

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

Handcrafted Global Gifts With A Story To Tell

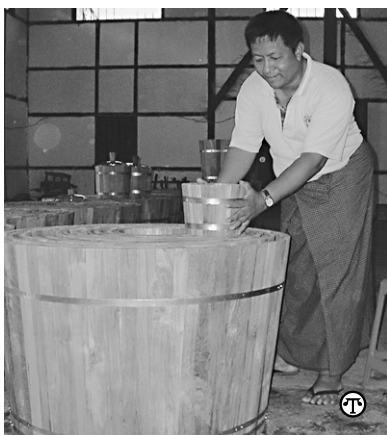
(NAPSA)—Pictures aren't the only thing worth a thousand words...so are a delightful group of exotic and handcrafted gifts, each with a story to tell about itself. The attractively priced imported items could be the answer to the eternal dilemma: what to get mom on Mother's day.

The out-of-the-ordinary gifts, ranging from a collection of brilliant blue lapis lazuli jewelry, to naturally scented Nepalese soaps to Burmese recovered teak planters, can be found without having to rummage through out-of-the-way secondhand shops or trendy little boutiques with big mark-ups.

One place to look online is Worldstock.com, the department of Overstock.com that empowers artisans worldwide. The site features a wide range of jewelry accessories and items that cannot be found elsewhere such as genuine pashmina silk/cashmere stoles, Himalaya herb soaps and teak planters, examples of items that will have Mothers' friends asking about the story behind the gift.

Both Worldstock and Overstock offer a broad selection of watches, jewelry, home accents and gift items online at steep discounts.

For example, Worldstock offers a sterling silver pendant with a rounded square stone of semi-precious lapis, handcut by skilled Peruvian artisans in the ancient Moche style for \$36.99*, a 43 percent discount over list price. Match the pendant with a lapis bracelet from Chile or a pair of square-cut lapis earrings, all handmade by craftspeople promoted exclusively by Worldstock.



The Burmese cooper smith Minzor supervises the construction of recovered teak planters, just one of hundreds of gift items with a special story to tell.

Due to the handcrafted nature of the jewelry, subtle shade variations occur from piece to piece to add interest, and the stories of how various lines of jewelry employ thousands of craftspeople are told on the Web site.

Or find a unique recovered teak planter that can be filled with a favorite flowering plant. The collection of Burmese planters are coopered by hand from scrap teak, recovered from furniture and flooring factories by apprentices learning the process of old-fashioned barrel-making. A 15-inch diameter planter is discounted at \$39.98*. Both the teak and copper will weather warmly into natural hues.

Worldstock works directly with artisans and their associations worldwide—including small-scale American designers—to bring a continually fresh stock of unique gifts to the marketplace.



Editor's Note: *Prices may vary depending on international charges.