

The women are crafting various bags including purses and backpacks. They received design help from a dedicated designer from N.Y.C. who spent a month with Asociación Maya helping to expand their creative potential. One of the bags, the "Lael's Bag", is named for her. The bag project represents a cross-pollination of cultural expression and, perhaps more than anything, the cooperative spirit between peoples, native and ladino, Guatemalan and Salvadoran, working toward a brighter and more hopeful future. Your purchase of these fine hand-woven bags directly supports this empowering process between poor women of different lands.



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