

Culture club

Support traditional artisanal culture and the people who produce it with these stylish picks from Katie Roberts.

MASS-PRODUCTION of clothing and the secondhand clothing market are impacting the traditional knowledge of creating wearable art that has long been a part of global cultural identity. Keep it alive by supporting these labels.



Accompany

This curated collection of handmade items partners high-end and deluxe finds with social consciousness. www.accompanyus.com



Tibetan socks

These cute slippers are made by women in Kathmandu villages, providing them with income and aiding local education initiatives. www.tibetansocks.com





Globe In

Making an impact in the makers' communities through fair pay, employment of women and disabled people, and by partnering with charities, Globe In caters for all folks, including vegans. www.globein.com

Indigenous

These timeless pieces tick the trifecta - organic, Fair trade, and artisan-made – and will complement every wardrobe. www.indigenous.com



Two minutes with ...

Adrien Field,
founder of Tibetan Socks



Why is it important to support global artisans?

Ultimately it's a question of whether we want to live in a synthetic world of mass-produced products that potentially harm the environment, or support businesses promoting social wellbeing and economic opportunity. If we connect to products we use and their human provenance, we're less likely to be wasteful.

How do Tibetan Socks help the women who make them? Knitting is one of the few work opportunities available to the women of this region. They can earn a dignified income without leaving their children. In Nepal, thousands are still without homes after the 2015 earthquake. And knitting is a cathartic outlet to pass the time and gather together.

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