

Mayan Textiles from San Antonio Aguas Calientes



San Antonio Aguas Calientes is a small town or pueblo some 20 minutes away from Antigua, Guatemala. The town is nestled at the foot of several volcanoes. The name Aguas Calientes (hot water) has been attached to San Antonio because when it rains the Fuego volcano that is nearby fills with water and sometimes warm waters (heated by the volcano) come down into the town.

This is an indigenous Mayan pueblo known for its beautiful traditional weaving. The textiles produced in this village are considered to be the finest in all Guatemala. This pueblo is the home of Irene, one of our Artisans.

Irene, like all the other Mayan women weavers in the area uses a backstrap loom to weave traditional patterns. It is a very simple device used to create really beautiful things: scarves, blankets, table covers, bed covers, traditional blouses and wrap-skirts, head bands, belts and countless other things.

The rainbow of colors that we see so often in the Maya textiles reflects the influence of the Mayan goddess of the moon, childbirth, and weaving known as Ixchel, or “Lady Rainbow”. The use of strong colors is one way the indigenous artisans can inspire and express their creativity and to bridge the gaps between traditional patterns and more contemporary designs to create designs that are organic yet fashionable.

We are pleased to offer a limited selection of these beautiful one of a kind scarves. Each one is hand woven on back strap looms and is unique. We will be adding different styles and colors and more complicated weavings over time. You will also see that some patterns and colors will be more regularly available because they represent designs of specific Mayan clans. We are confident you will love these beautiful scarves. Irene and other native weavers of San Antonio Aguas Calientes greatly appreciate

your support and good will.

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