The Arts of Darb al Ahmar | 2011

A Selection of Authentic Egyptian Crafts
We are proud to present the first edition of the “The Arts of Darb al Ahmar” a catalog that showcases the unique arts of Egyptian craftspeople from Cairo’s oldest Islamic neighborhood.

The designers and producers of these beautiful pieces are receiving support from the First MicroFinance Foundation – Egypt, either through loans or business support services, to help them keep the traditional artistic spirit alive for generations to come and to help preserve Egypt’s rich heritage.

By buying items from this catalog you will not only own a unique and beautifully crafted piece of traditional art, but you will also support Egyptian artisans, who are struggling to survive through economic hardship but have not given up on their creativity or talent.

In this pioneer edition we bring you only a small sample of the hundreds of available handicrafts, designs and color combinations.

If you would like to place an order, simply mark the code of the items you wish to buy, the quantity, and the color or combination of colors you would like to see and email us at marketing@fmf.com.eg.

We will then respond back with a price quotation and arrange for the delivery of your items. Alternatively, please call us at +20.19.401.7772 and we will fax you an order form to fill out and send back to us.

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Khayameya is the traditional Egyptian craft of making tent pavilions out of appliqué cloth patterns. The history of this craft goes back hundreds of years. The golden era for Khayameya was during the Mamluk period in Egypt. Modern Egyptian tent makers use the same techniques creating attractive cushion covers, bedspreads, table runners and wall hangings with Islamic, Pharaonic and geometrical shapes.
KHA90-12
Arabic wall hanging / cushion
90 * 90 cm - cotton face, linen back
KHA45-6
Lotus cushion
45 * 45 cm - cotton
KHL90-7
Islamic wall hanging
90 * 90 cm - cotton face, linen back
KHL90-7
Arabic wall hanging
90 * 90 cm - cotton face, linen back
KHA45-8
Arabic cushion
45 * 45 cm - cotton
KHA45-8
Lotus cushion
45 * 45 cm - cotton
KHC90-9
Coptic wall hanging
90 * 90 cm - cotton face, linen back
KHA90-9
Arabic wall hanging
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHP90-10
Pharaonic wall hanging
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHB90-10
Bedouin wall hanging
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHI70-11
Islamic wall hanging / cushion
45* 70 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-11
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA90-12
Arabic cushion
45*45 cm – cotton
KHL90-12
Lotus wall hanging
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHL90-13
Lotus wall hanging
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-13
Lotus wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHB70-14
Bedouin wall hanging / cushion
45*70 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA90-14
Arabic Wall hanging / cushions
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-15
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-15
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-16
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHF110-16
Folklore wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA70-17
Lotus wall hanging / cushion
45* 70 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA110-17
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA90-18
Lotus wall hanging / cushions
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHB90-18
Birds wall hanging / cushions
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHL110-19
Lotus wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHL110-19
Arabic wall hanging
110*110 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHA90-20
Lotus wall hanging / cushion
90*90 cm – cotton face, linen back
KHB70-20
Pharaonic wall hanging / cushion
45* 70 cm – cotton face, linen back
Simply Irresistible Linen Bags

Traditional Egyptian linen bags are a modern alternative to the classic leather bag with soft fabrics and a wide variety of colors and shapes that make them easy to mix and match with a modern wardrobe.

Texture and character are cultivated over time with these robust natural linen bags. Durable, washable, practical, and great to throw over the shoulder makes them a must-have for everyday use. This section gives a glimpse of the available designs.
LB-23L
Linen handmade bag
35*25 cm, Handle: 30 cm
LB-22R
Linen handmade bag
35*25 cm, Handle: 30 cm
LB-22L
Linen handmade bag
45*35 cm, Handle: 35 cm
LB-23R
Linen handmade bag
45*35 cm, Handle: 35 cm
Egyptian metal lanterns made mainly of copper and brass have gone beyond their practical purposes as they are beautiful, authentic and very unique decorative items.
LT 42
Rectangle lantern
Height: 27 cm
Base width: 7.5 cm
Copper
LT 25
Tower lantern
Height: 27 cm
Base width: 6.5 cm
Copper and glass
LH25
Hexagonal lantern with dome
Base width: 19 cm
Overall height: 42 cm
Copper and glass
LT26
Lantern 10 sides
Base Width: 20 cm
Overall height: 55 cm
Copper and glass
LO26
Octagonal lantern two doors
height: 20.5 cm
Base diameter: 9.5 cm
Copper and glass
LH27
Hexagonal lantern with dome
Base width: 19 cm
Overall height: 42 cm
Copper and glass
LC27
Ceiling lamp Islamic style
Height: 60 cm
width: 23 cm
Copper
LT28
Tower lantern
Height: 32 cm
Base width: 8 cm
Copper and glass
LT29
Tower lantern
Height: 32 cm
Base width: 8 cm
Copper and glass
LR29
Rectangle lantern
Height: 27 cm
Base width: 7.5 * 7.5 cm
Copper
LO
Octagonal tower lantern with dome
Base width: 16 cm
Overall height: 37 cm
Copper and glass
LT 55
Rectangle lantern
Height: 27 cm
Base width: 7.5 cm
Copper
LS30
Semi circle wall lightening unit
Height: 27 cm
Width: 11 cm
Copper
LM28
Marble candle holder
Diameter: 7.5 cm
Height: 8.5 cm
Copper and marble
LT56
Rectangle lantern
Height: 27 cm
Base width: 7.5 cm
Copper
For years Egyptians have used leather to create everything from tents to book covers to musical instruments and of course shoes and bags. Leather also played a vital role in preserving the old versions of the Bible and the Quran, mastering the art of book binding using leather. Traditional Egyptian leather products come in unique color combinations and are decorated in beautiful Islamic and Arabic shapes.

Egyptian leather products are dyed with nature-inspired colors, which make the handcrafted pieces even more fascinating.
LTH-34L
Leather floor cushion
Diameter: 40 cm
Height: 11 cm
LTH-34R
Leather floor cushion
Diameter: 40 cm
Height: 11 cm
LTH-33L
Leather floor cushion
Diameter: 40 cm
Height: 11 cm
LTH-33R
Leather floor cushion
Diameter: 40 cm
Height: 11 cm
LTH-32R
Leather floor cushion
Diameter: 40 cm
Height: 11 cm
LTH-32R
Leather floor cushions
Diameter 40 cm
Height 11 cm
LTH-35L
Ornamented leather bag
Length: 15 cm
Width: 10 cm
Height: 20 cm
LTH-35R
Ornamented leather bag
Length: 15 cm
Width: 10 cm
Height: 20 cm
LTH-36L
Ornamented leather bag
Length: 15 cm
Width: 10 cm
Height: 20 cm
LTH-36R
Carved Leather bag
length: 15 cm
Width: 8 cm
Assembling Beauty

Historians could not agree about the geographical origins of the unique art of shell work, but they all agreed that it has always been present in Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

This art form is based on assembling pieces of different sized, colored and shaped shells and pearls into complicated patterns. The traditional Egyptian shell designs are usually inspired by geometrical shapes, Arabic ornaments and botanical forms.
MOP- 38 B
Hexagonal box
Diameter: 10.5 cm
Height: 4 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP-38C
Container
Diameter: 18 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP- 39 C
coffin box
Width: 10.5 cm
Cm: 7 cm
Height: 4.5 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP-39B
Hexagonal box
Diameter: 10.5 cm
Height: 4 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP -40T
Two pieces table set
50*30 cm, 40*20 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP-40 CH
Foldable chair
Height: 90 cm
Setting area: 40*40 cm
Wood decorated with mother of pearl
MOP-41CA
China cabinet
2 m* 70 cm
Mother of pearl decorated wood and glass
MOP-41HT
Hexagonal table
Diameter of the top: 35 cm
Height: 50 cm
MOP-42F
Four pieces frame set
26*22 cm
22*17 cm
15*12 cm
10*9 cm
Wood and mother of pearl
MOP-42TS
Three pieces tray set
45*35 cm
40*30 cm
35*20cm
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