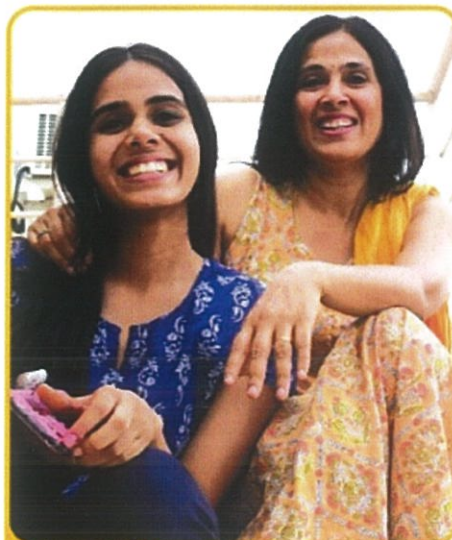


# MY MAIN ONE

HERE'S TO MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUOS WHO HAVE GONE ON FROM TURNING INTO BEST BUDDIES, BUSINESS PARTNERS AND MORE

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*Rashmi Closepet*

*and Vibha Harish strike a beautiful balance with their artistic and creative approaches to their craft*

Bengaluru-based Rashmi Closepet, managing director of a well-known hobby, arts and crafts megastore strongly believes that crafts including DIY are the future as they build confidence and nurture the creative bent of mind in children and appeals to people across all ages and genders.

While Vibha is Rashmi's pillar of strength on a rough day or entertainment when she needs a breather, Rashmi is Vibha's sounding board at work. And despite her strong independent streak, Vibha is not comfortable making decisions until she has run them by her mum.

"Seeing Vibha join us in the office and entering the business feels great. I must admit that a lot of fresh ideas, learnings and

fun keep brewing at work every day," chuckles Rashmi. "It's been six months since I have been working with my mother in the office and it's going great! Initially, I was intimidated and very skeptical about how this mother-daughter work relationship is going to be like. But I was certainly happy about not being asked to clean my room any longer. I could easily get away saying, "Maa, I am working on something important for the next month."

chuckles Vibha.

"I feel blessed to be working with my mother whom I can trust and count on for advice or help at any point in time. I believe my work culture and style is largely influenced by her. Although sometimes, there is difference in opinions and ideas due to our generation gap and my previous work experience, yet it is a lot of fun to work with her," she adds.

"The biggest learning so far has been to leave discussions and things behind at work and not carry them home and vice versa. It's important that we connect and spend time as a family while at home and not as professional colleagues. I am learning a lot from her just by observing and working on developing my patience. My mother has a world of patience and I am just the opposite, so this is something that I am currently working on," says Vibha with a broad grin on her face.

"Full-time entrepreneurship is as exciting, fulfilling and as challenging as motherhood. Although motherhood and entrepreneurship have a lot in common, you need to nurture both," avers Rashmi.