Paper Bead Necklaces, Bracelets, and Beads Meet the Artisans



Ayat Jackie

Ayat Jackie is not only a talented artisan — she's also a savvy businesswoman. After six years in a displaced persons camp, she used the income from making paper bead jewelry and a loan from Project Have Hope to graduate from school and open her own salon. She continues to design jewelry, exercising her entrepreneurial skills to create pieces that will succeed in a competitive market. Ayat Jackie takes great pride in her accomplishments, and she aspires to give back to her community by caring for family members and orphans.



Akot Josephine

In addition to making paper beads, Akot Josephine also designs necklaces — she's the artistic mind behind our popular Kampala Sunrise necklace. She enjoys the creativity and learning opportunity that design work offers, not to mention the amazement of knowing that people wear the jewelry she creates! An escaped abductee from the Northern Uganda conflict, Akot Josephine uses her income to pursue her dream of supporting her three children through the highest level of education.