50 Women Making the World a Better Place in 2021

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It's been a time. But fortunately for us, the women on this list are not easily daunted. Even in the darkest of hours, they forged ahead with courage and conviction to provide hope, solace, and even a few laughs. What is that strange feeling? It might just be the tiniest bit of hope.

30. Rebecca van Bergen

Fifteen years ago van Bergen founded the nonprofit Nest to build a global handcrafters community focused on women’s well-being beyond working in factories. Now the organization offers grants, e-commerce development, and digital marketing strategies to help thousands of artisans earn a living. In response to COVID-19, Nest produced 200,000 masks in three weeks for the U.S. Postal Service and New York City public housing. With initiatives like Makers United, van Bergen also supports marginalized creatives. "I think the pandemic opened our eyes to the resiliency of home-based labor, particularly women and moms," she says. "It's important that these people be paid fairly."