## Pameia CATALOGUE



## Pawer Common Made in Tanzania

#### Our Story

The Tanzanian label "pamoja" (Swahili for "together") is a small social enterprise run by Flora, a talented **TAILOR** and her supporters Stefanie and Ute. It is all about beautiful, high-quality, **HANDMADE BAGS**. Flora lives and works in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Her workshop is only four square meters in size, without much in the way of comfort. Every day, Flora travels two hours by bus to get to work in order to earn the money to live. For 17 years now, Flora has been sewing different clothes in her small workshop at Kinondoni Studio.

In 2009, Stefanie and Ute visited Flora in her workshop and asked if she would like to make bags out of Kitenge. At the time, Flora had no experience sewing bags, but with her talent and determination Flora quickly taught herself how to sew beautiful bags, and has since become an expert in this type of tailoring. In addition, Flora was given support in creating the label, marketing, and selling her products. This new economic opportunity provided additional income that Flora desperately needed as a **SINGLE MOTHER** raising a child with **DISABILITIES**.

Flora's only child, Catherine, was born in 2003. Catherine was born with disabilities; since birth, she is unable to talk, or walk. Flora cares for Catherine on her own, since Catherine's father is not in the picture. As a single mother with a child with a disability, one can often feel very alone in Tanzania; support from the government is difficult to get, and often these mothers do not get enough support from the extended family.

By purchasing any of our pamoja bags you **SUPPORT FLORA** and **CATHERINE** directly!





#### The Bags

The **STYLE** of our trendy pamoja bags is characterized by their simple shapes and design. They are sporty, feminine and versatile in their wear. The shoulder bags work great as a second bag in any travel luggage.

The main **MATERIAL** which is used for pamoja bags is "Kitenge". Worn by women throughout Eastern Africa, Kitenge (plural vitenge in Swahili) is a brightly coloured, attractive, wax-dyed garment, often wrapped around the chest or waist, over the head as a headscarf, or as a baby sling, and fashioned into various clothes. Kitenge is similar to Kanga and Kikoy, but are of a thicker cloth and have an edging on the long side only. Kitenge serves as an accessible, informal piece of clothing that is often decorated with a huge variety of colours and patterns. We are using two different Kitenge, "Mororgoro", made in Tanzania and "Wax", made in Nigeria.

Another **SPECIAL** feature of Kitenge is that you cannot get the same Kitenge pattern after only a few weeks on the market. Every week new designs of Kitenge become available; therefore, the availability of each Kitenge is limited. This makes each one of our bags very **UNIQUE** and only a few samples of each kind of pamoja bags are available. This catalogue shows the variety of the different designs of the bags but not the variety of the fabric designs. The current colours can be requested at any time by e-mail.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS for all products: Wash the bags with similar colours in cold water, using delicate cycle. Hang to dry. Iron on low heat. Do not bleach or tumble dry.



### MKUBWA



#### MASSAI



### MFUKO



### MKANDA



#### MREMBO

## Parenta Made in Tanzania











#### MREMBO

Mrembo is our very useful small bag, and can be used as a toiletry case for women or men. With a water-resistant inner material, it is perfect to carry the most important toiletries or make-up while you are on the go. Bag comes with zip closure.

#### MKONONI











#### MKONONI

Everyone woman needs a simple clutch or wallet. The Mkononi is perfect for holding your smaller items. Even passports fit snugly inside! It is possible to order this item with a small handle.

#### POTCHI





#### POJCHI

Potchi is a very handy hanging organizer with various sizes of small pockets. It is perfect for the bathroom or bedroom to keep various things sorted in one place. You can choose which size they would like to have the pockets! The Example in the photo is 95 x 25cm.



NO.	PRODUCT NAME	SIZE (CM)	OUTER MATERIAL	INNER MATERIAL	ADDITIONAL FEATURES
1.0	Mkubwa	86x32	Kitenge Morogoro <sup>1</sup>	Black Tetron	1 black zip outside, 1 black zip inside for
1.1			Kitenge Wax <sup>2</sup>		the small inside pocket
2.0	Massai	80x30	Kitenge Morogoro <sup>1</sup>	Black Tetron	1 black zip outside 1
2.1			Kitenge Wax <sup>2</sup>		black zip inside for the small inside pocket
3.0	Mfuko	43x38	Kitenge Morogoro <sup>1</sup>	Without Lining	Belt strap handle
3.1			Kitenge Wax <sup>2</sup>		
3.2			Kitenge Morogoro <sup>1</sup>	With Tetron Lining	Belt strap handle, small inside pocket
3.3			Kitenge Wax <sup>2</sup>		sman marde pocket
4.0	Mkanda	90x48	Kitenge <sup>1,2</sup>	Black Tetron	Velcro closures
5.0	Mrembo	23x16x8	Kitenge <sup>1,2</sup>	Black Tetron or Canvas (waterresistant)	1 Zip
6.0	Mkononi	20x12	Kitenge <sup>1,2</sup>	Black Tetron, Sponge	1 Zip
7.0	Potchi	95x25	Kitenge <sup>1,2</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Made in Tanzania

If you require a personalised size, or design, we can make it for you! Just send us an Email (info@pamoja-taschen. de) or call us (+255 (0)625 510 355).

Shipping is not included in the prices. We ship world-wide. In Tanzania we use bus transport for delivering our products. For outside of Tanzania we use the International parcel service of the Tanzanian post. Please note that local charges (sales tax, customs duty) may occur, depending on your region and local customs duties. These charges are at the customers own expense. Please contact us for further information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Made in Nigeria

# Pameia Our Contact

