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The handicrafts of Bihar are popular across the country due to its aesthetic appeal. Madhubani paintings has over the time created an international identity. The other crafts of Bihar like Sikki craft, Manjusha painting, Terracotta and Stone carving has also started generating interest amongst handicraft lovers nationally as well as internationally for its richness and variety.

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*U*pendra Maharathi Shilp Anusandhan Sansthan (Patna) earlier known as Institute of Industrial Designs. It was established in 1952. After the death of Upendra Maharathi, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar named the institute as "Upendra Maharathi Shilp Anusandhan Sansthan. He painstakingly collected and preserved some of the most exquisite and representative pieces of Bihar's handicrafts along with craft documentation processes leaving his creative imprint on them.

Upendra Maharathi Shilp Anusandhan Sansthan is aimed to preserve, research and promote the various forms of Bihar handicrafts. The institute is continuously working on growth and development of handicraft sector and craftsmen in an integrated manner by generating requisite knowledge, training programme and workshops for upgradation of their existing skills. The Institute conducts product development, research and training activities and also attempts to safeguard and promote the different crafts of the state.





Bihar Handicrafts

Madhubani (Mithila) Painting

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Madhubani(Mithila) Painting

Madhubani (Mithila) painting has become synonymous with art and craft of Bihar in the whole world. The process of painting and the use of natural dyes and pigments provide an eye catching finish to these paintings. Traditionally, the painting was done on freshly plastered mud walls and floors of huts; but over the years it has moved to varied mediums including cloths, handmade papers and canvas.

Madhubani Painting is done with fingers, twigs, brushes, nib-pens, and matchsticks, using natural dyes and pigments, and is characterized by eye-catching geometrical patterns. This is a unique craft, handcrafted by artisans. Madhubani Painting provides livelihood support to about 20000-25000 artisan's family on regular basis in Madhubani district and other places of Bihar.





Product no: M003

Wall Hanging: This is a hand painted Madhubani wall art, in which a lady sat under the tree and carried by their deer.

Dimension: 14 x 18 inches

Material: Canvas and Frame



Product no: M015

Hand Purse: This is a hand painted Madhubani hand purse, in which border placed in between of the purse.

Dimension: 9.5 x 11 inches

Material: Fabric



Product no: M011

Saree: This is a hand painted Madhubani saree, in which artisan tried to show the beautiful pattern on all over the saree.

Dimension: 6 mt.

Material: Fabric



Product no: M012

Dupatta: This is a hand painted Madhubani dupatta, in which artisan tried to show pattern on the border and buti placed all over the dupatta.

Dimension: 2.25 mt.

Material: Fabric



Product no: M013

Cushion Cover: This is a hand painted Madhubani art, in which artisan tried to show beautiful pattern on the centre of the cushion.

Dimension: 16 x 16 inches

Material: Fabric



Product no: M014

File folder: This is a hand painted Madhubani file folder, in which artisan has created all over designs on the folder.

Dimension: 14.3 x 10.5 inches

Material: Jute



Sikkhi Craft

Sikkhi craft is made by grass which is also called as Golden Grass, a type of grass belonging to the category of natural fibers. This grass grows during the monsoons in the wet and marshy areas around rivers and ponds of North Bihar. This product has been manufactured in Madhubani and adjoining districts of Bihar by the artisans who practice this craft for generations. Munj and Khar are two type of sikkhi grass which are used in making of products along with the copper/iron wire frames. This is a unique craft handcrafted by artisans. This craft provides livelihood support to families of about 300-500 artisans, on regular basis, in Madhubani and adjoining districts of Bihar.





Product no: S006

Wall hanging: This is a wall art of Lord Buddha. In which Lord Buddha is meditating under the tree.

Dimension: 30.5 cm x 20.5 cm

Material: Sikhi grass and Paper



Product no: S005

Wall hanging: This is a wall art of Lord Ganesha. It is an abstract form of Ganesha made of natural fibres sikhi.

Dimension: 32 cm x 28 cm

Material: Sikhi grass and Paper



Product no: S003

Elephant container: This is a colorful small decorative sikhi box. It is inspired from the shape of elephant. It is used for storage products.

Dimension: 29 cm x 35 cm

Material: Sikhi Grass & Mung



Product no: S007

Container: This is a colorful small decorative sikhi container. It is in circular shape. It is used for storage products in home.

Dimension: 4.5 cm x 19 cm

Material: Sikhi Grass and Mung



Product no: S013

Wall Hanging: This is a wall hanging in which artisan has tried to show the beautiful peacock with feathers.

Dimension: 10 inches diameter

Material: Sikhi grass and Mung



Product no: S015

Tortoise: This is a colorful tortoise used as a decorative item. It is an abstract form of tortoise made of natural sikhi and mung grass.

Dimension: 9.5 x 4 x 9 inches

Material: Sikhi grass and Mung



Product no: S014

Flower Pot: This is a colorful flower pot. It is used as a decorative item. It is made up of natural sikhi and mung grass.

Dimension: 12 x 5 inches

Material: Sikhi Grass and Mung



Product no: S016

Flower Pot: This is a colorful flower pot. It is used as a decorative item. It is made up of natural sikhi and mung grass.

Dimension: 10 x 3 inches

Material: Sikhi Grass and Mung



Tikuli Painting

Tikuli is a type of hand painting and its history spread over 800 years. The painting with its modern evolution and varied manifestations, find its origin in Patna, Bihar. Tikuli art has a deep historical significance associated with it. Tikuli is the term that is locally used for bindis, which are essentially colorful dots that women wear as accessories between their eyebrows. The basic raw materials used in Tikuli craft is the MDF board and the colors. This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This crafts provide livelihood support to about 300-500 artisans families on regular basis in Digha, Danapur and Gai Ghat mahallas of Patna town of Bihar.





Product no: TP007

Wall Hanging: This is a hand painted wall art, in which artisan has shown Krishna is playing with his mother and looking for mas kham.

Dimension: 12 x 12 inches

Material: MDF board and colors



Product no: TP011

Head Bag: This is a hand painted tikuli bag, in which artisan has tried to show two women carrying mats on their heads.

Dimension: 14 x 12.5 inches

Material: Jute and Resin



Product no: TP001

Wooden Box: This is a hand painted wooden box, in which artisan has tried to show Lord Rama and Mata Sita is getting married.

Dimension: 12 x 12 inches

Material: MDF board and colors



Product no: TP002

Tea Coaster: This is hand-painted Tea coaster. In this product kanyachauvat is tried to show which makes it truly unique and beautiful.

Dimension: 12 x 12 inches

Material: MDF board and colors



Product no: TP012

Vase: This is a hand painted tikuli vase, in which artisan has tried to show elephant and trees all around the vase.

Dimension: 8.2 x 3 x 1.2 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TP009

Card Holder: This is a hand painted card holder, in which artisan has tried to show tikuli art essence on the edges of the holder.

Dimension: 5 x 4 inches

Material: MDF board and colors



Product no: TP013

Mortar and Pestle: This is a hand painted tikuli ohli, in which artisan has tried to show birds and trees all around the mortar and pestle.

Dimension: Mortar 5" x 3.5" and Pestle 1.5" x 7"

Material: Wood



Product no: TP014

Coffee mug: This is a hand painted coffee mug, in which artisan has tried to show women are plucking flowers.

Dimension: 3.5 x 3 inches

Material: Plastic



Manjusha Painting

Manjusha Painting depicts stories. Their main characters are Chand Saudagar, Bishahani (Ma Mansa), Bihuli and Manjusha (name of the Chest, carrying the dead body of Lakshinder). It's an old tale of how a loving and devoted wife fights against all odds for her dead husband (Lakshinder) and brings him back to life. The significance of the painting is depicted by the three colors used in the painting i.e. green, yellow and red on white background. Earlier Manjusha painting was used on Papers but now a day's various surfaces are used as medium for this painting. The basic Raw material used are Canvas paper, Fabric and color. This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. Manjusha craft provide livelihood support to about 700-900 artisans families on regular basis in Bhagalpur district of Bihar.





Product no: MP001

Wall hanging: This is a hand painted wall art, in which artisan has shown Bhiksha praying and requesting to Bhagwan Vishnu.

Dimension: 33.1 x 23.4 inches

Material: Handmade paper

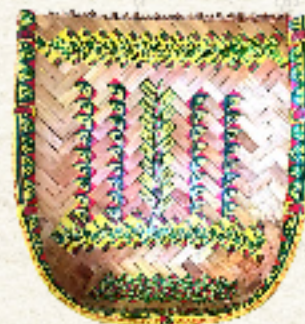


Product no: MP011

Flower Pot: This is a hand painted flower pot, in which artisan has tried to place the manjusha story characters in different ways.

Dimension: 18 x 6 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: MP012

Sup: This is a hand painted Manjusha art Sup. Artisan has tried to show the abstract form of Bel leaves and trees on the sup.

Dimension: 13 x 12 inches

Material: Bamboo



Product no: MP007

Matka: This is a hand painted Manjusha matka. Snake is placed all around and the upper part of Matka.

Dimension: 17 x 12.5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: MP008

Dupatta: This is a hand painted Manjusha dupatta, in which artisan tried to show beautiful symmetrical pattern on the border.

Dimension: 2.25 mt.

Material: Fabric



Product no: MP009

File folder: This is a hand painted file folder, in which artisan has created beautiful manjusha pattern on it.

Dimension: 14.5 x 11.3 inches

Material: Fabric



Product no: MP013

Doll: This is a hand painted manjusha doll. Artisan created single lady character of manjusha story.

Dimension: 6 x 15 inches

Material: Wood and fabric



Sujani Craft

Sujani started in early 1920's and till date it is being practiced. Earlier it was considered as a form of quilting where 'old saree and dhoti' were used as the creative canvas. The cloth was folded twice or thrice and then simple stitches were done on these 'old and used' clothing to add newness on them. But now ladies draw their daily life and create stories on new cloth with 'Running and Chain Stitches'. The basic raw materials are fabrics and thread, through which motives are created. This craft is only practiced by the ladies. Sujani is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This craft provides livelihood support to families of about 400-600 artisan on regular basis in Bhusra (Muzaffarpur) and Nasriganj (Digba, Patna) district of Bihar.





Product no: SU003

Clutch: It is an organic and environment friendly, clutch. Threads used in this design add dynamism to the contemporary motif.

Dimension: 9.5 x 6 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: SU006

Hand Bag: It is an organic and environment friendly hand bag. Multicolor threads and jute used in this bag add dynamism to the geometric motif.

Dimension: 4.5 x 13.5 x 15.5 inches

Material: Fabric, Jute and Thread



Product no: SU004

Wall Hanging: This wallhanger depicts the scene of village where women is busy in cooking and children are playing.

Dimension: 1 x 25 x 21 inches

Material: Fabric and frame



Product no: SU011

Tea Coaster: Fine embroidery art, it takes a long time to get crafted to perfection. The beauty of this tea coaster lies in its attempt to promote sustainable creation of craft.

Dimension: 3 inches diameter

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: SU008

Dupatta: Tiny yet powerful pattern etched on beautifully coloured soft cotton dupatta. The beauty of this dupatta lies in its attempt to promote sustainable creation of craft.

Dimension: 85 x 21 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: SU009

Cushion: It is an organic and environment friendly, Different colors of threads used in this design add dynamism to this cushion.

Dimension: 16 x 16 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: SU010

Table mat: It is an organic and environment friendly, perfect for table needs. Multicolor threads used in this design add dynamism to the contemporary geometric motif.

Dimension: 20 x 14 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Applique Craft

Applique is a surface pattern that is used to decorate an aspect of a garment or product. It is exceedingly used in Textile Industry. This craft is practiced mainly by women in the family. They do it in their leisure time to keep them busy and to earn money. Basic raw materials of Applique are fabrics and thread which create beautiful motifs on the products. The patterns are so attractive and colorful that people gets attracted easily.

This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This crafts provide livelihood support to families of about 300-500 artisans on regular basis in Ara and Saran districts of Bihar.





Product no: A005

Wall hanging: An applique wall hanging is a decorative item. Gandhi ji is tried to show in a abstract modern way with his charkha and chasma.

Dimension: 28.5 x 25.7 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A004

Bed sheet: An applique bed sheet of cutwork designs on plain background. Traditional applique cut work brings a real taste of the indian essence.

Dimension: 62 x 80 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A007

Unstitched Kurti Piece: An applique Kurti piece done with reverse and patch applique work. It is created in a modern way according to new trend.

Dimension: Medium size

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A012

Koti: In this Koti (jacket) elephant designs are placed on the back side in a modern way, according to new trend.

Dimension: Medium Size

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A011

Table Mat: An applique table mat in which artisan has tried to show the abstract flower on the middle of the mat.

Dimension: 11.5 x 17.5 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A010

Cushion Cover: An applique cushion cover in which artisan has tried to show cut work abstract all over design with embroidery work.

Dimension: 16 x 16 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Product no: A009

Pillow Cover: An applique pillow cover in which artisan has tried to show abstract design on the centre and the border.

Dimension: 16 x 16 inches

Material: Fabric and Thread



Terracotta Craft

Terracotta is one of the oldest craft that human beings ever introduced on the earth. It was once considered to be poor man's craft but in due course of time it has made its ascent due to its aesthetic value and occupied a distinct identity among all classes of people.

Artisans use potters wheels to make different shapes by using their own hands. The raw materials used in this craft are Ram-Ras Mitti and Genua Mitti. After the completion it is then burned on coal.

This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This craft provide livelihood support to families of about 300-500 artisans on regular basis in Darbhanga and Madhubani districts of Bihar.





Product no: TD11

Flower Vase: This beautiful piece of earthen flower vase, shade in rust color amicably. It is inspired from the shape of female body.

Dimension: 11.5 x 9.5 x 6.5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD13

Horse Sculpture: The rich Rust colour of this horse sculpture beautifully adds to its aesthetics and looks stunning. It used as simple decorative item.

Dimension: 6.2 x 4.3 x 3 ft.

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD12

Flower Vase: This beautiful piece of earthen flower vase, shade in rust color amicably. It is inspired from the shape of sheep.

Dimension: 10 x 9 x 5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD14

Goddess Durga: The rich Rust colour of this Goddess Durga beautifully adds to its aesthetics and made appealing.

Dimension: 19 x 10.5 x 6.5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD15

Elephant: The beautiful elephant piece of earthen Elephant in rust color. A unique elephant embellished with the detailed work.

Dimension: 22 x 15 x 10 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD17

Fish Vase: The rich Rust colour of this flower vase beautifully adds to its aesthetics and looks stunning.

Dimension: 7 x 5.5 x 2.5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD16

Lord Buddha: The rich Rust colour of this Buddha beautifully adds to its aesthetics and made appealing.

Dimension: 23 x 21 x 6.5 inches

Material: Terracotta



Product no: TD18

Lord Ganesha: The rich Rust colour of this God Ganesha beautifully adds to its aesthetics and made appealing.

Dimension: 11 x 9 x 9 inches

Material: Terracotta



Stone Craft

Stone carving is a very ancient tradition in Bihar. The craft achieved its zenith during the Mauryan period and its finest examples are the rock-cut caves of Barabar and Nagarjuni Hills in Jahanabad District. Various stupas and monasteries stand as the great exhibits of the excellent artistic quality of the artisans of Bihar. Amongst the most famous stone carvings of Bihar are the Ashoka pillars at Lauria Nandangarh and Koluha, along with Mundeshwari Temple Complex of Gupta period. This art is practiced at Patharkatti in Gaya district. It is one of the major centres of stone craft in Bihar. The basic raw material used in this craft is marble and Granite. This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This crafts provide livelihood support to about 500-700 artisans family on regular basis in Gaya district of Bihar. Other centres of the stone craft in Bihar are located in Nalanda, Kaimur and Patna.





Product no: STD08

Dinosaur: This dinosaur is made by stone carving. This beautiful carved Dinosaur is unique decor to home or office.

Dimension: 4 x 2 x 2.5 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD10

Card holder: This Card holder is made by stone carving. Its a unique decor to Office. It is to be presented in a classy and neat manner.

Dimension: 70x60x130mm

Material: Stone



Product no: STD09

Agarbatti Stand: This agarbatti stand is made by stone carving. This agarbatti stand is done with intricate engravings and smooth finish.

Dimension: 2x3x3 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD11

Diya Stand: This Diya stand is made by stone carving. This diya stand is done with intricate cutwork and smooth finish.

Dimension: 3x3 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD12

Owl: This owl is made by stone carving. This beautiful carved owl is unique decor to home or office.

Dimension: 11x3x5.5 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD14

Elephant: This unique piece of elephant is made by stone carving. A small one is under the stomach of big elephant. It is done with intricate cutwork.

Dimension: 6.5x9x5 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD13

Dodo: This unique piece of dodo is made by stone carving. A small one is under the stomach of big dodo. It is done with intricate cutwork.

Dimension: 8x4x7 inches

Material: Stone



Product no: STD15

Ashoka Stambh: This Ashoka stambh is made by stone carving. This Ashoka stambh is done with intricate cutwork and smooth finish.

Dimension: 7x4.5 inches

Material: Stone



Wood Craft

Wood craft of Gaya is a very different from existing wood crafts available in the market. It has a huge religious importance for the Buddhist followers and pilgrims who come to visit the Holy place of Bodhi Gaya, the place of Buddha's enlightenment. The purchase of idols of Buddha has got a big ritual significance for Buddhist pilgrims. This is source of livelihood for artisans engaged in the craft. The raw materials used for the wood craft include Gambhar wood which is being purchased from Gaya's local market. This is a unique product handcrafted by artisans. This craft provides livelihood support to families of about 200-400 artisans on regular basis in Gaya district of Bihar.





Product no: W002

Skeleton Buddha: Skeleton Lord Buddha Statue is in a Meditation posture. It is very intricate designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 6 x 8 x 10 x 12 inches

Material: Wood



Product no: W003

Thinking Lord Buddha: Lord Buddha Statue is in thinking posture. It is very intricate designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 8 x 10 x 12 inches

Material: Wood



Product no: W007

Mahabodhi Temple: This is historical wood Mahabodhi temple of Bodhi Gaya. It brings peace and calm, this entire temple made is by hand carving.

Dimension: 205 x 165 x 270 mm

Material: Wood



Product no: W009

Pen Stand: This beautiful Pen Stand is unique decor to home or office. It is very intricate cutwork designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 3.5 x 9 x 3 inches

Material: Wood



Product no: W010

Pen Stand: This beautiful Pen Stand is unique decor to home or office. It is very intricate designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 9.2 x 3.5 x 4 inches

Material: Wood

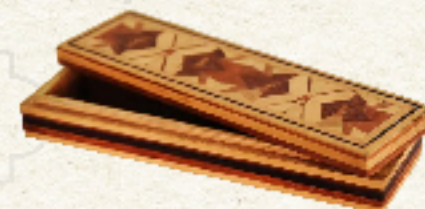


Product no: W012

Table Lamp: This beautiful Table Lamp is unique decor to home or office. It is very intricate cutwork designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 7 x 7 x 20 inches

Material: Wood



Product no: W011

Wooden Box: This beautiful wooden box with inlay work. It is very intricate cutwork designs, onthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 8 x 2.3 x 1.2 inches

Material: Wood



Product no: W013

Lord Ganesha: This beautiful Lord Ganesha is unique decorative item to home or office. It is very intricate cutwork designs, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 13.5 x 11.5 x 1 inches

Material: Wood



Metal Craft

Metal craft is one of the most ancient craft of the Bihar state. This includes manufacturing of various utility and decorative products made of Gold, Silver, Brass, Zinc, and Ashtadhatu metals. Gold and Silver metals are widely used for the manufacturing of jewelry items. The jewelry items of Silver manufactured in Munger and Bnaka district of Bihar are much in demand in the various parts of the country. Brass and Ashtadhatu metals are used for the manufacturing of the idols of various Hindu deities.

Bettiah, West Champaran, Vaishali and Pareb are famous for the manufacturing of metal idols. The metal works of copper, brass, and bell metal are famous of the Pareb village.

The craftsmen of Bihar used three different techniques namely lost wax method, Reposee and Dhokra for the manufacturing of various metal items.





Product no: M001

Glass: Peacock, within the flowy background are tried to depict in this glass. It is very intricate designs and smooth finish.

Dimension: 4.3" X 3"

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha

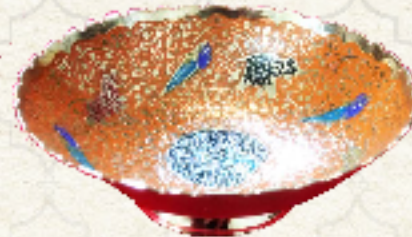


Product no: M002

Metallic Plate: Peacock, is tried to depict in this product. It is very intricate designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 5"

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M003

Metallic Bowl: Different kind of birds are tried to show within this bowl. It is very intricate designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 6 X 2.25 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M006

Lord Ganesha: Lord Ganesha is placed on papal leaf in aashirvadi posture. It is very intricate designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 8 X 6 X 1 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M003

Krishna: Lord Krishna is in standing posture and playing his flute. It is very intricate beautiful designs and smooth finish.

Dimension: 3 X 6 X 2 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M004

Metallic Mug: King's baarat is tried to depict in this Mug. It is very intricate designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 5 X 3 X 4 X 3.15 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M007

Movable Fish: This fish is movable and functional. It is very intricate designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 2.5 X 10 X 1.5 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha



Product no: M008

Kamdhenu: Kamdhenu is tried to depict in metal craft. It is very intricate beautiful designs, enthralling patterns, and smooth finish.

Dimension: 6.5 X 8.5 X 5.5 inches

Material: Copper, Zinc, Ranga, Shisha

