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Labyrinth silk square

Sacred Silks

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If you are lucky enough to have visited Grace Cathedral or to have a labyrinth in your home town, you know the power of the labyrinth, an ancient mystical tool. Walking a labyrinth is a great way for people to slow down and to get in touch with their spiritual purpose. Sacred Silks has taken this famous symbol and created a scarf that can be used as a stunning accessory or as a piece of sacred art.

The Veriditas Labyrinth silk square can be used as a wall hanging, altar cloth, sarong, or scarf. The square is available in light green on dark green or an elegant purple on gray. The design pops with the smart, crisp lines of 11 circuits. The 35-by-35-inch silk twill fabric has a hand-rolled hem and comes in a lovely package that keeps it clean and doubles as a gift box. The soft, smooth feel of the square makes it a joy to touch. Wearing the Veriditas Labyrinth silk can be a reminder to find the spirit at the center of life.

The square wholesales for \$23.50. Donations are made for the sale of each one: 5 percent is donated to Veriditas, a nonprofit organization founded at Grace Cathedral to introduce people to the power of the labyrinth, and another 5 percent is donated directly to Grace Cathedral. For a bold statement, display the square as a scarf fastened around a mannequin's neck with a jacket, or show the square as an attractive wrap over a skirt or pants. However it is worn, the silk piece will turn heads.

Sacred Silks has based many of its other silk designs on stained-glass windows in famous cathedrals around the world; see the array of choices at www.sacredsilks.com. Several designs come in smaller scarves and even ties. The company includes booklets, Scarf Styling Made Easy, with your first order that show customers how to wear scarves in elegant, creative manners.