

#### **Maria Rosalina Piox Cortez, 24**

Maria was born near Pacux to survivors of the Río Negro massacres. She works at home weaving traditional belts and helps with the local tomato harvests when there is work. She and her husband, Estuardo Chen Sanchez, have one daughter, Astrid Marisol, and live with Carmen Sanchez Chen's extended family in Pacux. Maria is a member of the Pacux artisans' cooperative and works regularly to organize activities for the group.

Maria chose to weave two textiles in memory of her husband's grandparents, Guillermo and Narcisa. Her textile for Narcisa includes a sun figure and a cross on the mountain to commemorate the time and place where Narcisa died on the hills of Pak'oxom above Río Negro. It also includes a traditional border design from the Rabinal region.

