

# Omba Arts Trust



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Omba Arts Trust supports the sustainable livelihoods of marginalized communities in Namibia through the development and marketing of unique crafts.

They make naturally dyed baskets from palm leaves found in the northern region of the country. Though suitable for contemporary homes, the baskets are all rooted in traditional culture. They also make handmade ostrich eggshell beads which continues a 40,000-year old tradition of the original hunter-gatherers of southern Africa. These beads are made into earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Their bracelets are fashioned from recycled PVC pipe that looks like the traditional jewelry worn by the Ovahimba people, but these pieces don't use the horns and ivory of endangered animals.

Omba Arts Trust was founded in 1991 and currently works with 450 producers in 9 regions of Namibia. The jewelry uses traditional techniques and materials and adds a modern twist that makes this jewelry very wearable.