

## BAREFOOT®



Barbara Sansoni founded Barefoot and has been for thirty years the designer for Barefoot, a company of rural hand weavers in Sri Lanka. Today the result of this ongoing cooperative endeavour is not just a story about production. It is a tale about people who thrive on being creative. Barefoot products are completely handmade. The cotton yarn we use has been dyed and woven by hand. All materials including dyes are safe and eco-friendly.

The fabrics are created from a palette of 63 different colour shades (**CIBACRON® LS**), devised from ecological dyes brought from Switzerland. The human touch in the weaving process gives character and resilience to the toy. The 100% cotton hand-woven cloth is fashioned into the various toys, which are then filled with kapok pulp. The craft skills at Barefoot are timeless. Nothing is mass-produced. Each is a simple, yet beautiful, toy.

Invention we have ever displayed has been our own & made by us, not in a factory but...

In rural industry run by us wherever we are needed.

In a cottage industry where workers take their work home.

We teach skills & assert no time pressure on our hand weavers or needlewomen...they are not cheap substitutes for machinery... which is why our things will last a lifetime.

Each Toy is hand made by hand from start to finish by one person. Everybody involved is valued and made to feel part of a family. They thrive on the knowledge that their contribution is appreciated and also that their development as a person is equally important.

### KAPOK

The Kapok tree is a deciduous tree that can be found in the forests of Asia and Middle America. It grows up to 70m and it has capsular fruits, which are picked and opened by hand.

The fibers of the fruits are air-dried and not treated with chemicals.

Kapok is a natural fiber that is completely biodegradable.

The natural bitter constituents of the Kapok fiber are anti-bacterial and anti-microbial therefore moths, mites and other microorganisms cannot infest the toy.

### Our products currently are:

- \* Cuddly toys, balls, pencil bags & purses in animal form, small bags & backpacks for children, and grips & rattles for babies
- \* Bags for adults
- \* Fish play pillows
- \* Aprons for children and adults
- \* Summer dresses for girls, sun hats & booties for infants and children
- \* Oven gloves
- \* Patchwork bath mats
- \* Christmas decorations: Fairy mice, tree ornaments and stockings

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