home & away chitenge collection



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empowering women one stitch at a time

The Empowerment Design Studio is part of the Zambian NGO Life Trust, which focusses on providing education for some of the most vulnerable children and youths of the community of Waya in Kabwe, Zambia.

Tailoring has been a core part of our mission for over a decade, with the Empowerment Design Studio now offering the opportunity to learn, work, and grow as tailors, leaders, and entrepreneurs to women in the area.





Zambian Chitenge Fabric

All Chitenge fabrics are carefully hand- selected in Zambia. Through these print fabrics, we celebrate the longstanding tradition, the rich cultural heritage and vibrant colors of African craftsmanship. We only use 100% cotton chitenge, as it is both durable and natural.

Locally Sourced Leather

Our locally sourced leather is a byproduct of the food industry, reducing waste and conserving resources. With its natural texture and exceptional durability, it surpasses artificial leather, which is often made from environmentally harmful materials. By using this material, we also support the local Zambian economy.





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- Colourways and availability: Chitenge fabrics are mostly available in very limited editions. Please inquire about available colours for the desired products at the time of purchase.
- Customised products: While we normally do not make made-tomeasure products, you can ask about customising your favourite item.
- Wholesale prices: Please get in touch if you are interested in purchasing larger quantities of more than 20 pieces per item.
- Corporate gifting: We are happy to make custom packages and arrangements for gifting your colleagues, customers and clients!



Within Zambia

- simply send a Message on Whatsapp to: +260 96 7734650
- we will advise which colours and patterns are available for your desired product
- FREE Delivery through Mercury Couriers for orders over K500

Internationally

- simply send a Message on Whatsapp to +260 96 7734650 or email us at info@lifetrustempowerment.com
- we will advise which colours and patterns are available for your desired product
- Delivery costs will be charged directly, according to location (if import taxes apply, customers pay themselves)





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Headband ZMW 80

Crafted from soft Zambian Chitenge fabric, this headband adds a pop of colour to any outfit.













Scrunchy ZMW 50

Ideal for all hair types, our scrunchie is a stylish and playful addition to your collection. A perfect gift and accessory for any occasion.







100% cotton fabrics

Key Loop ZMW 100

Brighten up your essentials with our vibrant key holders, showcasing traditional Zambian patterns and embossed with our Empowerment logo.







100% cotton fabric & webbing, leather detail





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Fabric Storage Baskets ZMW 100-250

These versatile textile baskets offer convenient storage solutions for your home or workspace. Available in sizes S-XL.







100% cotton fabrics





Laundry Baskets ZMW 600-700

The extra-large version of our textile basket are the perfect solution for sorting laundry. Available in two sizes.







100% cotton fabrics

Hot Pad Set ZMW 350

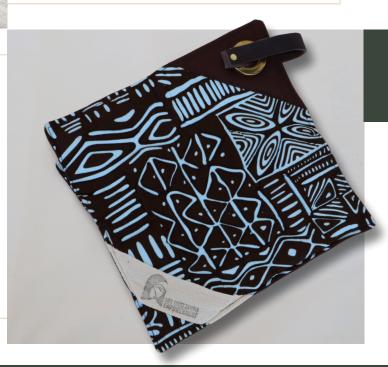
Our quilted pot holders add a dash of colour to your cooking space. They feature a golden eyelet with a locally sourced leather loop for convenient hanging.







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Stuffed Elephant ZMW 150

Discover the charm of our handcrafted stuffed elephants. A perfect cuddle companion for both children and the young at heart.







100% cotton fabrics





Stuffed Giraffe ZMW 120

Your Zambian keepsake: Our stuffed giraffes are made of 100% cotton, filled with soft filling fiber.







100% cotton fabrics

Baby Gift Set ZMW 650

This lovingly crafted set includes a charming giraffe plush toy, a handy roll-up changing mat and an adorable storage basket. Share the love!







100% cotton fabrics,





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Picnic Blanket ZMW 1600

Our cozy chitenge blankets feature soft leather straps for easy carrying and a moisture-resistant bottom layer, made from recycled mealie meal bags.







100% cotton fabrics, leather straps, recycled mealie meal bag lining





Dog Bed ZMW 1000-1200

Our soft, pillowy dog beds offer the utmost comfort for your dog. Surely, one of the two sizes available will suit your canine companion perfectly.







100% cotton fabrics

Tote Bag ZMW 550

With it's large capacity, comfortable long straps and extra ties on the inside, this tote bag is perfect for city outings, pool days, or grocery runs.







100% cotton fabrics & webbing





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Phone Strap / Lanyard ZMW 350

Embrace the perfect blend of style and utility with our phone straps. They can be attached to almost all phone cases to keep your phone safely at hand.







100% cotton fabric & webbing, leather detail





Sleeping Mask ZMW 220

Perfect for home use or traveling. The luxurious real silk lining will give you the restful sleep you deserve!







cotton fabrics and real silk lining

Luggage Tag ZMW 200

Our luggage tag are crafted from locally sourced leather and vibrant Zambian Chitenge fabric. Perfect for keeping your luggage safe on your next adventure.







local leather + cotton chitenge





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Waist bag

A practical everyday companion. Equipped with an interior pocket as well as a key loop to keep all your belongings safe.







100% cotton fabrics, leather straps





Sling bag ZMW 700

This spacious sling bag is perfect for a day out or a quick errand, this bag blends functionality with a touch of African flair.







100% cotton fabrics, leather straps

Toiletry bag ZMW 600

A fusion of Chitenge fabric and locally sourced leather. It features a long metal zip, a loop for convenient hanging, and two interior pockets.







100% cotton fabrics and leather





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Zip Purse ZMW 200

Our zip purses add a touch of African joy to your daily routine. Measuring about 20x17 cm, they hold cosmetics, pens, passports, and more!







100% cotton fabrics, leather details





Bucket Hat ZMW 300-350

Our bucket hats are designed to be reversible, showing vibrant chitenge fabric or a subtle plain cotton exterior. Available in children's and adult sizes.







100% cotton fabrics

Tea in Chitenge Bag ZMW 100

Enjoy the aromatic blend of lemongrass and hibiscus grown on our Life Trust Empowerment Campus, packed in traditional chitenge fabric gift bags.







organic tea leaves, chitenge bag





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