

20th Anniversary
MINGA
FAIR TRADE IMPORTS



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Summer 2017 Supplement*

Celebrate fair trade with us!

Minga is proud to be working with artisans for 20 years. It all started in 1997 as *The Christopher Connection* which was founded by Christopher Keefe. He was living in Ecuador from 1995-2004 with the goal of improving education in Ecuador, increasing public knowledge of fair trade in the United States, and supporting the concept of a sharing wage. This provides the artisan with not just enough money to live on but enough to share or invest in their families and their communities. Chris started using the phrase "sharing wage" after hearing an official use "living wage" to justify a deal that would clearly help one group get wealthy while another just got by.

The company name was changed to Minga Manufacturers in 2002 to reflect Chris' involvement with the design and production of many of the products. Minga Manufacturers worked with Ecuadorian textile producers to distribute their products throughout the coastal towns and cities primarily to provide honest, humble and hardworking people with needed jobs and self-esteem. Much was learned about the textile industry, wholesale distribution and the real needs of artisans during this endeavor.

The name was changed to Minga Fair Trade Imports in 2004 when Christopher moved back to the United States and focused on selling hand made fair trade gifts and clothing to small stores. The business began with a humble start, working out of a friend's basement and garage and has since grown to serve retailers in every state and several countries helping them connect with artisans in Ecuador, Perú, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.



On the Cover: Cadena Set #23431-\$25.00 ea Fusion Bag #56653-pg 12
Mandy Blouse #12921-\$12.00 ea Ribbon & Ruffle Skirt #12930-\$14.00 ea



Christopher

Chris is very grateful for the wonderful opportunities of working with so many great people, artisans, staff, and customers, for the last 20 years. Leading an organization through so many challenges and changes would be impossible without the kind cooperation of people working at the highest level of integrity and authenticity.



Marié

Marié has been married for 11 years and has a two year old little girl. Having worked for Minga for almost a decade, she's been able to witness the positive impact that consumers make when they purchase fair trade. Her dream is to be self-sustaining on her own 20 acre homestead. She is a gamer and has fun Larping.



Scarlette

No one is quite sure what Scarlette does all day long, but she's always busy with something and she's always ready to help solve a problem. From customer service to marketing to speaking very bad Spanish, she leaves her mark on all aspects of Minga. Scarlette likes to sing, hang out with her dog and drink red wine.



Jia

Jia heads up product development and marketing at Minga. You'll often times find her eating and rocking out to music while working. She loves all animals and has two Shiba Inu pups at home named Pepper and Menchi. She loves longboarding, walking her dogs, drawing, and playing video games.



Carol

She keeps track of the company's financial transactions and loves telling customers about new products! She likes to work in her yard, spend time with her grandchildren and dip her toes in the lake. She believes attitude is a choice you make every morning and exhibits a positive attitude at all times!



Mishelle

Gentle, caring, complex, and highly intuitive Mishelle enjoys reaching out to fair trade friendly retailers to chat about what's working in their store. She also loves animals, the arts, and making things with her hands. Mishelle has lived many places but always finds herself "coming home" to Lake Geneva.



Miguel

Miguel zips around Minga's warehouse almost as fast as he does on the soccer field. He's fluent in English and Spanish and just graduated high school. Without his help, we wouldn't be able to ship orders as quickly as we do! He loves to run miles and miles on trails and his favorite place to visit is Mexico.

Leaf Set

#23158 - \$20.00 ea
Cascading slices of tagua on a cotton cord. The beautifully dyed pieces layer elegantly. Necklace adjusts 10-30", earrings 1 3/4" long. See additional colors online at mingaimports.com. Made in Ecuador.

Pink



Mint



Aqua

New Colors



Multi

New Styles

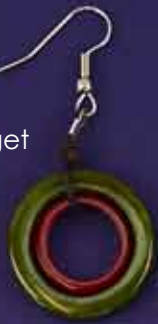
Safari



Cube



Target



Tagua Earrings

#23881 - \$5.00 ea / 24+ Disc. \$4.00 ea

A style of earring to meet every occasion! All styles available in a variety of colors. See more styles on page 17 of our annual catalog. Made in Ecuador.

Treble



Worn Plaque



Cylinder



Links



Botany



Geo



Uvas



Teardrop



Thin Slice



Daisy



Circle Disc



Cascade



Thick Slice



Bumblebee



Button



Meet Juanita Flores, tagua jewelry artisan extraordinaire! Juanita and her husband Andres are the creative force behind much of Minga's tagua jewelry. They live and work in Mitad del Mundo, Ecuador, which sits directly on the equator. Through the work provided by fair trade, Andres and Juanita are able to support themselves and provide employment for 29 other artisans.



Green

Cobblestone Set

#23453 - \$18.00 ea

Thin slices of tagua are knotted together and finished with suede cord. Comes with matching earrings. Necklace length: 12-24". See additional colors online at mingaimports.com. Made in Ecuador.



Red

Slate



Luz Set

#29750 - \$14.00 ea

12+ Disc. \$12.00 ea

Artfully handcrafted, this fused glass set includes matching necklace and earrings. Comes on a leather cord with adjustable lobster clasp closure. Surgical steel wires. Order a package and receive a variety of colorful combinations. Pendant approx. 2" long. Necklace length: 16-18". Made in Ibarra, Ecuador.



Leather Zip Bracelet

#29720 - \$3.75 ea / 24+ Disc \$3.00 ea

Beautifully crafted with supple leather. Order a package and receive a wide variety of colors. Adjustable slide closure. Made in Ecuador.



Totem Bracelet

#29721 - \$3.50 ea / 24+ Disc \$2.50 ea

Leather bracelets with stamped designs and motifs. Adjustable snap closure. Made in Perú.



Braided

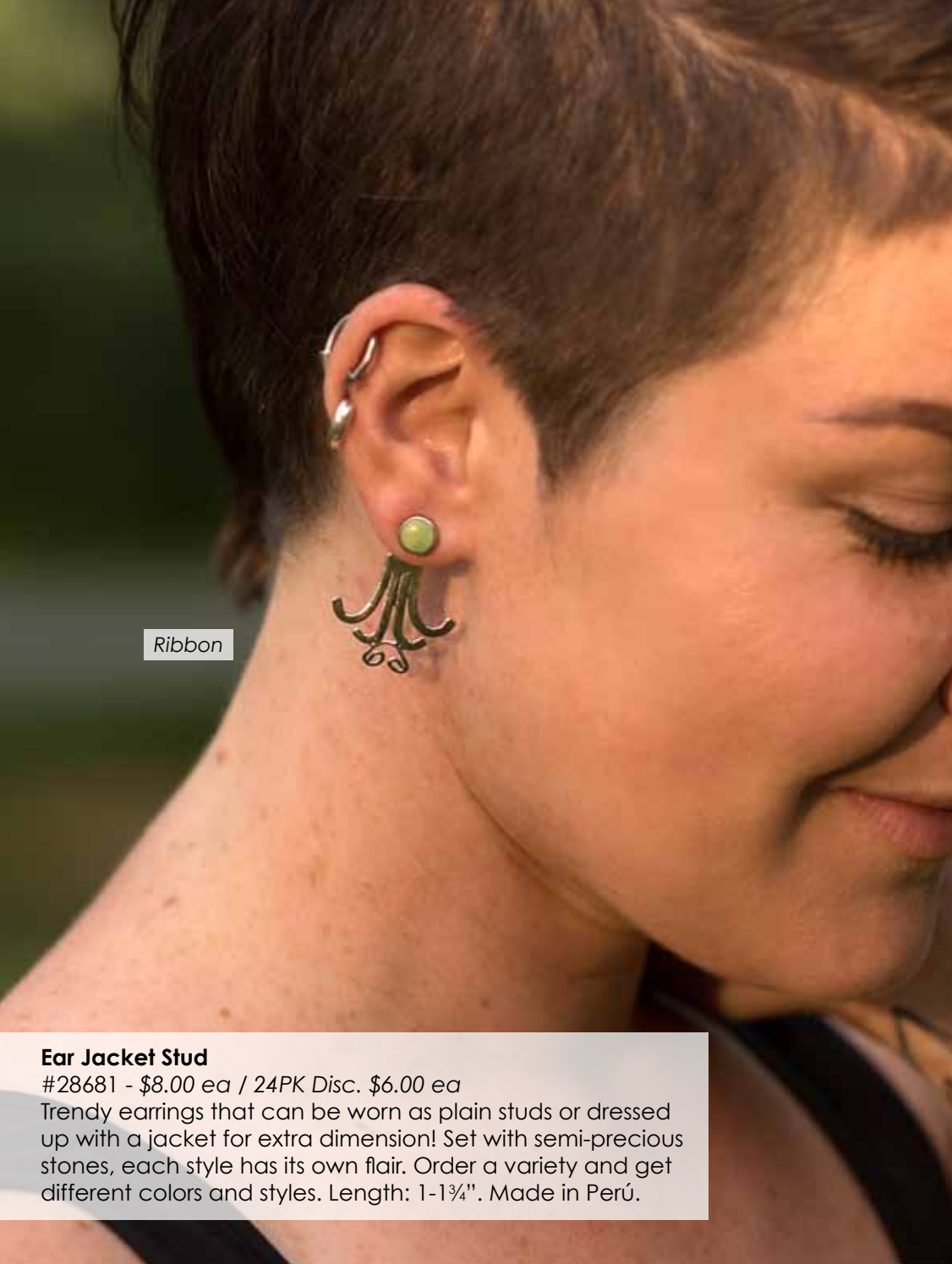
Herringbone

Wrapped

Leather Love Knot Bracelet

#29225 - \$3.25 ea / 24+ Disc \$2.75 ea

This bestselling unisex bracelet comes in a variety of colors and four styles. Styles include Braided, Wrapped, Herringbone and Knotted (see pg 28 in our annual catalog). Made in Ecuador.



Ribbon

Ear Jacket Stud

#28681 - \$8.00 ea / 24PK Disc. \$6.00 ea

Trendy earrings that can be worn as plain studs or dressed up with a jacket for extra dimension! Set with semi-precious stones, each style has its own flair. Order a variety and get different colors and styles. Length: 1-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Made in Perú.



Spikes



Petals



Triangle

Trivium Bracelet

#28721 - \$4.25 ea / 24PK Disc. \$3.25 ea

Beautiful semi-precious stones with tri-colored metal accents on a soft, comfortable, braided leather cord. Adjustable hook clasp. Made in Perú.





Pendants come in various stone colors. Starting from top left: Sodalite, Pyrite, Amazonite, Tourmaline, Chrysocolla, Tiger's Eye, Red Jasper, White Onyx, Serpentine, Celestine, and Moonstone.

Quartz Bracelet (Above)

#28720 - \$3.50 ea / 24+ Disc. \$2.50 ea
 Good vibes start here! A slim bracelet made with braided leather strands and a wire wrapped quartz crystal. Adjustable clasp closure. Comes in various leather colors. Made in Perú.

Astral Pendant (Above Right)

#28531 - \$5.00 ea / 24+ Disc. \$4.00 ea
 Now available with 11 different semi-precious stones! Nuggets of semi-precious stone set in a simple cap with additional bezel and stone. Approximate length: 1". Chains sold separately, see page 13 of our annual catalog. Made in Perú.

Top Latch Bracelet - Semi-precious Stone (Bottom Right)

#21823 - \$4.25 ea / 24+ Disc. \$3.25 ea
 We've updated this long time bestseller with a new style: Semi-precious Stone. Order a package to receive a variety of stone colors and shapes. Agate and glass styles also available, see page 26 of our annual catalog. Average stone diameter: ¾". Made in Perú.





Mother of Pearl

Mangano Calcite

Turquoise

Chrysocolla

Red Jasper

Mahogany Obsidian

Black Onyx

Leopardite

Stone Solo Set

#28250 - \$14.00 ea

12+ Disc \$12.00 ea

Available in various colors and shapes. Pendants measure 3/4-1" wide and 1" long. Earrings 1 1/4-1 1/2" long with hook. 16" Silver plated chain included. Receive a variety of different necklaces or style and color preferences can be noted in comment box. Made in Perú.



Twin Stone Ring

#21700 - \$9.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$8.00 ea

Gorgeous settings of semi-precious stones in a twisted, alpaca silver band. Adjustable. Made in Perú.



Vision Infinity Scarf (top)

#51701 - \$10.00 ea / 24+ Disc \$9.00 ea
Utterly soft and comfy scarf with a lovely geometric pattern. Order a package and receive 22+ variety of the colors shown. Dimensions: 33" x 18". Acrylic. Made in Ecuador.

Tribal Blanket Scarf (bottom)

#51600 - \$14.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$12.50 ea
Soft touch, durable scarves with trendy geometric patterns. Versatile enough to double as lap blankets. Order a package amount and receive a variety of colors. Dimensions are L: 73" x W: 24½". Made in Ecuador.



Hand Woven Cotton Scarf

#51650 - \$7.50 ea / 24+ Disc \$7.00 ea

Hand woven and dyed, 100% cotton. Beautifully saturated colors. Gets softer every time it's worn! Order a package and receive a variety of the colors shown. Dimensions: 72" x 28". Made in Bangladesh.



Meet Newaz, a young man who makes our Hand Woven Cotton Scarves. Newaz has helped keep the tradition of weaving alive in his small village in northwest Bangladesh.

With the wages he makes from fair trade, Newaz has been able to help his sister get out of debt to a ruthless money lender. Newaz's family is very grateful for the help, and his community is grateful to be continuing the weaving tradition.

Fusion Crossbody Bag

#56653 - \$17.50 ea

12+ Disc. \$ 15.00 ea

Fabulous kantha and denim crossbody bag with an adjustable tie strap. The denim is re-purposed factory cast offs that are given a second life. The kantha is also an upcycled fabric; made from well-loved cotton saris and hand stitched for reinforcement. Order a package to receive a variety of colorful kantha prints. Dimensions: 14" x 11" x 4". Strap: 56". Made in Bangladesh.



Cotton Jewelry Roll

#56652 - \$12.50 ea

12+ Disc \$10.00 ea

Safely carry your jewelry while traveling with these cotton jewelry rolls. Space enough to store rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings.

Many convenient compartments. Comes in a variety of kantha, batik, and tie dye fabrics. Dimensions: 12½" x 6¾" when open. Made in Bangladesh.





Poo Pad (Cube)
 #99301 - \$6.00 ea
 Hard-cover. Dimensions:
 4" x 3¾" x 1½". Great
 for jotting down quick
 notes. Made with poo
 paper in Sri Lanka.



Whimsy Pencils
 #97701 - \$1.50 ea
 48PK Disc. \$1.00 ea
 These adorable pencils
 are full of personality
 and will make anyone
 smile while they write.
 Each doll is unique.
 Made in Perú.



Large Sketchbook/Guest Book
 #99311 - \$7.50 ea
 Use these large, blank books for making wonderful art
 or turn them into creative scrapbooks! The possibilities
 are endless. Made with poo paper. Dimensions: 11¼"
 x 10". Made in Sri Lanka.



Flip Pad

Fabric Sketchbook/Journal
 #98200 - \$6.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$5.00 ea
 A trusted traveling companion. Now available in
 three styles: Flip Pad, Journal, and Sketchbook.
 Variety of patterns and colors. Snap Closure. Sturdy
 binding. Dimensions: 6¼" x 7¾". Made in Perú.

Journal

Sketchbook



Boxed Balsa Crayons
 #47803 - \$6.00 ea / 12+ Disc. \$5.00 ea
 Our popular Balsa Crayons sold in easy to
 display and informative packaging. Eight
 crayons painted and hand-carved from
 sustainable balsa wood. Made in Ecuador.



Beach



Rooster



Owls



Twin Feathers

Many more styles to choose from, just go online!



Guitar



Mic



Saxophone

Large Notebook

#99302 - \$6.50 ea
100% recycled. Poo paper is made up of 50% fiber from elephant dung and 50% post consumer paper. No toxic chemicals are used in the paper making process. Natural vegetative binding agents, along with water-soluble salt dyes for coloring are used. Handmade, acid free and as organic as it gets. Hard-cover. Dimensions: 5³/₄" x 7³/₄". See more designs online at mingaimports.com. Made in Sri Lanka.

Poo Paper Products

*In Sri Lanka, there is an escalating problem known as the **Human-Elephant Conflict**. In tiny Sri Lanka, competition for scarce land has brought an increased incidence of human-elephant conflict. Rather than killing them as nuisances who eat their crops, farmers are learning that these gentle giants are worth far more alive. They turn the jungle vegetation into soft, durable fibers that are made into popular paper products. In the process, good-paying jobs are created, and everybody benefits. This is just one of the innovative ways we in fair trade have created to improve lives.*



Paper Rose

#99337 - \$4.00 ea
Individual roses are a sweet gift for friend and family. Shapeable wire stem. Available in Red, White, Purple, and Maroon. Comes in a nice poo paper box. Dimensions: 8¹/₂" x 2¹/₄". Made in Sri Lanka.



Greeting Card

#99303 - \$3.00 ea
A constantly changing selection of beautifully hand-crafted blank greeting cards. 10+ designs available. Made in Sri Lanka.



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YARN BUDDIES

Yarn Buddies

#43520 - \$6.00 each / 24+ Disc. \$5.00 each

These adorable, hand-knit animal ornaments will brighten any space or make any bag or backpack stand out. New designs added frequently. Elastic loop. Wool. Sizes range from 2-6½" x 3-6". Made in Ecuador.





Dandy Pals

#43501 - \$7.50 each / 12+ Disc. \$6.00 each

These delightful little friends are hand knit and pieced together with love. Colorful companions for curious capers with new pals joining the gang regularly. 100% wool outer, man made stuffing. Pals range from 8" to 12" depending on character. Made in Ecuador.

Your customers will want to collect them all:
www.mingaimports.com

NEW



Axolotl



Ballerina



Bunny



Dolphin



Giraffe

NEW



Imaginary Friend



Lion



NEW

Mermaid



Park Ranger



Penguin



Pirate



Polar Bear



Ram



Rockstar



NEW

Snake



Tiger



Turtle



Wolf 17

Alpaca Ornament

#43720 - \$3.50 ea / 24+ Disc \$2.00 ea

Hand-knit alpaca and sheep plush figures you can hang anywhere. Made in Perú.



Squirrel

Keep your favorite canine warm with these adorable sweaters! Made with wool yarn, these sweaters are hand knit by dog loving artisans. View the whole collection online! Sizes XS-XXL. Made in Ecuador.

Dog Sweaters

- XS:** #13420 - \$8.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$7.00 ea
- S:** #13421 - \$10.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$9.00 ea
- M:** #13422 - \$11.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$10.00 ea
- L:** #13423 - \$14.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$12.00 ea
- XL:** #13424 - \$15.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$13.00 ea
- XXL:** #13425 - \$17.00 ea / 12+ Disc \$15.00 ea





Small Kantha Pillow

#92600 - \$12.50 ea

Meticulously stitched to give second life to retired cotton saris. A vibrant zippered case that comes with a cushion. Dimensions: 14" x 14" Made in Bangladesh.



Fabiola's family has been working with textiles for two generations. She started making hammocks in 2000 when she married Luis Enrique. This dynamic duo still like to use some looms that are hand operated and strive to keep old traditions in their current work. All finishing touches are done by hand and they're always designing new patterns and products to meet demand.

Tie Dye Red



Tie Dye Orange

Tie Dye Green

Tie Dye Brown

Red

Yellow

Lime

Dark Green

Blue

Fringed Hammock

#91101 - \$45.00 ea / 6+ Disc. \$40.00 ea

Nothing says "summer" quite like a colorful, sturdy hammock! More colors added all the time. Hardware not included. Dimensions: 94" x 49". Made in Ecuador.

New to our zoo...



Swan

Walrus

Bison

Woodpecker

Horse

Llama

Mini Tagua Critters

#60410 - \$6.50 each / 24+ Disc. \$6.00 each

You'll be amazed at the intricacy of these small carvings! Each piece is hand carved from a single tagua nut. Carvings come in a small gift basket with a nut, making them a great grab-and-go gift. A menagerie to choose from; view the whole collection online! Our selection is always growing. Approximate dimensions: 1-1½" x 1½-2". Made in Ecuador.



Bear

Cat, Sleeping

Cockatoo

Crocodile

Dog, Bulldog

Dolphin

Dove

Duck

Eagle

Elephant #2

Fish, White

Fox

Frog

Hippo

Iguana

Lion

Octopus

Owl #2

Owl #3

Owl #4

Penguin with Skin

Panda

Pig

Rabbit

Rhino

Rooster #2

Seahorse

Sea Turtle

20 Sheep

Squirrel

Tortoise

Whale

Whale #2

Wolf

Comes with basket, nut, and info card





Blue

Perennial Sweater (upper left)

#14720 - \$19.50 each

A brand new sweater with fun appliqueed flowers dancing on the front and hood. 50/50 wool with cotton. Available in sizes 0, 2, 4, and 6. Hooded, two front pockets, and zippered front. Made in Ecuador.

Animal Sweater (bottom)

#13380 - \$20.00 each

Many different animals with loads of personality. Fleece-lined hood for extra warmth. Available in sizes 0, 2, 4, and 6. 50/50 cotton/wool blend. Zip closure, two angled front pockets. Made in Ecuador.

To view the whole collection of animals, turn to page 55 in our Annual Catalog or view them all online at www.mingaimports.com

Green

Pink



Cardinal



Dino

Minga's Loyalty Point Program

Minga is all about long term sustainability. Our strong relationships with artisans and retailers is what keeps us going. To show you our appreciation for sticking with us, we introduced our Customer Loyalty Program in April 2014.

Earn one (1) point for every \$5 in merchandise you purchase from Minga. Points never expire as long as your account is active. Keep your account active by purchasing \$50 or more within the previous six months and at least \$200 in the previous 12 months. **Points may not be redeemed for cash or gifted.*

You can also check your balance by logging in online at: www.mingaimports.com, looking at the bottom of your most recent invoice, emailing us at info@mingaimports.com, or calling us at 262-248-8790.

Ways to Redeem Your Rewards

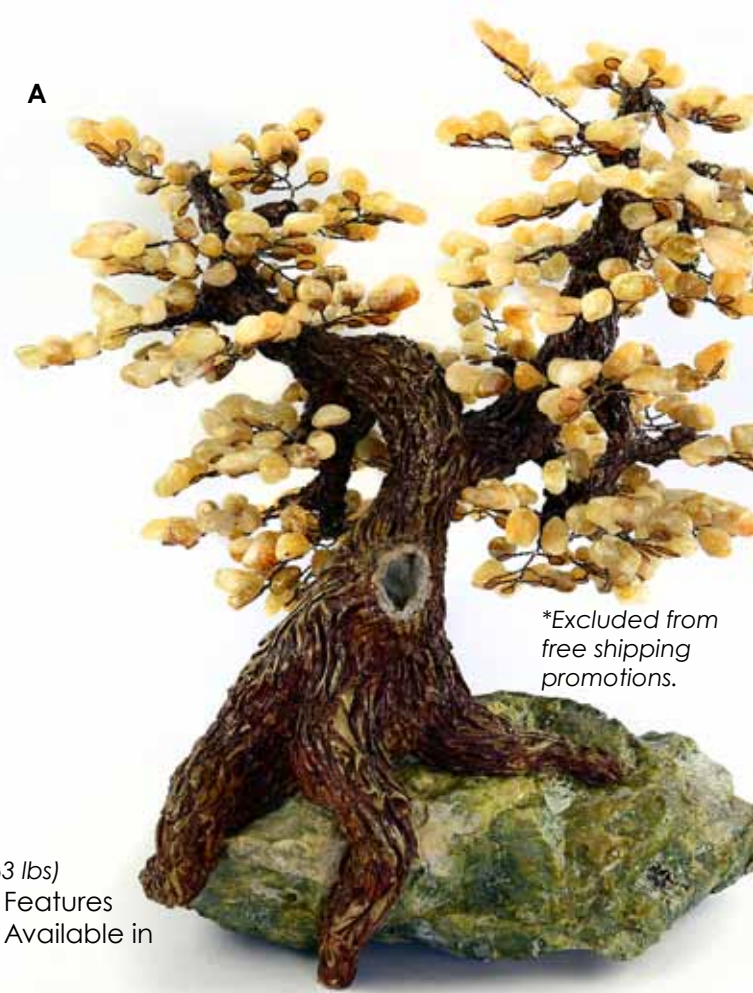
- Travel Expenses to Minga Sponsored Events
- Customized Marketing Materials
- Show Fees
- Product Display Items (shown on these 2 pages)

A) Living Tree (top right, Large shown)

Medium: #DH003 - **6000 Points** or \$325.00 ea (L: 10¼" x W: 9¼")

Large: #DH002 - **7500 Points** or \$450.00 ea (H: 21½" x W: 18" about 63 lbs)

Beautifully detailed, hand-sculpted tree sits atop a slab of stone. Features tumbled leaves and large tree comes with a geode tree hollow. Available in different colors. Absolutely stunning and unique. Made in Perú.



**Excluded from free shipping promotions.*

B



(H: 8" x W: 7")

B) Small Pulp Elephant #99308 - 500 Points or \$20.80 ea

C) Display Marble Turtle

Small: #DH006 - **1500 Points** or \$55.00 (L: 10¼" x W: 9¼")

Large: #DH005 - **3000 Points** or \$175.00 ea (L: 16½" x W: 15½")

D) Display Alpaca

#DH001 - **4500 Points** or \$225.00 ea (L: 24" x H: 45" x W: 11")



Purchase smaller sizes for your store! View them on page 89 in the 2017 Annual Catalog.

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Like these? See our smaller alpaca playthings on page 77 in the 2017 Annual Catalog





E) Mineral Card
 #90700 - **300 Points** or \$15.00 ea
 (L: 6¾" x W: 9¾")
 Fifty different stone samples.

F) Fair Trade Handouts
 #DM001 - **450 Points**
 (H: 14" x W: 8½")
 9 Posters with Fair Trade Principles.

G) Wooden Earring Stand
 #DJ004 - **250 Points**
 (L: 6¾" x W: 9¾")
 Holds 48 pairs of earrings.

H) Rotating Jewelry Display
 #DJ001 - **2500 Points** or \$120.00 ea
 (L: 6¾" x W: 9¾")
 Holds 96 pairs of earrings on cards.

I) Bracelet Tray
 #DJ003 - **250 Points** (L: 15½" x W: 4¼")
 Holds 21 bracelets in plush velvet.

J) Ring Sizer
 #DJ005 - **150 Points** (L: 12½")
 Help your customers find their perfect size.

K) Ring Tray
 #DJ002 - **300 Points** (L: 8" x W: 14½")
 Holds 72 rings in plush velvet.





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Proud Member



Giraffe



Cat



Fox



Monkey



Pig



Tiger

Felt Play Mask - #44700
 Get the fun started with our hand-crafted felt animal masks! These masks are great for all ages. One size fits all. Average dimensions: 4" x 8". Size varies by animal. Made in Bangladesh.



Cat



Crocodile



Dragon



Lion



Monkey



Owl

Play Hoods - #44701
 Fantastical cotton hoods for imaginative play. Now available in the animals shown. Made in Bangladesh by fun loving artisans.



Elephant

Pricing on page 23.