



EMPOWERING
WOMEN
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P R O U D L Y M A L A Y S I A N

A GIFT FROM MALAYSIA



PENAN'S WOVEN BAGS HERALD HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Urbanisation and certain commercial practices have triggered significant changes in the Penan's natural habitat and livelihood, resulting in many migrating to towns in the hope of securing employment, access to medical treatment and education.

Unfortunately, many Penan families have found it difficult to adapt to these changes. For women in particular, obtaining employment is a major challenge, leaving them stuck in an unforgiving poverty trap. Whilst public education is free, the lack of finances to purchase uniforms, books, school supplies and bus fares means that many children are unable to attend school, or inevitably drop-out due to financial constraints.

Helping Hands Penan is a non-profit accredited social enterprise whose mission is to provide assistance to Penan in need. We are driven by the twin goals of catering to short-term basic needs and empowering the Penan to be self-sufficient in the long-run.



Classic handmade Penan handbag with Beryl's Twin Towers almond coated with milk chocolate (180g) and simple decoration. Gift size: 24mm x 32mm



Classic handmade Penan gift basket with Beryl's assorted chocolate (120g) and simple decoration. Gift size: 13mm x 7mm



FIERY SABAHAN COOKS UP A STORM AS A PEPPER FARMER

Zita Bolingkong relishes tackling fiery career challenges with grace – once in banking, then as a business owner, now a pepper farmer.



SHOWERS BECOME LUXURY TREATS WITH EVES ARTISAN SOAP

For some people like Tan Mein Mein, the pandemic was a blessing in disguise. The soaps are available in different shapes ranging from food to animals, and some even look good enough to eat.



HOW A PAIR OF SCRUB SHOES TURNED A BANKER INTO AN ARTISAN

Chee Li Har shares the interesting journey that eventually led to the birth of her business, GoCheeks.

PROUDLY MALAYSIAN THE BORNEO COLLECTION



RM9
each

Pure pepper (black or white) from Puhus Pepper Plantation.
- 90g per bottle



RM18
each

Traditional weaving mini basket with handmade 100% natural Acacia Mangium Honey Soap from Eves (red rose and english rose fragrance - 75g)
Basket size: 13mm x 7mm



Traditional weaving clutches by the Penan community.



RM209

Unique embellished designs in a variety of vibrant colours by GoCheeks.



RM67
each

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A PIECE OF MALAYSIA



NYONYA KAIN BRINGING BACK THE TRADITIONAL ART AND CULTURE

Through Nyonya Kain, Dayana showcases the beauty and versatility of batik. Although she started off by only selling batik fabric, Dayana soon realised a limitation: not many people have tailors. So, she began sourcing ready-made items and later worked with a tailor to produce fashion wear.

Today, Nyonya Kain sells a remarkable variety of batik products including bangles, earrings, hairbands, twillies, bags, kimonos, pareo skirts, and palazzo pants – debunking stereotypes that batik products are not suitable for daily wear. There are also accessories such as scrunchies that are made from kain songket!

Reversible kimono

RM169



Batik fan

RM10



Foldable batik tote bag

RM45



Batik palazzo pants with pockets

RM95



RM80

Wrap-around pareo skirt



from RM22



Unidentical batik zipper pouch

RM10



Choices of elegant batik head band and bandana

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KOPITIAM

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KTJ'S KOPITIAM SERIES, A FUN NOD TO LOCAL COFFEE SHOPS

Komuniti Tukang Jahit's series features kopi-o and teh tarik coin pouches as well as kuih and nasi lemak foldable tote bags. KTJ is a social enterprise that aims to empower women, namely single mothers, including those with special needs and from vulnerable communities.

Yap Sue Yii, the chief executive officer and the other founder of KTJ, put her creative skills to use to come up with products that are both pleasing to the eye and practical. And that was how the Kopitiam Series was born.



RM15
each

Teh tarik &
kopi-O pouch

Foldable tote bag
(Kuih series)

RM22.20
each



DUO'S HANDWOVEN PAPER RATTAN BAGS ARE A BIG HIT

Founders of Jutozi, Lee Yik Chiat and Koay Ji Tong, weave their own bucket, basket, cross body and laptop bags. Available in various shapes and colours, the bags are meticulously woven with paper rattan.



SARAWAKIAN'S 'ROSE BAGS' ARE A LABOUR OF LOVE

Woven with paper rattan into patterns resembling little roses, the bags reflect the creativity and meticulous workmanship of a talented artisan – Caroline Jokngau, 61, the founder of the business.



LINDEN GOES FROM OFFICE DESK TO SEWING MACHINE

Leong leaves a management consulting and banking job to start her own business selling handcrafted bags, purses, clutches and keyrings. She named her business, "TAS by Woman of Substance".

PROUDLY MALAYSIAN ARTISAN TOTE BAG



RM117

Helping Hands Penan



from
RM180

Jutozi



RM240

Caropaya



from
RM190

TAS by Woman of Substance



HOW THE PANDEMIC WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE FOR NICOLE

Out of a job in the tourism industry, Nicole Choo starts-up Neecola Handmade in 2020, a business selling kiss lock handmade bags and pouches. There are two things that keep her going: a love for the craft, and the joy she gets from making her products for those who truly appreciate it.



SHARON'S BAGS MAKE MEMORABLE FASHION ACCESSORIES

Sharon Thong's Memory Collection is a range of exquisite handmade fashion accessories using stunning fabrics. The 59-year-old shared that she has been a tailor for more than half her life. In fact, she was only 23 years old when she started sewing clothes until her fascination with bags sparked in 2017.

PROUDLY MALAYSIAN HANDSEWN BAG



from
RM 198

Memory's Collection



from
RM 159

Neecola Handmade





TALENTED MOM-DAUGHTER WEAVE EXQUISITE TUDUNG SAJI

Noriyaton Juendah and Nurul Asdiana Mohd Ariff of Tudung Saji Che Ton have been creating stunning food covers since 2019.



TIFFIN JEIWA ADDS COLOUR AND CHEER TO FOOD TAKEAWAYS

Nor Fadilah Mohamed Nizar, the founder of Tiffin Jeiwa, shared that each tiffin is hand-painted by a team of 60 painters, consisting of women with disabilities and domestic violence survivors, among others.



'TIFFINS MADE WITH LUV' ARE BEAUTIFUL WORKS OF ART

Business owner Nor Aini Kamaruddin also puts her magic touch on decoupage Penan bags and tumblers.

PROUDLY MALAYSIAN HOME TREASURE

RM57

Tudung Saji
(12")

RM108

Tiffins Made With Luv

RM225

Jeiwa

RM300

Jeiwa

from
RM89

Nina Crafts

from
RM350

Dusty Monkey
chopping board