

# Sangrila Nepal

*Distinctive Jewelry & Handicrafts from the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal*



## Nepal and the Mystique of the Himalayas

The kingdom of Nepal rests on the greatest heights of the Himalayan ranges, draped by incredible scenery and temples that breathe a life of their own into the hearts and souls of her people, and all those who chance by Fate or Design to cross into her realm of spiritual beauty. Punctuated by *stupas* (Buddhist shrines), and Hindu temples, blessed with extraordinary natural parks, vegetation, and wildlife, Nepal is a glimpse into Paradise on Earth.

Mornings are accented by the tinkling of bells and plaintive chants, with lotus flowers and marigolds being offered to the god or goddess, as incense mingles with the scent of sweet tea and fragrant, cooked rice, perfuming the misty air above the Kathmandu Valley. Masked dancers and folk musicians celebrate the daily religious festivals with devotion and vigor. *Saddhus* sing *bhajans* in the ashrams, while other devotees come to seek a blessing from their guru. Tibetans grind plant roots to make paints for intricate Thangkas, while astrologers

announce the destinies of those brave enough to have their futures read. Sculptors in Lalitpur slap and shape their clay, preparing to fire figures of Lord Buddha for monasteries and tourists alike. Old women hawk silk pouches and ornaments in the local squares, while younger ones fill brass containers with water from the ancient taps, and sell limes and ginger root on the dusty streets.

Culture, heritage, and tradition have all intersected to weave themselves into a tapestry of spiritual mystique, meriting the land its name of “Shangri-la”. With thirty-six ethnic groups, and as many dialects, there is a musical quality to the language floating in the air, and everywhere you turn, there are smiles and laughter to greet you.

## The Designers and Artists of Sangrila Nepal

All of our original jewelry and other handicrafts are the result of a unique collaboration by Sangrila Nepal’s owners, Bhim and Cordula Dahal. They are passionate in their vision to foster and continue the wide range of native arts of Nepal, keeping alive the traditional past, while infusing their inspired new creations, such as the *PujAnil* line, with elements of modern



style and feeling. They produce together, and in collaboration with other exceptional artists from Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, and Kathmandu, as well as villages in the remote areas of Nepal, to bring the beauty of Himalayan

designs, brilliant color and material combinations, to the global marketplace. All of our associated artisans work in home studios with their families, and are fiercely devoted to preserving the technical skills that have been passed down from generation to generation.



The Dahals also work in classical dance - Kathak, Buddhist, and Folk styles, and own the Nepal Dance School. Their goal is to bring the cultural heritage of Nepal to a larger audience so that others might learn and appreciate the uniqueness of the Himalayan kingdom. As part of their Social Program, they promote and participate in giving seed money to women, and supporting education for village children on a one-on-one basis.

### Distinctive, High Quality Jewelry, Clothing, and Accessories

Our line of jewelry is created using sterling silver, 22K gold, mixed metals, and a variety of precious and semi-precious stones. Colorful gems, beads, and traditional findings are expertly handcrafted into attractive, wearable art. We take special care to maintain the highest quality standards, and support Fair Trade and local Nepalese craft organizations, especially those which give preference to women. [Sangrila Nepal](#) offers dozens of embroidered bag styles, original beaded blouses, classic lungis, Jhumka skirts, Dhaka scarves, Pashmina, wood carvings, Thangkas, Tibetan singing bowls, hand-blocked textiles, Lokta paper products, dolls, games, and even musical instruments, including the madal and flute. We encourage young Nepalese designers; this allows us to constantly change the look of our products, while still maintaining the “feel” of traditional Himalayan arts and crafts.

We hope to have given you a brief introduction to [Sangrila Nepal](#), and invite you to visit us on the web at [www.sangrilanepal.com](http://www.sangrilanepal.com), where you can read more about us by downloading our Learning Center, and also find more links to interesting sites, including the [Nepal Dance School](#). Our [Marketplace](#), a favorite of buyers across the globe, is at your fingertips with the click of a button. You may also visit us at one of our many venues, festivals, and shows, email [info@sangrilanepal.com](mailto:info@sangrilanepal.com), or contact us directly at 703-346-5877 or 703-887-6314 in the U.S. Fax: 703-445-8451.