

Himalayan



Heart



The Birth Of Himalayan Heart

It has been an inspiring and rewarding journey being able to see through my wish of visiting the Himalayas in 2023.

The harsh conditions, high mountain passes, breathtaking vistas and vast landscapes made travelling by motorcycle (for the first time) and trekking a very enthralling and sometimes exhausting experience.

Basing myself in Ladakh's capital city Leh for a couple of months, I became acquainted with some of the local shopkeepers selling unique hand made crafts and was inspired to embark on a journey of bringing authentic pieces from this part of the world to Australia.

Every piece is hand picked from the source dealing only directly with family businesses and artisans with an ethos of being personally connected with the product from end to end.

Being hand crafted, no two pieces are the same and you have my personal guarantee that you won't find another identical or your money back.

I wish to continue back to the Himalayas each year periodically in order to continue promoting and expanding the range of these quality handcrafts.

Please remember to take advantage of the personal picking service in India; selecting directly from the source based on photos sent to you of one off products you are interested in that can be mailed back or brought with me on return to Australia.

Thanks for supporting Himalayan Heart and be sure to check the following catalogue for more intricate cherry wood and walnut wood carvings available to order or just ask to see other jewellery pieces and Tibetan Thukpa paintings for order.



A Brief History Of Ladakh

The former kingdom of Ladakh-now a union territory of far north India-has a long and complex history but can be best traced after the 9th century when it was once a part of Tibet, gaining its sovereignty around 950 CE when the early Tibetan Empire collapsed. Independent kingdoms then formed under independent rulers that originated mainly from Tibetan royal families.

The monasteries or gompas of their Buddhist tradition are found spread throughout the vast Himalayan range that borders Pakistan & China (occupied Tibet).

Today Ladakh has kept its Tibetan centric traditions while maintaining its own unique culture.

The territory also has a large Islamic population with a long history in the area that is particularly dominant in the Kargil district bordering Kashmir, and a smaller concentrated portion of Hinduism in the district of Jammu.



A Brief History of Kashmir Wood Carvings

Walnut wood carving is believed to have been introduced in Kashmir by Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom during the reign of Zainul Abideen in the 15th century. The king promoted the art to improve the valley's economy. The craft was initially restricted to the creation of elaborate palaces and houses.

Kashmir is home to some of the best walnut wood carvings in the world and in India only grows in The Kashmir valley.

The Shikh family has been involved with this craft since 1924, today Shafi is the last of his brothers continuing with the business.

Willow and cherry wood (see chess pieces) is also used, the cherry wood is sourced directly from their own family property so there is an unbroken connection from the tree to Himalayan Heart.



Examples Of Walnut Jewellery Boxes Available For Order



Lotus Design

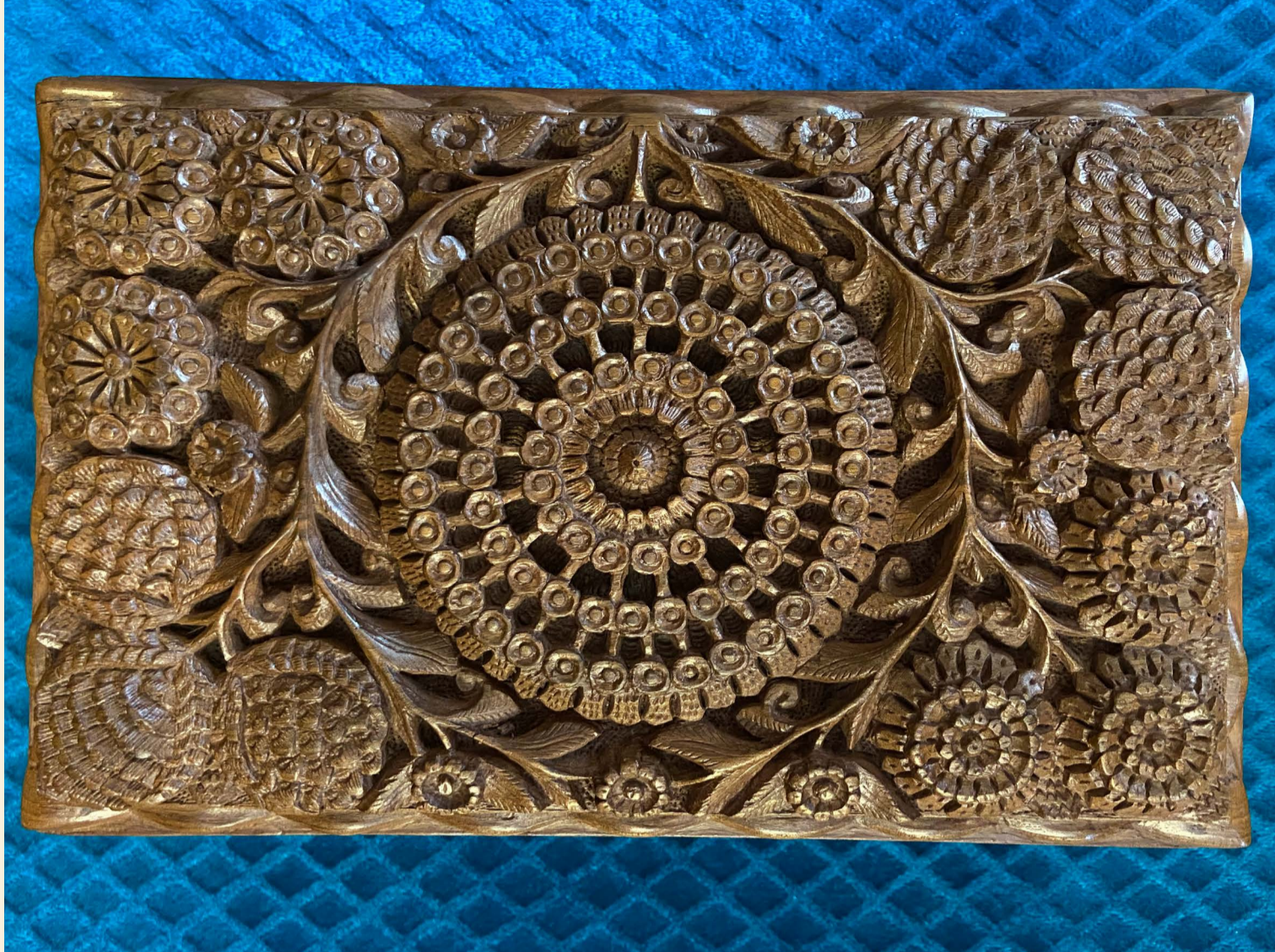
Dimensions: L 30cm W 20cm H 13cm





Maple Leaf Design
Dimensions: L 30cm W 20cm H 10cm





Sunflower Design
Dimensions: L 28cm W 18cm 11cm





Grape Design

Dimensions: L 23cm W 15cm H 11cm





Pansie Flower Design
Dimensions: L 23cm W 15cm H 9cm





Pansie Flower Design
Dimensions: L 23cm W 15cm H 9cm





Animal Design
Dimensions: L 20 cm W 13cm H 7cm



Examples Of Cherry Wood & Willow Available For Order

Walking Sticks L 92cm



Chess Pieces



Other Examples



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