

# Marie Rasoanantaina





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For 35 years, artisans at the Madagascar cooperative textile organization, Tahiana Creation, have been producing a range of natural-fiber products. Tahiana's founder, Marie Alexandrine Rasoanantenaina, started out by selling handmade clothing door-to-door in the 1980s. Within a few years, she was able to hire additional women to help with sewing and embroidery. She began to experiment with alternative dyes and materials, tapping into Madagascar's abundant natural resources. Some items created by Tahiana Creation, such as richly textured wall hangings, are understated and elegant; their earthy hues, like warm beige or soft chocolate brown, imbue them with an almost ethereal quality. Elsewhere, natural-fiber baskets resemble bird nests, with twig-like appendages jauntily surrounding a finely woven vessel.