



Crafts Atlas of India

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- *Crafts Atlas of India* is a one-of-a-kind comprehensive documentation of the richly diverse and uniquely gifted craftspeople of India
- No other country has the variety of crafts produced in India... the book is a rare visual treat

"The result of 11 years of hard work, this mammoth, well-researched book speaks to India's rich history and its unique tapestry of myriad cultures. . . It is a trove for all interested in the rich, diverse Indian arts and crafts heritage. Summing up: Highly recommended." CHOICE

India's crafts journey resembles the progress of a river from the mountains to the ocean, picking up material, depositing some, changing course, disappearing underground to surface somewhere else. Yet the tradition continues forever. The Dastkari Haat Samiti, a national association of craftspeople, undertook the enormous task of documenting whatever skills and crafts it could find and created artistic crafts maps of each state of India. Three new states were born during the process. A traditional art form of each state provides the backdrop for information meticulously gathered from first- and second-hand sources. The maps provide resource material to people working in different disciplines and a source of aesthetic joy to anyone who uses them as wall posters. The vibrant illustrations and academically rich content are recreated as an atlas of India's crafts, handmade textiles and traditional arts, covering India's entire cultural history. Contents: Introduction North: Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh. Central: Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand East: Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Sikkim, Northeast West: Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa South: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala Glossary Acknowledgements Photo credits Index