



# Basketry: Plaited or crochet raffia palm leaves

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Art nr 2457 Shoulderbag Mariette  
Art nr 254 Chapeau Mariette

Mme Soamalala Mariette is designing and making crafts together with two other women. They plait the raffia palm leaves to a plait, then they sew the plait together to make hats and bags. Below some examples of their products.

Art nr 2542 Chapeau Mariette Vagabond - on Mme Mariette.



Also Mme Clarisse (picture above) uses plaited raffia for making hats with matching bags. However, her technique is to first make thin plaits of the raffia, then plait these thin plaits to broader plaits—which are eventually sewn together to make hat and bag. It is a time demanding craft and they are many women in her home village that together make the deliveries to La Maison Afrique FAIR TRADE.

Hat model in the picture above: Art nr 2572 Chapeau Clarisse Brim 11cm



Art nr 2454 Shoulder bag Clarisse Zip  
Colours: Naturewhite, Shades of green, Shades of blue D=32cm B=28x10cm



Art nr 2541 Chapeau Mariette Courbé



Mme Ly (picture above) uses woven raffia —or makes the hats by plaiting raffia. The hat above, Art nr 2519 Chapeau Dentelle, is an example of the later.



Mme Vololoniaina designs and makes hats with sisters-in-law on the Malagasy countryside. The materials they use are sundried raffia palm leaves (+ Öko-Text certified dyes). They plait many different models. One of the latest is Art nr 2520 Chapeau Lolo (picture above).



Art nr 2523 Chapeau Homme



Mme Suzanne crochet hats and bags of raffia.



Art nr 2415 Shoulderbag Fishnet



Art nr 257 Chapeau Raffia net



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