



Wax Batiks

Wall hanging wax batiks are made in Kenya from 100% cotton fabric and dye. The artist draws the outline of the picture, then applies candle wax, and lastly applies the dye. Batiks are bright and easy to pack because one just need to roll them before packing. If creases emerge, put a piece of newspaper on top of batik and iron it to remove the lines.





Tinga Tinga Paintings



Tingatinga is a painting style that developed in the 2nd half of the 20th century in the Dar es Salaam region of Tanzania and later spread to most of East Africa. Tingatinga paintings are widely

represented forms of tourist oriented art in Tanzania, Kenya and other neighboring countries. There numerous artists use bicycle paint to produce these colorful paintings either on canvas or Masonite. The bicycle paint makes for brilliant and highly saturated colorful paintings, using motifs of the big five

animals and other wild flora and fauna. The artists then show their wares, proudly displayed on clotheslines or stacked against fencing. These paintings are considered a form of 'airport art' for tourists and are beautiful in their simplicity and colorfulness.



Tingatinga Art Compound



The genre is named after its founder, Tanzanian Edward Said Tingatinga, and you can visit a small Tingatinga art compound on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam today.

Janet said, "It's pretty interesting that such fun paintings come from rather bleak surroundings."

Ebony

African wood carved lion

The king of the Jungle! An African handcrafted Ebony wood lion that originates from Tanzania. When carved in an standing position and ready to attack, the shoulders are slightly back and ready to charge.

The African lion is the undisputed heavy weight of the African Savanna and the male lion has become known for his brute force and strength. With long main and big head this Ebony wood lion makes for a wonderful addition to any home.

A true African Tribal creation..... Ebony wood lion



Ebony is a dense black hardwood, most commonly yielded by several different species in the genus *Diospyros*, which also contains the persimmons. Ebony is dense enough to sink in water. It is finely-textured and has a very smooth finish when polished, making it valuable as an ornamental wood.^[1] The word *ebony* comes from the Ancient Egyptian *hbny*, through the Ancient Greek ἔβενοϛ (*ébenos*), into Latin and Middle English.

As a result of unsustainable harvesting, many species yielding ebony are now considered threatened. Africa in particular has had most of its indigenous ebony cut down illegally. Ebony is a protected species and harvesting and sale of ebony is illegal and punishable by imprisonment.

