

Success Story

Discovering Talent Through Mosaic:

Saja's Journey from Learner to Instructor

Saja, a Jordanian woman from Al Mafrq, had high hopes and big dreams after graduating from university, but like many young graduates, she found herself struggling to find a job in the competitive market. Faced with limited opportunities, she learned about a Cash for Work measure implemented by GIZ and the AVSI Foundation that offered training in mosaic art. It was a completely new and unexpected direction, but she decided to give it a chance, hoping to learn something valuable and perhaps uncover new opportunities.



To her surprise, Saja quickly discovered a hidden talent for creating intricate and beautiful designs in this ancient art form.

As she immersed herself in the program, Saja dedicated herself to learning the techniques of mosaic creation. Her natural attention to detail and creativity shone through in her work, which quickly caught the attention of her instructors. She didn't just learn the basics; she began to excel, showing a unique flair for color, precision, and design. Her talent and dedication set her apart, and by the end of the program, her instructors were so impressed that they invited her back to teach a new group of women. Saja accepted eagerly, thrilled at the opportunity to share her skills and passion with others. Teaching gave her a newfound sense of purpose, especially as she watched other women develop their own abilities and confidence.

Motivated to continue, Saja began creating her own pieces at home, transforming a corner of her garden into a cozy workspace where she could work in peace. Surrounded by her plants and the fresh air, this little corner became a creative sanctuary where she poured her heart into each piece. "It's my peaceful escape, where I get to do what I love the most," she shared, reflecting on the sense of calm and purpose she found in her art. Today, Saja sells her mosaic creations on social media, reaching a growing audience who appreciates her talent. She dreams of participating in community bazaars and art exhibitions, not only to expand her business but also to inspire others to discover their own hidden talents. Her journey from a job-seeking graduate to a successful mosaic artist and instructor is a testament to resilience and self-discovery. Saja's story highlights how a single opportunity can lead to a fulfilling path, helping her build a brighter future, one carefully crafted piece at a time.

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