

ARTE FILUM IS ABOUT PASSION

It's about our passion to connect the arts and culture of South America with the rest of the world. And it's about a new way of doing business and a new ideal – supporting an improved livelihood and sustainable future for artisans, their families and their communities.

 **We are a fair trade company.** 

We believe in dreams and the human spirit. Our artisans take pride in knowing their craftsmanship is respected around the world.

Arte Filum brings carefully crafted products of only the highest quality to you through a system of fair trade – fresh ideas based on respect for each other, ethics and sustainability. We truly believe it is possible to build a company on equality and fair partnership. And we invite you to be part of it.

THE ART OF FILIGREE

Filigree is known from the ancient Egyptian civilization. Introduced to Latin America during the conquest by the Spanish, Filigree was once popular throughout South America. Today Paraguay is the only country that continues this tradition through skill and knowledge passed down from generation to generation. There are approximately 1500 artisans and families whose livelihood is supported by making filigree.

Filigree is a handcrafted technique of curling and twisting fine threads from precious metals which results in an extremely delicate, sophisticated and unique piece of art. Requiring hours of concentration, each unique piece is created over 8 to 38 hours of work.



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