



Cooperative of Women
from the
Santiago Atitlan Community



The Tzikin Jay cooperative is located in Santiago Atitlán at the base of Atitlan and Toliman volcanoes across the lake from Panajachel. This cooperative of 28 women foot loom weavers began 14 years ago. Seven years ago they brought in some back strap weavers as well. Originally they were from the Panabaj community, which was severely devastated by Hurricane Stan in 2005. The women lost their homes and all of their belongings to this disaster. Some even lost many of their family members. Since then members have either rebuilt their homes in the same area or permanently relocated to new communities around Santiago Atitlan. They make cosmetic cases, change purses, checkbook covers, coasters, and other small pouch items for export and for sale in our Fair Trade Store.