Sewing
Handcrafted of hemp and jute fabric, this messenger-style bag is fabricated with care and accuracy by Samia 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 Sarah Ashkar who prepares his exquisite soap manually. This artisan has been in the Ashkar family for the past four generations.

Herbal Teas 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 Territory.

The Shouf Biosphere Reserve (SBR) handicraft program was initiated in 2014 with the support of CCSP through a project titled “Enhancing Sustainable Livelihoods 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 Bahia Abou Wadi from Batroun, Chada and Samia El Zoer from An Ziklia, Samia Abou Hassan and Samir Mahmoud from Khayyat, Imain Abou Their from Marnablah, Nawal Mahmoud from Bardol, and Hina Abou Falah from Marnablah.

Pottery
Mnadal Douu from Bahgatine (a village renowned for its pottery) creates unique one-of-a-kind handcrafted pottery.

Tabbakh
"Tabbakh" a traditional cooking utensil authentic to the Upper Shouf region used for making Arabic coffee and Mattali (a traditional drink in Mount Lebanon). Handmade by Tahija Abou Wadi from Batroun village— the craft was a family business for three generations.