



Cooperatives of Women from the
Sololá Communities



Three Generations of Weavers: Lajuj Ix & Las Estrellas cooperatives.

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The Lajuj Ix and Las Estrellas women's cooperatives are located in the cornfields above the town of Sololá in the Highlands of Guatemala. These women weavers organized 20 years ago after the violence of the Guatemalan civil war in need of an income to provide for their families. They make table runners, cotton knotted or woven bracelets, earrings, key chains, and many other products for export. Some years ago a needle felt artist from New Hampshire came and taught them needle felting, with which they now make a variety of wool animal figurines. Some members of the group have also started their own businesses and diversified their products. For example, they produce and sell natural shampoo and jam, products which they learned to make through Thirteen Threads workshops and now sell in our Fair Trade Store.