

Meet the KDSP Crafters

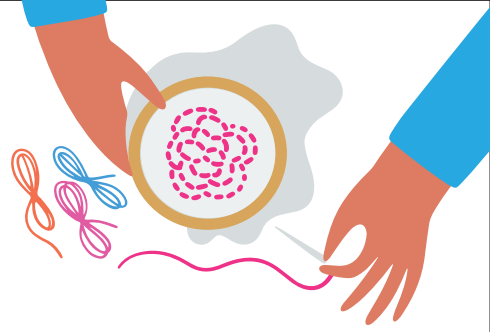
True to its vision of helping people with Down syndrome lead fulfilling lives and in light of the nearly negligible opportunities available to them, the Karachi Down Syndrome Program runs several enrichment programs designed to identify and develop skills and talents that an individual may possess.

The adults hone their fine motor skills by learning how to cut, sew, weave, quill and embroider. They learn to make handicrafts such as cushions, rugs, envelopes, bags, key chains and stuffed toys. The products are then sold through different avenues and full proceeds of the sales are returned to the participants to encourage financial empowerment and a passion for entrepreneurship.



Sakina Hasan

Sakina takes great interest in our Paper Crafts and Sewing & Stitching classes. Upon meeting her, she is a feisty and deeply intellectual individual. She is also able to perform her daily tasks quite independently, including fixing her own meals. Her creativity does not just end with crafts, Sakina also harbors a passion for baking and cooking and loves to assist her brother while he bakes cupcakes.



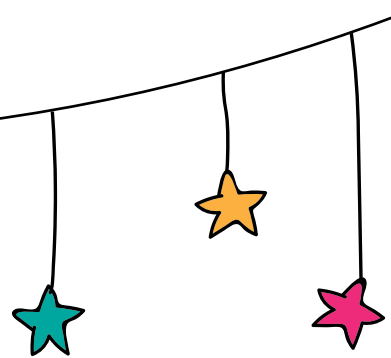
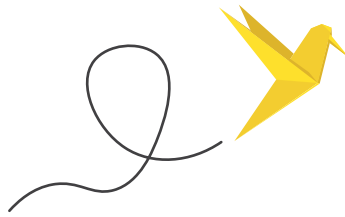
Rabia Shamim

Rabia has been attending the KDSP Weaving and Sewing & Stitching classes for many years now. Her favorite past time is to weave cushion covers and table runners. Her cushion covers have become so popular amongst her relatives that she takes extra requests and orders now. She plans to buy herself a car with the money she saves up.



Sadaf Shahid

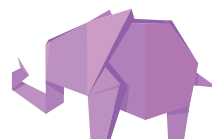
Sadaf is a wonderful participant of our Sewing & Stitching class; and though she is shy, her confidence shines through her impeccable sense of style. She is very focused on her tasks and takes her time to open up to other participants. Much like her social skills, Sadaf's talent also bloomed gradually during the course of her learning sewing and stitching skills. Sadaf is on her way to becoming a social butterfly and a meticulous crafter.





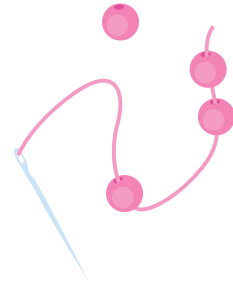
Hadiqa Mithani

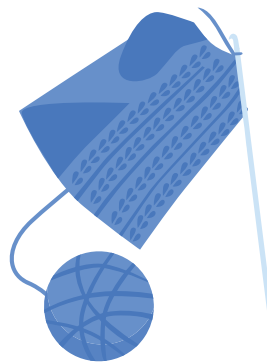
Hadiqa has been one of our regular and shining participants in the Sewing & Stitching and Paper Crafts classes. She is a quick learner and demonstrates amazing dexterity. Outside of the class, Hadiqa is known for being extremely tech savvy. Leave her alone with a new gadget for a couple of hours and she'll be ready to teach you how to use it. She has always been an extremely social person and doesn't shy away from singing and dancing in public, lighting up the room during classes.



Irham Hussain

Irham is an active participant of the Arts and Crafts classes and loves to interact with everyone present. He is enrolled in multiple classes, including, Sewing & Stitching, Block Printing and Weaving. He also enjoys keeping physically active and goes for walks every evening. Not only is he a very dedicated crafter, he is also one of the most understanding and empathetic individuals you will ever cross paths with.





Shoaib Ali

Shoaib is quite passionate about coming to KDSP's Arts and Crafts classes and has successfully created and sold many products through the Weaving and Sewing & Stitching classes. With the money he earns from the sale of his products, he has managed to buy a bicycle which he rides every day. Shoaib is quite the entrepreneur; he also runs a canteen from his house, which helps maintain his financial independence.

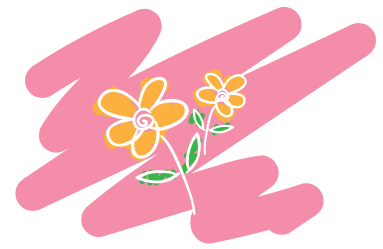


Sana Nawaz

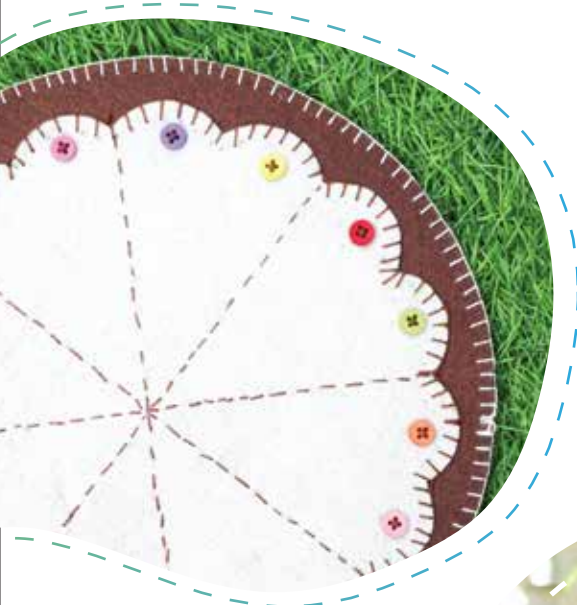
Sana joined the Arts and Crafts classes at KDSP because of her extremely creative personality. She attends both Weaving and Sewing & Stitching classes. When she is not crafting, she is engaged in painting and coloring. Sana loves to go shopping with her mother and always lends a helping hand around the house.



Noha Rehman



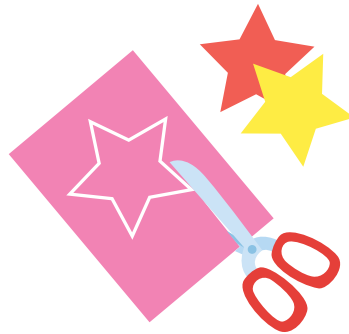
Noha is among the most regular attendees of the Arts & Crafts classes, through the years. She attends Paper Crafts and Sewing & Stitching classes. She loves to stay busy by immersing herself in the homework given by instructors. Noha actively participates in every creative project KDSP introduces. These classes help bring regularity and rhythm in her life, while giving her a chance to bond with her mother who works closely with Noha during classes. Noha saves all the money she earns from the sale of her products to buy herself chocolates and noodles.



Fatimeh Shirazi

Fatimeh has been attending the Paper Crafts and Sewing & Stitching classes for a few years. The classes have brought a sense of structure and regularity in her life. She particularly loves making key chains and stays occupied with the homework her teachers assign. When she discovered she can use her skills to earn money, Fatimeh's eyes lit up and she decided then that she is going to be a boss and run her own business. Her family are grateful for the hope and motivation she has found through her classes.



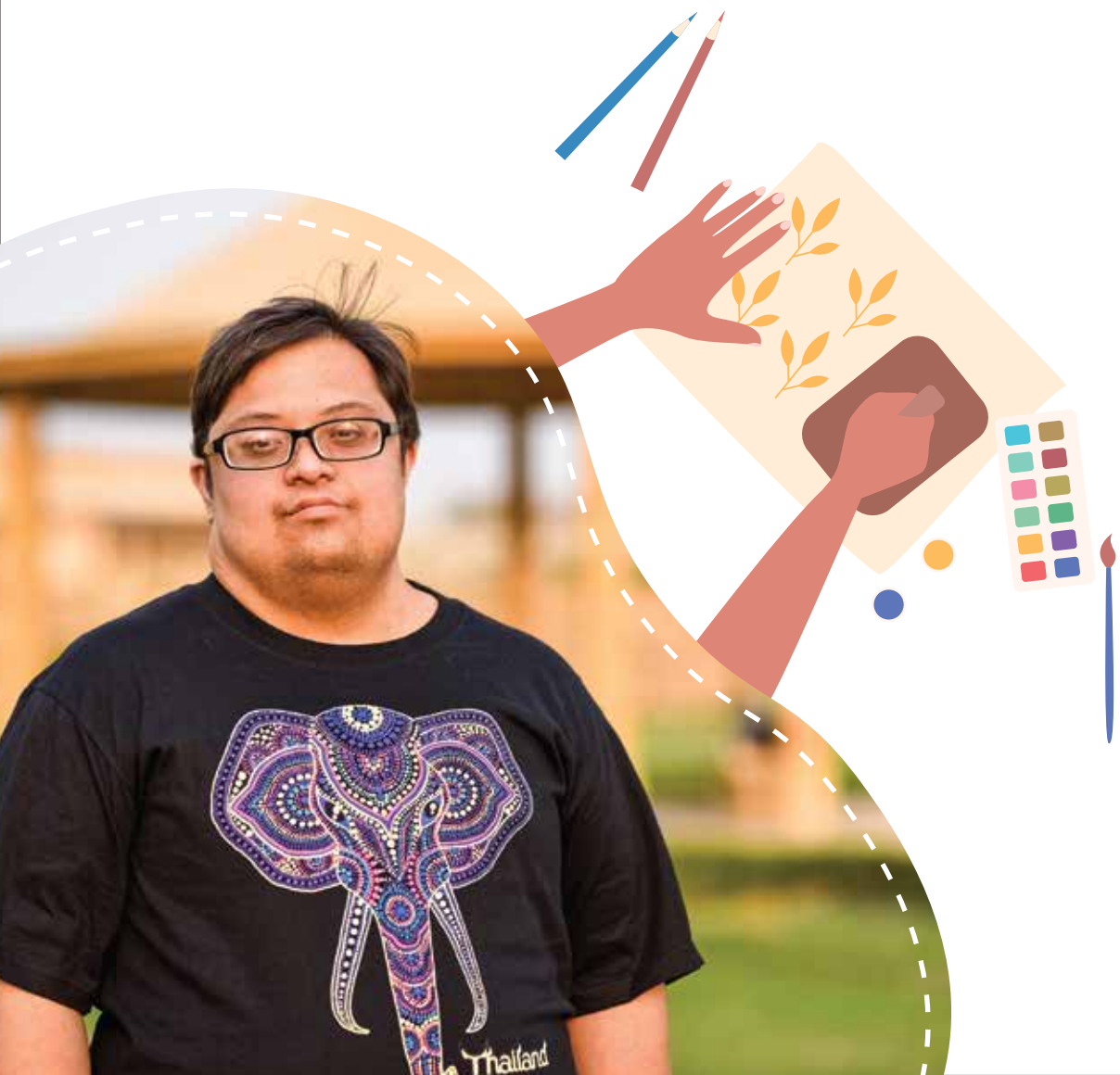


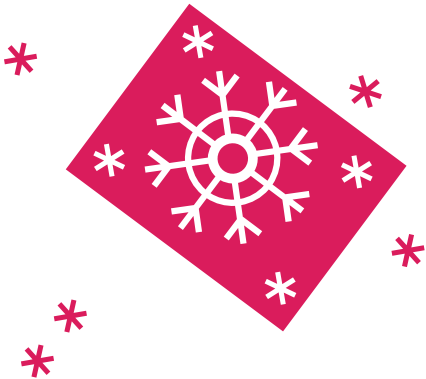
Anas Durrani

Anas is an avid crafter, very fond of quilling products in the Paper Crafts classes. His bright and joyful personality shines through his active participation in all the classes he attends. He is also a social butterfly and enjoys interacting with people.

Hyder Shahid

Hyder has been attending the KDSP Block Printing classes since their inception as he loves exploring the vivid world of colors. He greatly enjoys his classes and with the structure and precision of printing, his work has brought calm and routine in his life. It has even increased his sense of control and coordination.





Fayha Majid

An accomplished member of the KDSP Block Printing class, Fayha has really blossomed before our eyes. From someone who kept to herself, Fayha is quite the social butterfly now with a talkative and joyful personality. She immerses herself in her crafts giving life to beautiful pieces. She particularly enjoys painting with poster paints.

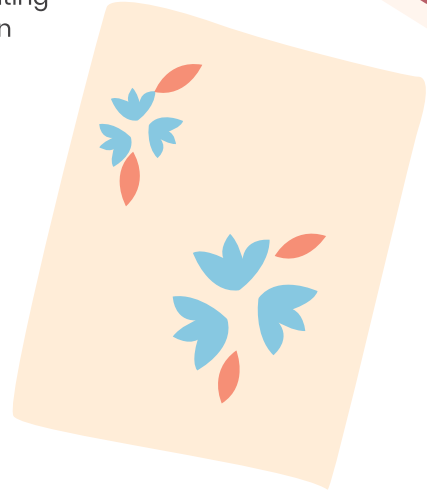


Farah Vohra

Farah is one of KDSP's most confident personalities. She has excelled in the world of sports as a swimmer and is now on her way to conquer the creative landscape of the Block Printing classes. She attends classes in the company of her mother, sometimes, and this has really strengthened the bond between them as they get to craft beautiful products together.

Simran Mahesh

Simran is a wonderful addition to the Arts and Crafts classes. She is involved in both Paper Crafts and Painting & Drawing. She is extremely focused and dedicated to learning. The classes have really given her a sense of purpose. Simran does not like distractions during her classes and does not engage in any other activity until she has finished her painting for the day. She attends the classes with much excitement and even wakes up earlier to get ready for class all by herself.



Hasan Patel

Hasan Patel is one of the most enigmatic and multi-faceted personas at KDSP. He is an extremely accomplished young man. Among his many talents of swimming, playing the piano and painting, Hasan has also enrolled in our Clay Art program to further expand his skillset. He is a brilliant conversationalist and very fun to be around, so you'll have to hear it from him on what he conquers next!





Hadia Altaf

Hadia is a wonderful member of the KDSP Arts and Class classes. She is enrolled in Paper Crafts and Sewing & Stitching. Hadia is particularly fond of quilling and card making and is very skilled at the intricate construction of the delicate paper creations. The skills that she has learnt from these classes make her extremely happy and she enjoys herself in the process. Given her love for chocolate, she not only has a sweet personality, but also has a sweet tooth.





Taha Iftikhar

Taha absolutely loves to paint, he has always been interested in art as a way to express his creativity. He loves exploring shapes, their forms and adding color to the pieces he makes. Taha is a perfectionist, who works diligently on each painting. He usually opts for watercolors, but nothing is a match for the details he depicts with color pencils. Taha attends both Paper Crafts and Painting & Drawing classes at KDSP.



Ammar Waseem

Ammar has explored KDSP's Arts and Crafts classes thoroughly; he started with Paper Crafts and as his interests developed, he also took on Painting & Drawing. He is quite fond of poster colors, exploring the canvas with his brushes, creating colorful landscapes. He has really built his focus through creating art and is found smiling the entire time he is working.



Imtiaz Ahmed

Imtiaz has been attending the Sewing & Stitching class since its inception at KDSP. He enjoys everything he crafts, but the sustainable paper bags are his favorite. Every time he looks at the result of all his hard work, a big smile flashes on his face as he beams with pride. Imtiaz saved up his money from the sale of his products and has bought himself a cell phone.



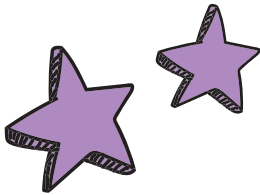


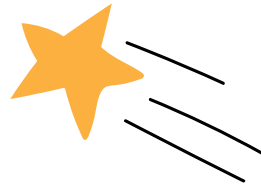
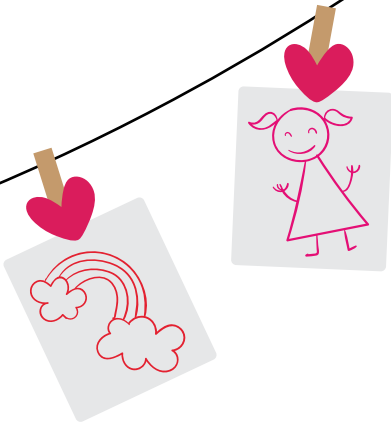
Ebadullah Jamal

Ebadullah has been attending the KDSP Sewing & Stitching class for two years now. His personality is bright enough to light up a dull room. He loves meeting new people and is a brilliant conversationalist; so feel free to invite him along to your next social gathering. His favorite past time is listening to some good old Jazz music and it helps with his creative flow too.

Lamia Rabbani

Lamia's talent shines through everything she creates. While Lamia is enrolled in many Arts and Crafts classes, from Clay Art to Painting & Drawing, her favorite ones are Paper Crafts and Block Printing. She quilts the most extraordinary creations with utmost discipline and concentration. Lamia is slowly gaining her independence as she learns to utilize her abilities and apply them to her daily life.





Faryha Noor

Faryha is a talented painter, enrolled in the Painting & Drawing class at KDSP. She has a rapidly developing interest in art and enjoys expressing her creativity by translating her imagination on the canvas beautifully. Faryha's kind nature makes her a delight to be around and a wonderful member of the class.



In **CRAFTING** there are no mistakes just creativity.





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