

Affordable, Practical, Helpful and Giving Items...



An Eco Bag that Helps Impoverished Women in Laos

The Nature Bag can not only help tote your groceries home from the store but also help reduce poverty in Laos. The bag has been handmade for centuries in Laos by the Khmu tribe, some of the most impoverished people in the world. Laos has one of the lowest per capita income levels in the world.

The Nature Bags are now being produced by the Khmu as part of a poverty reduction headed by young Lao student Bonsou Keoamphone, the son of a poor rice farmer in the remote, mountainous Oudomxai Province in Northern Laos.

Nature Bags are stretchable and expandable, lightweight but extremely strong. But this is not your mother's generic mesh-like bag. Most Nature Bags have an appearance that is somewhat shiny, like silk or satin, and have colors that range from a very light tan to medium-dark brown.

The walls of the Nature Bags have considerable stretch and form around the items inside. Fragile items such as fruits and vegetables are much less likely to be bruised, and the unique mesh design of the bag permits airflow throughout. Because each Nature Bag is handmade, no two bags are identical.

The bags are made from wild-growing, organic tropical Kudzu or now called JungleVine, a naturally growing, hearty perennial vine with a deep spreading root that grows quickly during the rainy season and can be found in various parts and higher elevations in Southeast Asia.

JungleVine cord is lightweight but nearly impossible to break, is biodegradable and virtually mold resistant. The Nature Bags range in size from 10 x 6 inches to 24 x 12 inches and range in price from \$10-\$76 and are available online at: www.NatureBag.org.

Cool Pens for Spring...

Zebra Pen has introduced the Z-Grip Daisies Ball Point Pen. Teen and Tween girls in particular will go crazy over the floral design.

The Daisies pen is a 1.0 mm ballpoint pen complete with eye-catching floral fashion designs and colors. The pen features a form-fitting ribbed rubber grip and a designer metal pocket clip, with the grip color corresponding to the color of the ink.

Suggested retail value is just \$2.25 for a 3-pack and \$3.75 for a 5-pack, so parents will be more than happy to oblige.

Zebra Pen products can be found in Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, Walmart, K-Mart and Walgreens. For more info, visit www.zebra.com.



Stay Organized – Inexpensively...



Want to clear out the clutter and manage notorious organizational offenders, including those unruly cables and wires attached to most of our electronic devices? To keep cord control both easy and inexpensive, eTailer CableOrganizer.com offers an assortment of wallet-friendly wire wranglers all priced under \$10.

If you like your cables neatly bundled but often find yourself needing to switch them out, the flexible, reusable Cable Manager (\$8.49) is the ideal candidate for the position. Sold in pairs, these colorful little spirals coil effortlessly around cord bundles, but can be easily undone and reinstalled as frequently as you need to update your cables. More info and to buy: www.cableorganizer.com/cable-manager.

CableOrganizer.com has lots of other products to manage cable, wire, hardware and other home or remote office equipment. Find them at www.CableOrganizer.com or via toll-free telephone at 1-866-222-0030.