5.00/Pair
Coconut

All $5.00/Each Pair

Artisan: Jaragua
Coconut  All $5.00/Each

Artisan: Jaragua
Bracelets

Magazine Paper & Beads
Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

Single Layer Bracelet $5.00
Wrap Bracelet $8.00

Coconut & Seeds
Artisan: Jaragua

Seeds Bracelet $5.00
Coconut Bracelet $6.00
Tires
Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

Single Layer Bracelet  $4.50

Wrap Bracelet  $5.00

Coppers & Stones & Beads  Artisan: Layala

Ring Bracelet  $14.00
Necklaces
Coppers & Stones  All $15.00

Artisan: Layala

LA-66
LA-67

LA-68
LA-69

LA-70
LA-71

LA-72

LA-73
LA-74

LA-75
LA-76
Coconut  $15.00 Each

Tire  $9.00 Each  Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas
**Seeds**
Artisan: Jaragua

Made from a combination of coffee beans, palmera seeds, pacu seeds, and wooden beads. (The wooden beads can be painted in different colours).
**Keychains**
Artisan: Jaragua

*All* **$3.50**

**Hand-Painted Keychains**
Material: Seeds

**Romero Keychains**

Has the shape of El Salvador

Back side with a Spanish quote
Decors

Vases
Artisan: Jaragua

All $13.00
Boxes

Artisan: Jesus Obrero

Painted Nesting Boxes

- Small: $2.50
- Medium: $3.50
- Large: $5.00
- Set: $10.00

Mirrored Boxes

- Large: $14.00
  (8”x8”)
- Small: $10.00
  (6”x6”)

Sizes:
- S: DO-01, DO-05, DO-09
- M: DO-02, DO-06, DO-10
- L: DO-03, DO-07, DO-11
- Set: DO-04, DO-08, DO-12
Mirrors  Small Round Mirror with an approximate diameter of 7”.
Artisan: Jesus Obrero  $10.00 Each

Encraved Metal Frames
Artisan: Vicenta Liliana Bernabe
Small (5”x7”): $7.00

Metal copper engraved picture with wooden frame
-different pictures available

Large (9”x11”): $20.00
**Household Items**

**Coasters & Holders**

- DO-29
- DO-30

**Coaster:** $5.00 Each

**Set (3 Coasters & 1 Holder):** $13.00

**Pen Holders**

- DO-33
- DO-34
- DO-35
- DO-36
- DO-37
- DO-38
- DO-39

**Cutting Board**

- DO-35

**$8.00**

Artisan: Jesus Obrero
Frames

Large $9.00

DO-40

DO-41

DO-42

DO-43

Triple $11.00

Medium $8.00

Small $4.00

Racks

Paper Towel Rack: $16.00

DO-44

Hanging Rack

Alligator: $5.00

DO-46

Key: $8.00

DO-47
Recycled Copper Bicycles
Various forms of miniature bicycle figures, created out of recycled copper wire.

Artisan: Layala
Small: $14.00
Large: $18.00

Windchimes
Artisan: Isla Moda

Six strands of scallop shells are hanging from a coconut shell. Creates a beachy atmosphere and relaxing sounds wherever you put it.

$13.00
Wooden Peg Puzzles. The vibrant colours of the puzzle pieces are sure to catch your child’s interest.

WT-01: Dog and Doghouse  $8.00
WT-02: Caterpillar  $8.00
WT-03: Butterfly  $8.00
WT-04: Map of El Salvador  $10.00
WT-05: Giraffe  $8.00
3D Animal Puzzles
$10.00 Each

Comes in parrot and turtle form. These wooden puzzles are painted in vibrant colours with cute little designs.

WT-06A  WT-06B  WT-07

Dolls  $12.00 Each

Dolls with movable joints. These dolls come in different forms, such as a ballerina, cat, and rat. 7” Tall.

JO-51  JO-50

Chess Set  $12.00

WT-08
Wooden Crosses come in different sizes and designs. These are intricately handcrafted crosses with vibrant colors. There are 2 designs to choose from: engraved and decorated.

- Small (4x6) $5.00
- Medium (8x5) $7.00
- Large (10x6) $8.00
- X-Large $10.00
- XX-Large $16.00
Wooden Crosses (4×6)  
$5.00
Artisan: Jesus Obrero

There are crosses for every occasion—baptism, communion, confirmation and matrimony. These crosses are perfect gifts to the celebrants.

Designed Crosses (8×5)  
$8.00
Artisan: Jesus Obrero

Copper Crosses  
$15.00
Artisan: San Ramon

Crosses in unique designs with the same colourful drawings and painted in vibrant colours.

A hand-painted wooden cross with a name of Jesus.  
A cross painted in vibrant colours with a cut-out cross in the center. Could be used as an ornament on a table or hung on a wall.
Religious Figures

Artisan: Jesus Obrero

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

RE-21: Virgin of Guadalupe Large $18.00
RE-25: Virgin of Guadalupe Small $8.00
RE-22: Jesus, 10”x7.5” $12.00
RE-23&24: Holy Family, 4”tall $2.00 each
RE-26: Angel with Children $6.00
Last Supper

Small (RE-27): $10.00

Large (RE-28, 29): $12.00

Jesus with Children
(6”x4.5”)

Noah’s Ark Keyholder
(9”x7”)

$7.00

$8.00
These wooden figures symbolize a significant legend to the Salvadoran culture. Such as a sinking church, a fisherman who turns women into mermaids and so much more. Each figure comes with a description of Salvadoran legends. The legends come in standing figurines, Christmas tree ornaments or magnets.
**Letter Set:** $2.75 Each

A handmade greeting card made with beautifully designed rolled paper. Perfect for any occasions—whether as birthday or wedding wishes, friendship or love cards.

Each comes with a white plain envelope.

Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas
Envelopes
Artisan: Mujeres Tinecas

$2.75 Each

MT-131
MT-132
MT-133
MT-134
MT-135
MT-136
MT-137
MT-138
MT-139
MT-140
Custom Made Christmas Tree Ornaments, Key Chains or Jewelry Great for Sports Teams, Clubs or Company Logos

The Jaragua and Jesus Obrero cooperatives can happily make custom orders on coconut ornaments and jewelry (Jaragua), and wooden ornaments and key chains (Jesus Obrero).

We typically require a minimum 15 unit purchase on custom orders, but if there is a special design you’re after, we can negotiate a design charge to suit your needs.

Email us at: info@cis-elsalvador.org

How does it work?
Send us an e-mail with a picture of your Logo and any necessary details (shape, color size, etc). We will send you a quote for the items you have requested and if approved make a sample and send you a picture.
Please make orders with ample notice so that we have time to coordinate with our artists.
**ORDER FORM**

**Billing Address:**

Name

Street Address

City

Province/State

Country

Zip Code/Postal Code

**Shipping Address:**

Name

Street Address

City

Province/State

Country

Zip Code/Postal Code

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**Date**

**Order Number**

(To be filled by CIS)

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*Payment can be made via PayPal.*

*Shipping costs are generally 15% of total purchase costs, but exact quotes will be made when orders are placed.*

To place an order, please send us the filled order form at [solidaritycrafts@cis-elsalvador.org](mailto:solidaritycrafts@cis-elsalvador.org)
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