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UGANDA'S HANDICRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS



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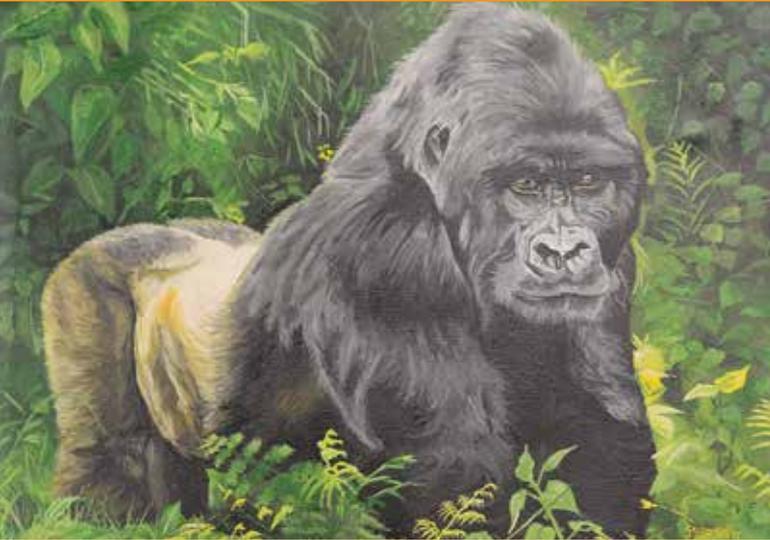
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FOREWORD



The Uganda Tourism Policy, 2015 identifies the need to support initiatives to improve the design, marketing and packaging of arts, crafts and souvenirs. In this respect, the Government of Uganda, through the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities together with partners, implemented

the Handicraft and Souvenir Development Project, funded by the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF).

The project responded to Government's efforts to diversify and increase exports of non-traditional exports while supporting increased job creation and employment. One of the deliverables of the project was the development of a Catalogue for Uganda's handicraft and souvenir sector.

The overall objective of developing the Catalogue was to put in place a promotional tool to showcase Uganda's authentic handicraft and souvenir products to international and local markets.

It is now my great honor to present the Catalogue for Uganda's handicraft and souvenir sector, 2022. I am urging the relevant stakeholders to use the Catalogue to promote Uganda's handicraft and souvenir products..

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom R. Butime', written over a horizontal line.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Catalogue for Uganda's Handicraft and Souvenir sector was developed to showcase Uganda's top handicraft and souvenir products.

It is expected that the Catalogue will help Uganda to promote its handicrafts and strengthen its position in international, regional and domestic handicraft markets.

The development of the Catalogue would not have been possible without the contribution of different stakeholders who provided ideas, suggestions and photos.

In a special way, I would like to thank the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) for funding the Uganda Handicraft and Souvenir Development Project, which enabled the development of the Catalogue.

I would like to also thank the Handicraft and Souvenir Development Project team that coordinated the development of the Catalogue on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities.

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ABOUT UGANDA



Uganda lies astride the equator and enjoys a unique location at the heart of Sub-Saharan Africa within the East African region.

Uganda is a beautiful country. Sir Winston Churchill, the then Prime Minister of Britain, after touring Africa concluded that Uganda was indeed the "Pearl of Africa." This is because of its beautiful sceneries, fertile soils, green environment (e.g. natural forests, swamps and savannah woodlands), water bodies and amazing beautiful climate.

Uganda is endowed with rivers, lakes, mountains, flora and fauna with unique wildlife species such as the mountain gorillas, tree-climbing lions and shoebill birds. The country has the 'Big Five' African wildlife (lions, leopards, elephants, buffalos and rhinos).

UGANDA'S HANDICRAFTS



Uganda has a rich cultural heritage that offers potential for abundant growth of handicraft enterprises in all the regions of the country.

Uganda has indigenous diverse communities with varied cultures, handicraft items, dressing and food items.

Handicraft making in Uganda is essentially a cultural, traditional and predominantly a cottage industry that is undertaken by low income men, women and the youth. More women participate in most craft making activities than men.

In most cases, producers form themselves into groups and associations in order to improve production and marketing of their handicrafts. Handicraft products are mainly categorized according to their overall functions or the type of materials used.

Uganda handicraft products range from baskets, bags, mats, ceramics/pottery, beads, handmade textiles, woven products, jewelry, ornaments, leather products, wood crafts, among others.

The craft workers use locally available raw materials like raffia, sisal, banana fiber, barkcloth, wood and clay which are environmentally friendly and biodegradable.

UGANDAN KIKOYI



Name: Ugandan Kikoyi

Materials Used: Various fabrics

Usage: The kikoyi material is used for making items like sukas, scarfs, shirts, dresses, bags, toys and others.

The Ugandan kikoyi is an important craft item that identifies with Uganda. Kikoyi materials are one of the top souvenirs that Uganda's visitors buy from Uganda.



JEWELRY



Necklaces



Name: Necklaces

Materials Used: Beads, paper

Usage: Necklaces



Bracelets/Bangles



Name: Bracelets/Bangles

Materials Used: Beads, paper

Usage: Bracelets/Bangles



Ear Rings



Name: Ear Rings

Materials Used: Beads, cow horns, fabrics, wood, paper

Usage: Ear rings



Beads



Name: Beads

Materials Used: Paper, wood, forest tree seeds

Usage: Jewelry, bracelets, necklaces, ear rings



Karamajong Jewelry

Name: Karamajong Jewelry

Materials Used: Beads, paper, cow horns

Usage: Jewelry, bracelets, necklaces, ear rings.

The Karamajong jewelry items are beautifully designed cultural pieces and used by women for beautification and cultural functions.



BASKETS



Decoratives Baskets – Bowl Shaped



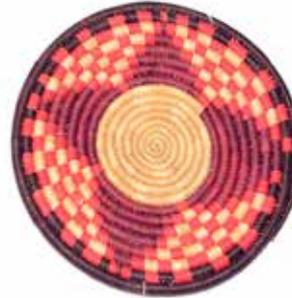
Name: Ugandan Decorative Baskets - Bowl Shaped

Materials Used: Raffia, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: They are increasing being used as decorating items in homes, offices, functions/events, hotels and restaurants. The decorative bowl shaped baskets are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Decorative Baskets - Flat Shaped



Name: Ugandan Decorative Baskets - Flat Shaped

Materials Used: Rafia, bamboo, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: They are increasing being used as decorating items in homes, offices, functions/events, hotels and restaurants. The decorative flat shaped baskets are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Traditional-Multi Coloured Baskets (Endiiro)

Name: Traditional-Multi Coloured Baskets (Endiiro)

Materials Used: Rafia, bamboo, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: The baskets are commonly given out as gifts to various people during cultural functions.

They are increasingly being used as decorating items in homes, offices, functions/events, hotels and restaurants. The cultural baskets are one of the upcoming top souvenirs from Uganda.



Traditional - Black & White Baskets (Endiiro)

Name: Traditional - Black & White Baskets (Endiiro)

Materials Used: Raffia, palm leaves, millet stems and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs.

Usage: The baskets are commonly given out as gifts to various people during cultural functions. They are also used for serving food (millet bread) in homes and some restaurants. They are increasingly being used as decorating items in homes and offices. The baskets are one of the upcoming top souvenirs from Uganda.





Name: Nubian Baskets

Materials Used: Raffia, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: They are used as household and decorating items. The Nubian baskets are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda because of their beautiful designs and colours.



Rubona Baskets



Name: Rubona Baskets

Materials Used: Millet stems and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: They are used as household and decorating items. The Rubona baskets are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda because of their beautiful designs and colours.



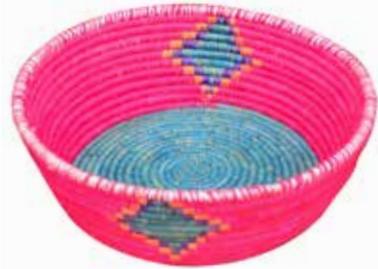
Name: Shopping Baskets

Materials Used: Rafia, bamboo, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: As shopping and carrier baskets.



Household Baskets



Name: Ugandan Household Baskets

Materials Used: Raffia, bamboo, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber. The baskets are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: Used by various cultures in Uganda for harvesting, storing, serving and transporting food, as well as laundry baskets. Some are given out as gifts to various people during cultural functions.



Name: Basket Trays

Materials Used:
Rafia, bamboo, palm leaves, sisal and banana fiber.
The trays are made in various designs and colors.

Usage: Serving trays and decorative items in homes, hotels and restaurants.



MATS



Name: Ugandan Traditional Mats

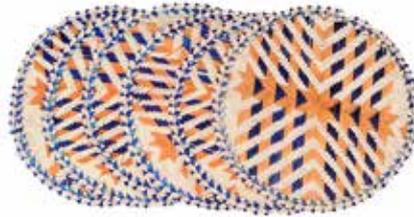
Materials Used: Palm leaves and sisal. The mats are made in various designs and colors, making them look very colorful, beautiful and pleasing to eyes.

Usage: They are given as gifts during cultural functions. They are also used as decorations in homes, offices and hotels. They are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



TABLE MATS





Name: Table Mats

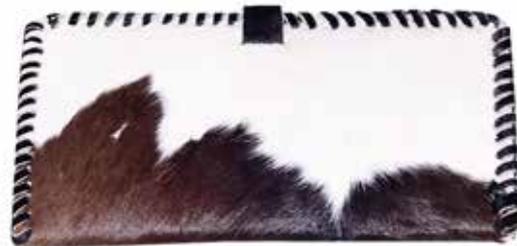
Materials Used: Raffia, palm leaves, banana fiber, backcloth.

The mats are made in various designs and colors

Usage: Table Mats



LEATHER PRODUCTS



Leather Shoes



Name: Ugandan Leather Shoes

Materials Used: Cow or goat skin

Usage: Used by both women and men as foot-wear.

Ugandan leather shoes are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Leather Carpets

Name: Ugandan Leather Carpets

Materials Used: Cows or Goats skins

Usage: Used as carpets in homes, hotels and restaurants.

They are also used as decorative items in homes.



Other Leather Items



Name: Other Leather Items

Materials Used: Cows or Goats skin

Usage: Other leather items include stools, wallets and belts.



WOOD CARVING



Name: Wood Carvings (Animals)

Materials Used:
Various special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: They are used as decorative pieces mainly in homes, offices and hotels.

They are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Wood Carvings (Birds)

Name: Wood Carvings (Birds)

Materials Used: Various special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: They are used as decorative pieces mainly in homes, offices and hotels.

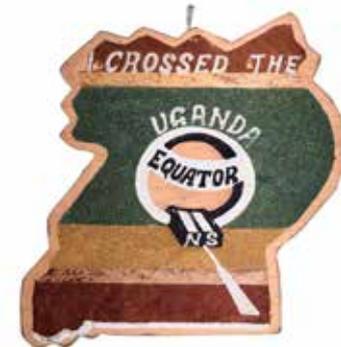
They are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Name: Wood Carvings
(Informative Items)

Materials Used: Various special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: They are used as decorative pieces which communicate information. They are mainly used in homes, offices and educational institutions. They are one of the top souvenirs from Uganda.



Wood Carvings (Furniture)

Name: Wood Carvings (Furniture)

Materials Used:
Various special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: Furniture and decorative pieces in homes.



Name: Wood Carvings
(Other Items)

Materials Used: Various special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: Other items include: Walking sticks, milk guard, key holders among others.

They are also used as souvenirs, gift items and decorative pieces in homes and offices.



ART AND PAINTINGS



Name: Art and Paintings - People Paintings

Materials Used: Cloth materials and paint.

Usage: The painted pieces are used as decorations in homes, offices and hotels. They are one of the top cherished souvenirs from Uganda.



Art and Paintings - Animal Paintings

Name: Art and Paintings – Animal Paintings

Materials Used: Cloth materials and paint.

Usage: The painted pieces are used as decorations in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants.

They are one of the top cherished souvenirs from Uganda.

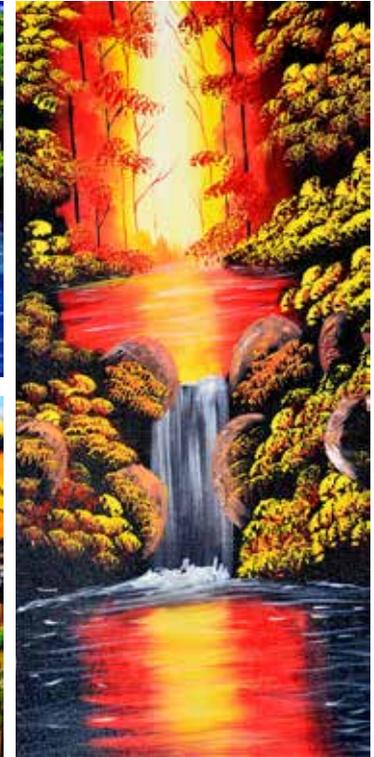
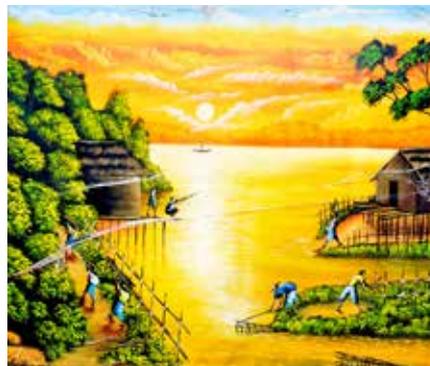


Name: Art and Paintings – Nature Paintings

Materials Used: Cloth materials and paint.

Usage: The painted pieces are used as decorations in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants.

They are one of the top cherished souvenirs from Uganda



Framed Art Pieces



Name: Framed Art Pieces

Materials Used: Wood, glass, cloth materials and various sculptures.

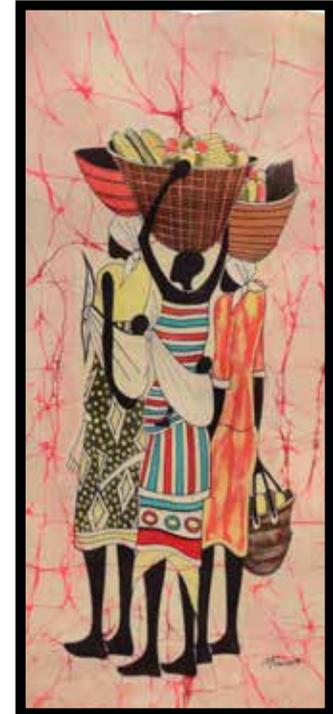
Usage: The framed art pieces are used as decoration items in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants. They are one of the top cherished souvenirs from Uganda.

Name: Batiks

Materials Used: Cloth and paint.

Usage: The framed batiks are used as decoration items in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants.

They are one of the top cherished souvenirs from Uganda.



CERAMICS AND POTTERY ITEMS





Name: Pottery – Interior Decor

Materials Used: Clay.

Various pottery items are made from clay and burnt in fire to make them strong and long-lasting.

Usage: The pottery items are used as indoor decorative items in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants. They are one of the top craft items liked and used by many people in Uganda.

Pottery (Interior Decor)



Pottery (Outdoor Decor)



Name: Pottery (Outdoor Decor)

Materials Used: Clay.

Various pottery items are made from clay and burnt in fire to make them strong, long-lasting and resistant to harsh outdoor environment.

Usage: The pottery items are used as outdoor decorative items in homes, offices and hotels. They are one of the top craft items liked and used by many people in Uganda.



Name: Pottery (Garden Pots)

Materials Used: Clay.

Various pottery items are made from clay and burnt in fire to make them strong, long-lasting and resistant to harsh outdoor environment.

Usage: The pottery items are used to hold garden plants mostly in homes and hotels.

They are one of the top craft items liked and used by many people in Uganda.



Pottery (Household Usage)

Name: Pottery (Household Usage)

Materials Used: Clay.

Usage: The pottery items are used as decorative items in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants.

They are one of the upcoming top craft items in Uganda.



Name: Pottery (Animal Sculptures)

Materials Used: Clay.

Usage: The pottery items are used as decorative items in homes, offices, hotels and restaurants.

They are one of the upcoming top craft items in Uganda.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS





Name: Ugandan Drums

Materials Used: Cow or goat skin and wood. Drum makers use special wood materials from Uganda's natural forests.

Usage: Drums are mainly used as musical instruments in various cultural and traditional dances. Drums are also used as cultural symbols of leadership. In some cultures, leaders are given drums after taking over leadership.

They are also used as decorative pieces and souvenirs.



Ugandan Guitar - Adungu

Name: Ugandan Guitar - Adungu

Materials Used: Cow or goat skin and wood.

Usage: The Adungu guitar is used as a musical instrument in various cultural and traditional dances.

The Ugandan Adungu guitar is a common souvenir from Uganda.



Name: Other Music Instruments

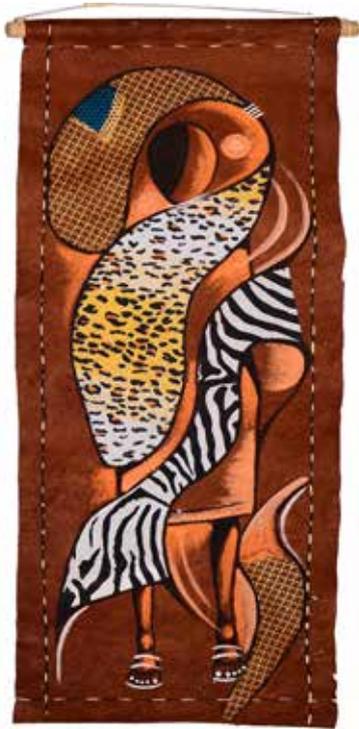
Materials Used: Cow or goat skin, wood, bamboo, metallic wires, and sisal.

Usage: The musical instruments are used in various cultural and traditions dances.

They are also used as decorative pieces and souvenirs.



BARKCLOTH PRODUCTS



Name: Barkcloth Products

Materials Used: The barkcloth is got from the outer skin of the natal fig tree (mutuba), which is widely available in Uganda.

Usage: The barkcloth has important cultural functions. Items made from barkcloth materials include batiks, bags, table mats, pillows and many more..



BAGS





Name: Beaded Handbags

Materials Used: Beads, wood and fabrics.

Usage: Handbags

Craft Handbags



Name: Craft Handbags

Materials Used: Rafia, palm leaves, banana fiber and fabrics.

Usage: Handbags

Leather Handbags and Wallets



Name: Leather Handbags and Wallets

Materials Used: Cow or goat skin.

Usage: Handbags and wallets

Patched Bags

Name: Patched Bags

Materials Used:
Various fabrics in different colors and designs.

Usage: Bags and carrier bags



Name: Palm Leaf Handbags

Materials Used: Palm leaves and they are made in different colors and designs.

Usage: Handbags and Carrier bags



Shopping Bags

Name: Shopping Bags

Materials Used: Palm leaves and they are made in different designs and colors.

Usage: Shopping bags



Name: Other Bags

Materials Used:
Palm leaves, raffia,
banana fiber and
Ugandan kikoyi
fabric.

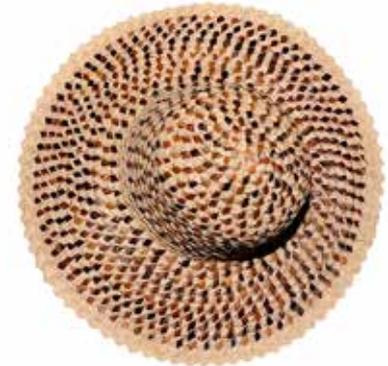
They are made in
different designs
and colors.

Usage: Bags



HATS





Name: Ugandan Craft Hats

Materials Used: Rafia, palm leaves, barkcloth, banana fiber and fabrics.

Usage: Hats for women and men are mostly used for protection against sun in functions, travels and tours.



COW HORN PRODUCTS



Name: Cow Horn Products

Materials Used: Cow Horn Products

Usage: Craft products made from cow horns include household utensils, hair dressing tools, decorative items and other various items.



BANANA FIBER PRODUCTS



Name: Banana Fiber Products

Materials Used: Banana Fiber. Uganda being one of the top banana growing nations in the whole world, banana fiber materials are easily available.

Usage: Items made from banana fiber materials include table mats, jewelry boxes, bags and many others.



LAMP SHADES



Lamp Shades

Name: Lamp Shades

Materials Used:
Rafia, bamboo and palm leaves

Usage: Lamp shades and decorative pieces in homes, hotels and restaurants.



CRAFT TOYS





Name: Craft Toys

Materials Used:
Banana fiber, palm leaves, fabrics, backcloth and others.

Usage: Children toys and gifts/ souvenirs.



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