

The Art of Mithilia

(sometimes also referred to as: Mithli or Maithili)



Janakpur, Nepal

The land of Mithila, or “the land which holds, or is held by King Miti”, was known historically and still is an area rich in education and the arts. Eventually the title of Janak was used instead of King ..hence became Janakpur.

At Alsadu we bring to you exquisite hand-painted Mithila art straight from Nepal, including, but not limited to incense burners, coaster sets, boxes (small and large), and gift cards.

The bright and colorful designs represent and express the culture, environment, traditions, plants and animals, and often times a spiritual focus of these artists. Originally much of the painting of this culture was done on the walls of homes during certain celebrations. Now within the last 20 years, this art has been transferred to a medium of paper and wood products. It is a skill passed on from mother to daughter over generations.



The Janakpur Women's Development Center (JWDC) has concentrated training in a broad range of skills including painting techniques, printing, ceramics, as well as quality control, money management, and marketing. Once unable to leave their homes, Janakpur women celebrate their independence through expressive hand-painted crafts.

Alsadu and the women of the JWDC thank you for your support.

To read more about the JWDC:

<http://www.asianart.com/exhibitions/jwdc/introduction.html>

To read more about region of Mithila and some of its history:

<http://www.vl-site.org/india/mithila/index.html>

<http://website.mithilaonline.com/website/>

