



Kembeshevan

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS) was established in 1983 to support the needs of low-income families throughout Nepal.

"KTS offers key opportunities to create a secure future. Local children from lowincome families learn vital literacy skills and receive a broad and quality education in the KTS Nursery and Primary School.

"Vocational training in carpet weaving, hand knitting, and carpentry opens access to a wide range of employment opportunities. KTS assists in the creation of income-generating programs that directly benefit low-income groups and, in particular, women and the physically challenged.

"Orphans and destitute women are offered a home, education, and training.

"KTS also works to empower the local community and the wider population to

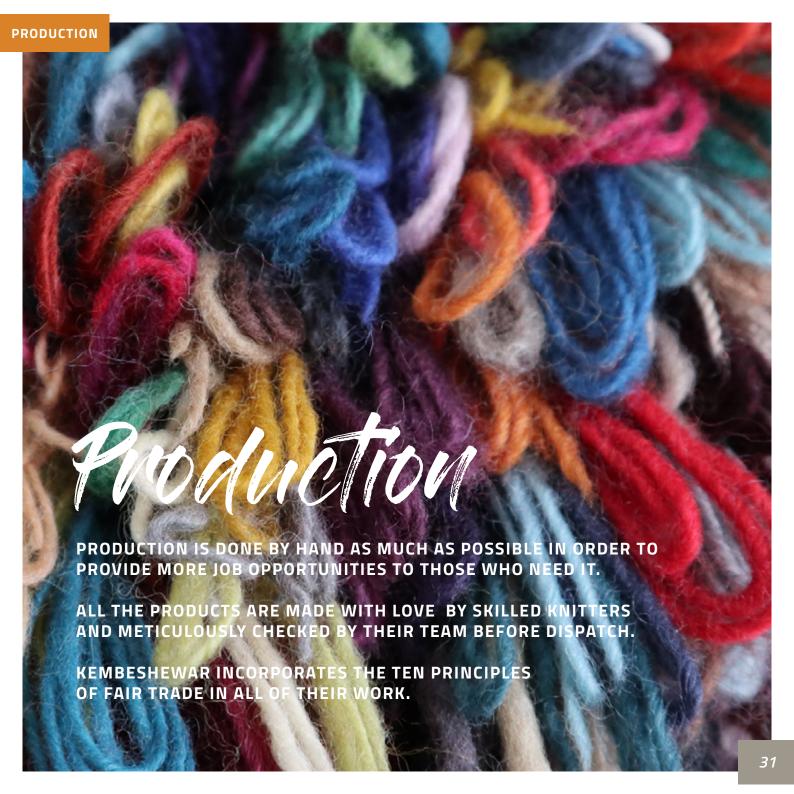
take responsibility for themselves and their future.

"As a founder member of Fair Trade Group Nepal and a Guaranteed member of WFTO Global and WFTO Asia, as well as a member of Goodweave Nepal, KTS strongly believes in Fair Trade practices and is committed to working with its producers to create Fair Trade products."









RAW MATERIALS

Due to the limited availability of raw materials in Nepal, KTS sources their sheep wool from New Zealand and cotton from India. The raw wool is then machine spun in Nepal.

COLOURING/ DYING

KTS has its own dying unit with both hand and machine dying facilities and they integrate the use of both methods. Both methods are used to improve the consistency of the colour and reduce costs to allow them to compete in the market in terms of price, quality, and demand.

AZO free dyes are used to dye their raw materials. In efforts to reduce the environmental impact of the dying process, KTS has installed an effluent treatment plant that removes harmful chemicals from the water before it is released.

YARN WINDING

The dyed yarns are then rolled into a ball to improve efficiency when knitting. The winding is done by hand at their house workshop.

HAND KNITTING

There are over 2000 home-based artisans registered with KTS. Hand Knitting is done at home by home-based female artisans. The dyed yarn is collected by individual artisans and delivered to leaders with the product specifications. Artisans are than guided through on how to make the first sample and once confirmed they are able to start producing the products.

QUALITY CONTROL

Once a product is complete it is checked through many levels of quality control before the product is packed and dispatched. The products are finished off with buttons, labels, and lining by their quality control team at their office.