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## Table and altar accessories

Holden Worldwide

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Since the 12th century, Cambodians have excelled at the silversmith's art. But under the brutal Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s, this ancient craft nearly disappeared. Vanessa F. Holden, who lived in southeast Asia for five years, is working with Cambodian artisans to help "provide them with an ethical, economically viable way to continue their heritage and traditions." The exquisite, handcrafted pieces Holden brings to the West for Holden Worldwide are designed for use as table accessories, and they are equally lovely gracing an altar.

One of my favorite pieces is a napkin holder that can be used as a pretty container for incense sticks or small taper candles (\$25 to \$27 wholesale). The napkin holder is made of 99-percent silver and embossed with vines and flowers. I also like Holden's elegant tealight candleholders with sterling-silver floral designs (\$15 to \$18 wholesale).

Hinged friendship balls featuring delicate floral and animal patterns are spherical boxes to hold tiny treasures. They also make handsome containers for potpourri or sachets, or you can fill these silver balls with magical ingredients and hang them up as decorative talismans and amulets. The 2.5-inch-diameter spheres are available in four styles and wholesale for \$40.

Holden Worldwide's collection also includes harmony balls made of sterling silver, with a tiny brass ball inside that produces a soft chime when shaken (\$30 to \$40 wholesale). The balls can be used as meditative aids. Each one is delicately carved with spirals, leaves, and nature images and hangs on a black silk cord.

Holden passes her savings from large-quantity purchases to retailers by lowering the per-piece price for larger orders.

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