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The Alentejo has a rich heritage of arts and crafts, with skills and traditions handed down through the ages by successive generations. The tradition of small-scale artisan crafts runs deep. Each utilizes the local natural resources with individual villages and areas often becoming renowned for specific crafts. Portalegre is famed for exquisite **tapestries**, Arraiolos for its intricate **carpets** and Nisa for delicate **embroidery** and **red clay pottery**. Fine hand woven blankets come from Monsaraz and **Mértola**.

The practical and the artistic merge happily, with cork used in all kinds of everyday goods and fashion, and time honoured pottery techniques creating functional objects and spectacular pieces. [Find museums and places to visit](#)

