

Art



Genuine Sámi handicrafts carry the joint Nordic duodji label, which is owned by the Saami Council and administered by national duodji associations, such as the Finnish Sámi Duodji ry.



Sámi art has its roots in traditional Sámi lifestyle and folklore. There is no art for art's sake, but beauty and practicality always go hand in hand.

SÁMI HANDICRAFTS – DUODJI reflect the nomadic lifestyle, making prudent use of natural resources. The aesthetic has traditionally been

subordinate to the practical. Duodji includes clothes, tools, hunting equipment and ornaments made by hand. The shapes, patterns and colours originate from ancient everyday objects, the manufacture of which used to be an essential skill for practically everyone. Traditional materials include horn, bone, wood, tin, leather and fabric.