



Basketry: Sisal hat & bag

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Mme Eva is living with her husband and children in a village, Behenji; on the central highlands of Madagascar. Eva is an artisan—but as the majority of the Malagasy people, she is also a farmer.



Step 1) There sisal leaves are picked. There are many wild growing types of sisal in the neighbourhood. The picture above shows the type Eva prefers for making crafts. This as its fibres are long, even and strong.



Step 2) With hand craft, Eva separates the fibres from the rest of the fleshy sisal leaves.



Step 3) The sisal fibres are rinsed in pure water.



Step 4) Eva twines manually the sisal fibres so that they become thread. The thickness of the thread is suited to what it will be used for. (If other colour than naturewhite, the dyes used for what will be in La Maison Afrique FAIR TRADE assortment are certified ÖKO-TEX.).



Step 5) The thread is crochet to make a hat



... or it is tied to a shoulderbag.



Result!



Art nr 256 Chapeau



Art nr 24531 Bag Rustique



Art nr 229 Spa-bag



Art nr 2452 Shoulderbag Spider net



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