

Sewing

Handcrafted of hemp and Jute fabric, this messenger-style bag is fabricated with care and accuracy by Samar Mahmoud, from Barouk village. Her touch of artisan skill is visible in this natural rustic item.



Soap

Old-fashioned olive oil based and natural artisan soaps are traditionally handmade by Samih Ashkar who prepares his exquisite soap manually. This artisan has been in the Ashkar family for the past four generations.



Assorted Tea Blends

These herbal blends and infusions prepared by Green Hand organization make a delightful gift and use flowers and herbs sustainably harvested from the Shouf Terroir



The Shouf Biosphere Reserve (SBR) handicraft program was initiated in 2014 with the support of CEPF through a project titled "Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood and Promoting Community Management of the Shouf Biosphere Reserve"

The handicraft program aims to support mainly women by reviving their skills and the cultural heritage of the SBR in the surrounding villages and communities.

The program started with a group of innovative people using the local knowledge to produce new organic items that meet the needs of this generation.

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Embroidery

This beautiful art used to adorn clothing and household items by weaving colored threads through linen fabric, has been practiced in the Shouf for more than five generations. These items were handcrafted by Bahija Abou Wadi from Batloun, Ghada and Samiha El Zoer from Ain Zhalta, Sanaa Abou Hamzeh and Samar Mahmoud from Khraybeh, Iman Abou Kheir from Kfarnabrakh, Nawal Mahmoud from Barouk and Rima Abou Falah from Kfarnabrakh.



Pottery

Khaled Daou from Bchatfine (a village renowned for its pottery) creates unique one-of-a-kind handcrafted pottery.



Tabbakh

"طباخ" a traditional cooking utensil authentic to the higher Shouf region used for making Arabic coffee and Matteh (a traditional drink in Mount Lebanon). Handmade by Rahija Abou Wadi from Batloun village– the craft was a family business for three generations.

