

Indika

India



The Tradition

The tradition of making bells has been in the *Luhar* family for many generations. In fact, *Luhar* means metal worker in Hindi. They vow to continue the tradition by passing it on to their children.



The Impact

The bells and prosperity chickens are handmade by members of the family and 47 community artists. The proceeds go towards making the community prosper.

About the Product

The steel is beaten and shaped into cylinders which are joined without any welding at the seams. Then, the bells are dipped into copper. The women coat and protect the copper dipped bells with clay during the firing. The bells are placed in desert sand kilns where the steel and copper fuse to form bronze. After the firing, the clay is removed, and the tuning process begins. Each bell, from the smallest to largest, is carefully hand-tuned to perfection. It is the combination of ancient techniques and hand-tuning that gives these bronze bells their unique patina and ethereal tone, a sound that has been developed for hundreds of years.

For the Lumars, **#artsaves** a Legacy:
“It is my family’s tradition and I will keep it alive.”