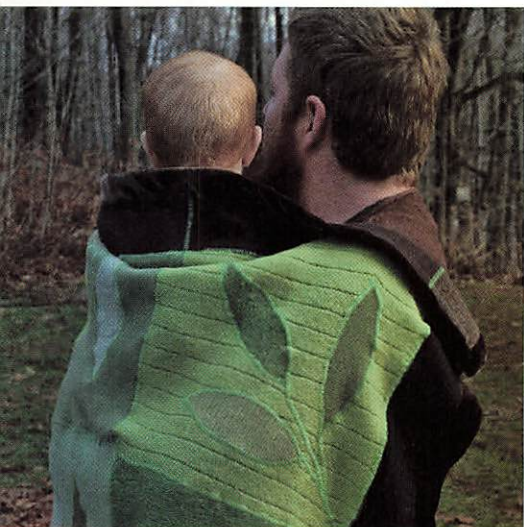




Ilala palm fronds dyed with berries, roots and bark give these Zulu baskets their earthy, harmonious tones. \$20 to \$1,200 from Baskets of Africa

■ **CHECK LABELS.** Labels and tags can provide helpful clues about a handcraft's origin and the conditions under which it was made. Carpet makers who participate in the Rugmark child-labor monitoring program are allowed to use its label. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certifies sustainably harvested wood products, and the logo is recognized worldwide. Businesses that are members of either the Fair Trade Federation or Co-op America often carry the endorsements on the label. When all else fails, check a product's place of origin. If the Southwestern-looking vase you're about to purchase says "Made in China" on the label, you can be certain it isn't authentic. **NH**



BUYING FOR A CHILD?

Always ask if the seller can verify that the item is free from hazards such as lead or heavy metals; they may even have an inspection or certification program in place. If the origin of the paint or other materials is unknown, choose another gift.

New Sprout blankets from Crispina feature recycled materials and come in sizes perfect for baby. \$134 to \$441

RESOURCES

FINE ART, CRAFTS AND OTHER HANDMADE GOODS

AID TO ARTISANS
(860) 947-3344
www.aidtoartisans.org
design and marketing assistance for artisans in developing countries

THE ARTFUL HOME/THE GUILD
(877) 223-4600
www.guild.com
virtual gallery of fine art and crafts by North American artists

BASKETS OF AFRICA
(800) 504-4656
www.basketsafrica.com
baskets handmade by African artisans

CRISPINA
(413) 637-0075
www.crispina.com
blankets, throws, rugs and stuffed animals made from recycled clothing scraps

ECO-ARTWARE
(877) 326-2781
www.eco-artware.com
gifts made from recycled, reused and natural materials

GLOBAL EXCHANGE
(800) 505-4410
www.gxonlinestore.org
fair trade store featuring crafts, clothing, jewelry

A GREATER GIFT
(800) 422-5915
www.agreatergift.org
fair trade handicrafts and foods

HEARD MUSEUM
(602) 252-8848
www.heardmuseumshop.com
Native American art purchased directly from the artists

INDIGO ARTS
(888) 463-4278
www.indigoarts.com
ethnographic art

NOVICA
(877) 266-8422
www.novica.com
art from more than 2,000 artisans worldwide

ONE WORLD PROJECTS
(585) 343-4490
www.oneworldprojects.com
global marketplace for socially and environmentally responsible gifts

PEOPLINK
(301) 949-6625
www.peoplink.org
links to artisans and e-commerce sites where they sell work

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES
(877) 883-8341
www.tenthousandvillages.com
works by more than 100 artisan groups in developing countries

FAIR TRADE ORGANIZATIONS

CO-OP AMERICA
(800) 584-7336
www.coopamerica.org
publishes the National Green Pages, a directory of approved green and fair trade businesses

FAIR TRADE FEDERATION
(202) 636-3547
www.fairtradefederation.org
association of fair trade businesses and organizations

RUGMARK FOUNDATION
(866) 784-6275
www.rugmark.org
certification of rugs made without child labor