

GHANA CRAZY

These beautiful hand-woven baskets are from Ghana, West Africa. The "Bolga Baskets" are all natural baskets made from elephant grass; they are dyed with natural plant pigments and finished with goat hide handles. The elephant grass grows wild and is harvested, dried into straw, and then woven.



In 2011, I returned from Ghana where I met a group of Christian widows from the village of Yikene, just outside of Bolgatanga, where artisans have been weaving these baskets for generations! Once the baskets are made, they have a group of men that will attach the leather to the handles made of goat hide.

I lost my first husband in 2006, and when I was in Ghana, I was able to share with them that in America when you lose your husband, you still have your house, your job, and your family and friends to help you through your time of struggle. In Ghana, it is not the same. When you lose your husband, a lot of times, you lose your home, your land, and your source of income.

The widows I met are just a few of the women and men who need our support in a country where poverty, AIDS and malaria affect their every day lives. We are excited to partner with the basket weaving community in Bolgatanga. What a great opportunity we have to support them and bring their beautiful creations to you!

The specialized weaving process makes these baskets strong and flexible; they can be reshaped or washed by getting them wet with water and forming them with your hands. The baskets are GREEN-SUSTAINABLE and LONG-LASTING.

We hope you will have yours for years to come...
...and we have truly "Ghana Crazy"!



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