

## Paper Mache Trophy Animal Heads from Haiti

### The Inspiration:



"Most Haitians have always considered important to maintain the memory of their ancestry from Africa. In the popular Voodoo religion this is reflected in rituals with constant allusions to "Guinen", the country of origin. In fact, it is the coast of West Africa from where the slave boats took them to Haiti. In art, paintings or sculptures they prefer to depict animals from the jungles or plains of Africa. Lions, antelopes, zebras, and giraffes are very commonly depicted by artists as a part of their Lost Paradise.

Paper Mache, made with used cement bags and discarded book pages, is a specialty of Jacmel, a town in southern Haiti. Skilled artisans there even make one of a kind pieces that are displayed in art expositions all over the world."

### The Recycling:

In a developed country, recycling has become a way of life. In Haiti, recycling is almost non-existent. There are almost no city dumps, all rubbish from the upper hills dominating the capital, Port-au-Prince, is washed down to the lower parts by way of heavy tropical storms. The trash then makes its way to the sea.

This creates not only a problem for the city inhabitants, as the city drainage gets completely clogged, but also to the sea life and beach-goers. The trash sometimes washes up on shores in Jamaica or Cuba!

By recycling used material that would otherwise asphyxiate sea coral and fish, we do our best to help our country and the Caribbean, and please you, the viewer."

\*taken from Anthropologie store. animals above available for purchase through [www.Anthropologie.com](http://www.Anthropologie.com)

