

Ukrainian Etsy artists asking for help!

Dear foreign friends,

Today Ukraine is suffering from unprecedented military aggression launched by Russia on Ukrainian territory. As a result thousands civilians have been killed, ten of millions of people have been forced to leave their homes, including three million who have fled from Ukraine to other countries.

Among those suffering are the hundreds of Ukrainian folk artists and craftsmen Ukraine is so proud of. They have had to leave their workshops, often without any materials and instruments, which make them unable to create and earn a living. Whether their homes will survive this unfair war when they return is not yet known.

Many Ukrainian artists and producers of handmade crafts have their shops on Etsy. While making shipments may now may be problematic, they have already started making digital crafts available for 12 or 24 dollars. Caring people all over the world have already started to purchase them and we in Ukraine are thankful from the bottom of our hearts! Some Ukrainian artists were very touched to receive donations through Etsy with a comment that they don't have to send any goods back, although many producers will be happy to send their crafts as soon as they have such an opportunity.

A petition by Ukraine's ministry of digital transformation recently went viral at change.org to allow registration of new Etsy shops in Ukraine. The last was canceled due to some payment difficulties. Sign this petition and support Ukrainian artists!

In these difficult times the people of Ukraine have to survive not only physically and emotionally, but also preserve its economy and vibrant culture. Ukrainian artists know the secrets of traditional folk crafts that are endangered in many other parts of the world. Handmade goods are not only beautiful but also ecological. They are aesthetic and made with love. These handmade goods have an important place in the sustainable future we all aspire to build on this Earth.

Please find the list of Ukrainian Etsy artists below. Purchase their symbolic digital posters or other goods if you feel inclined. This will be a **direct support** to people who are desperately in need right now. Any donation is valuable as it shows that we all - people of the world - are one in this battle for freedom, fairness and highest human values.

#standwithukraine

[A list of 80+ Ukrainian artists who have their shops at etsy.com](#)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_cTYZnEumTPb9-ESdMiTAnCbiowE0VGWVEaXydYPwMw/htmlview

Sincerely,

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