

Not to Forget Society

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Toys for Peace project:

- In 2012, the United Nation Development Program-Deprived Families Economic Empowerment Program (UNDP-DEEP) partnered with Not to Forget support part of the start-up and operation expensive for the first year of the project Toys for Peace.
- A team of professionals from education, game design combined efforts with crafters in Palestinian embroideries, woodwork, tailoring and others skill sets to develop educational products.
- Refugee women created the products and the products will be made of a defined percentage of recycled or surplus materials from local sources.
- The local sources will provide wool; sawdust, straw, discarded plastic, fabric scraps and other materials with Palestinian flavor. The items will be educational, environmentally-friendly, safe, produced in two languages (Arabic and English), and will include the following concepts:
Math toys Memory (matching) toys Literacy toys



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Linguistic items

L.A1: My Arabic Alphabet (stuffed)

"My Arabic Alphabet" is a toy for the first level of learning Arabic. It gives children a fun time learning their Arabic letters. The letters within this educational product are soft and beautifully colored. With time, children will not only be able to learn the Arabic alphabet but also learn how to spell simple words. Some parents or caregivers prefer to have the dots on the letters separate while some prefer to have the dots attached; we provide both options. It takes the women of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 18 hours to create "My Arabic Alphabet".





Linguistic items

L.E.1 : My English Alphabet (stuffed)

"My English Alphabet" is the safest alternative for teaching your child the English alphabet. With its beautiful, stuffed letters, "My English Alphabet" is the right educational tool to use for your child's educational goal. This item is the first level in learning English through Toys for products. The letters come in sizes large enough so so that they are safe for children. You can spend hours with your child, not only teaching him or her, but also playing together and building precious childhood memories. It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 15 hours to complete "My English Alphabet".





Linguistic items

L.A.2: My Alphabet Bag – Arabic(Not Stuffed)

"My Alphabet Bag - Arabic" is a toy for the first level of learning Arabic. It gives children a fun time learning their Arabic letters. The letters within this educational product are soft and beautifully colored as they are made from sheared fabric. With time, children will not only be able to learn the Arabic alphabet but also learn how to spell simple words. It takes the women of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 11 hours to create "My Alphabet Bag - Arabic"





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L.E.2: My Alphabet Bag – English (Not Stuffed)

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Linguistic items

L.E.3: My Alphabet Bus - English

"My Alphabet Bus - English" is an educational toy in the shape of a bus, divided into two sections. One section holds the Alphabet in capital letters while the other section holds the lower-case letters. As any other bus, "My Alphabet Bus - English" has windows and doors all made of recycled, soft fabrics. This product is the second level in learning English through using Toys for educational toys. Through playing with "My Alphabet Bus - English", children learn the letters of the alphabet in a fun, easy way! It takes the women of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 34 hours to make "My Alphabet Bus - English". There are 52 Letters and one bus included.





Linguistic items

L.A.3: My Alphabet Bus - Arabic

"My Alphabet Bus - Arabic" is the second level in learning Arabic. The toy is a small school bus made from soft, recycled fabric. "My Alphabet Bus - Arabic" is one of the best educational tools that demonstrates the structure and shape of Arabic letters in a word. The letter changes shape depending on where it sits in the word. The Arabic bus consists of three sections to emulate the letters' shapes and structures over the various parts of a word. The first section includes the stuffed Arabic letters' shapes at the beginning of the word, the second section has the letters' shapes when they are found in the middle of the word, and the last section has the shapes of the letters when they are found at the end of a word. The bus also includes the accents used on Arabic letters which are under the hood of the bus. Children will have a very clear demonstration of the letters' shapes and the accents and will be helped in the earlier stages of reading and writing in the Arabic language. It takes the women of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 65 hours to complete this special toy.





Linguistic items

L.A.4: My Letters and Mat – Arabic(Not Stuffed)

"My Letters and Mat - Arabic" is a great educational tool for learning how to construct words and even sentences! This item is level 3 of learning Arabic within Toys for products. The letters are made out of recycled, sheared cloth, and the package for the toy rolls out into a mat so that children have a place to construct the words and sentences. "My Letters and Mat - Arabic" includes the different shapes for letters based on where they fall in a word as well as accent marks. It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 37 hours.





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L.E.4: My Letters and Mat – English(Not Stuffed)

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Math items

M.E1: My Math Mat – English

"My Math Mat - English" is a very fun toy for children to learn simple math! This item is the first level of learning math within Toys for products. The beautifully colored, rectangle bag made from soft, recycled fabric contains a small sack full of triangles as well as the numbers 1 through 10, and 5 small carpets. Two addition equations are sewn on each carpet, with the answer missing. Instead of having numbers as the components of the equations, a number of sewn triangles are used. Children sum up the total number to figure out the answer. When children have reached an answer, they take out the number from the sack. Children can place the stuffed triangles from the bag over the sewn triangles on the mat to add more fun to the game. "My Math Mat - English" takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 13 hours to create "My Math Mat - English".





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Math items

M.E.2: My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 10 – English

"My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 10 - English" is the second level of teaching math within Toys for products. With its bright and fresh colors, it gives you the chance to spend fun yet fruitful time with your child. Through playing with the colorful stuffed triangles and numbers in "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 10 - English", children will have a fun time learning. This item includes numbers 1-10. Not only will this product teach children how to count it will also give children the chance to learn how to create simple math equations since the product includes plus (+), minus (-), and equal (=) signs. In addition, 40 stuffed shapes - triangles, circles, squares, and rectangles - are included in this toy so children can connect between the triangles they count and their numbers. "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 10 - English" is packaged in a way so that when it is opened it becomes a soft mat for children to play with the numbers on. It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 14 hours.





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Math items

M.E.3: My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20 - English

"My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Embroidered - English" is the third level of teaching math within Toys for products. This educational item extends number learning to those numbers past 10. The numbers, equation signs, and shapes are stuffed and made from soft, recycled fabric. This product includes 80 shapes - squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles. Children will learn to count and build basic math equations with "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Embroidered - English". This product takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 22 hours to complete.





Math items

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"My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Embroidered - Arabic" is the third level of teaching math within Toys for products. This educational item extends number learning to those numbers past 10. The numbers, equation signs, and shapes are stuffed and made from soft, recycled fabric. There are 60 shapes included - triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles. Children will learn to count and build basic math equations with "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Embroidered - Arabic". This product takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 22 hours to complete.





Math items

M.A.4: My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth – Arabic (Not Stuffed)

"My Shapes and Numbers" 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth - Arabic" is the third level of teaching math within Toys for products. This educational item extends number learning to those numbers past 10. The numbers, equation signs, and shapes are made from sheared soft, recycled fabric. This product includes 60 shapes - squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles. Children will learn to count and build basic math equations with "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth - Arabic". This product takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 12 hours to complete.





Math items

M.E.5: My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth – English (Not Stuffed)

"My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth - English" is the third level of teaching math within Toys for products. This educational item extends number learning to those numbers past 10. The numbers, equation signs, and shapes are made from sheared soft, recycled fabric. This product includes 60 shapes - squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles. Children will learn to count and build basic math equations with "My Shapes and Numbers 1 to 20, Sheared Cloth - English". This product takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 12 hours to complete.

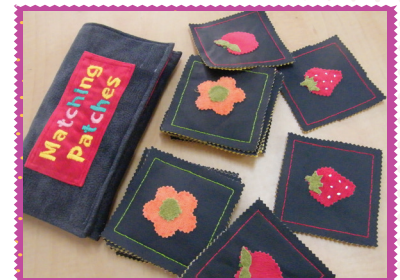




Memory games

G1: My Matching Patches

"My Matching Patches" is a toy used to enhance a child's intellectual skills. Utilizing this toy, children match similar patches, meaning that children must recognize similarities and differences in shapes and colors. The game is easy, fun, and has many different ways to play. "My Matching Patches" can also be used as a memory game to aid in children's cognitive development! With its beautiful bag that comes in the shape of a pillow and beautiful colors, it will easily become a child's favorite toy. Inside the bag is a group of patches. It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 12 hours to create the "MY Matching Patches" toy.





Memory games

G2: My Matching Shadows – Embroidered

"My Matching Shadows - Embroidered" is a game in which children match patches together; each pair contains a colored shape on one patch and its shadow on the other. A child must recognize similarities and differences in shapes without the colors. The game is fun, easy, and has multiple uses of increasing attention and working memory. "My Matching Shadows - Embroidered" is a toy in the shape of a pillow, and inside is a group of pairs (colored pictures and shadows). The women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp spend approximately 20 hours to create "My Matching Shadows – Embroidered".



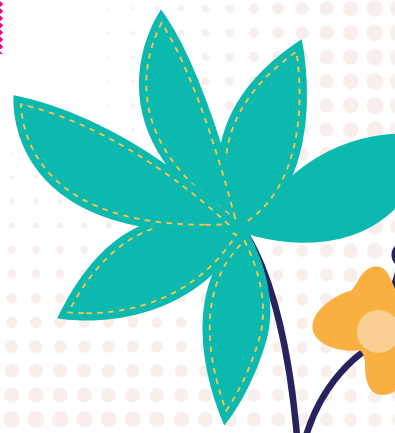


Season – Calendar

C1: My Arabic Calendar

"My Arabic Calendar" is a toy made in the shape of a roll-down calendar in the Arabic language. Children can fill in the blanks provided on the calendar with options for day of the week, date, month, year, season, and weather. Through filling out the calendar, children learn to describe calendars, seasons, and weather. All the options (46 items) are in the shape of soft, small pillows and in beautiful colors. Children can take "My Arabic Calendar" anywhere since it is light and easy to carry around. The calendar is perfect for children at home, in classrooms, in daycares, and even in pediatricians' offices!

It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 35 hours to make "My Arabic Calendar".





Season – Calendar

C2: My English Calendar

"My English Calendar" is a toy made in the shape of a roll-down calendar made in the English language. Children can fill in the blanks provided on the calendar with the soft pillows that include the day of the week, date, month, year, season, and weather. Through choosing an option for each section, children learn how to describe many different items associated with calendars, seasons, and weather. All of the options on the calendar (46 items) are in the shape of soft, small pillows and are provided in beautiful colors. Children can take their calendar anywhere since it is light and easy to carry around. Also, "My English Calendar" is a great educational item for classrooms, daycares, and pediatricians' offices! It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 35 hours to make "My English Calendar".





Season – Calendar

C3: My Spanish Calendar

"My Spanish Calendar" is a toy made in the shape of a roll-down calendar in the Spanish language. Children can fill in the blanks provided on the calendar with options for day of the week, date, month, year, season, and weather. Through filling out the calendar, children learn to describe calendars, seasons, and weather. All of the options (46 items) are in the shape of soft, small pillows and provided in beautiful colors. Children can take their calendar anywhere because it is light and easy to carry around. "My Spanish Calendar" is perfect for children at home, in classrooms, in daycares, and in pediatricians' offices! It takes the women artisans of Jenin Refugee Camp approximately 35 hours to create "My Spanish Calendar".





Season – Calendar

C4: My Dual Calendar

"My Dual Calendar" is a toy made in the shape of a roll-down calendar. This calendar is in Arabic and includes both the Hijri (Islamic) and Gregorian (Western) calendars. "My Dual Calendars" includes both the Islamic and Western calendars so that children can learn the differences between the two calendars and how any given day could have a different date, month, and year. Children must fill in the blanks provided on the calendars with the soft, small pillows that include the date, day of the week, month, year, season, and weather. Children can take the calendar anywhere since it is light and easy to carry. It takes the women artisans approximately 43 hours to create "My Dual Calendar".



Project Goals

1- Produce educational toys and products made from a defined percentage of recycled and surplus material, handcrafted, environmentally-friendly and green, and safe. Thus far, the pilot economic unit has produced prototypes of some of the educational toy items, including alphabet games, math games, matching games, and calendars.

2- Generate sustainable income for the women artisans so that they can financially provide for themselves and their families as well as contribute to their community

3- Generate a sound and continuous source of income to fund Not to Forget's after school educational programs

4- Build women's employable skills and capacities; this is achieved by developing women's skills in specific areas such as Palestinian embroidery and tailoring and providing economic units that allow women to create sellable products utilizing these skills, while providing them with the necessary supplies

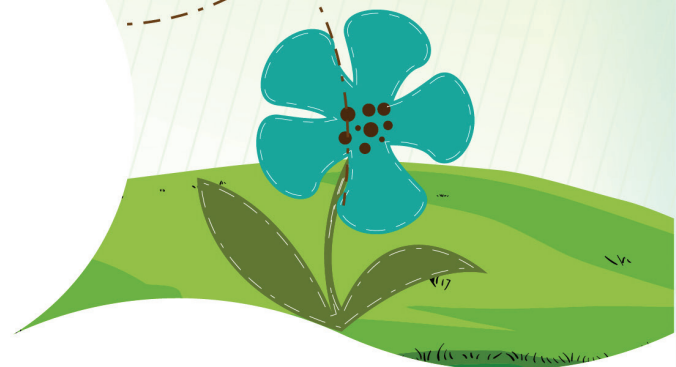
5- Enhance market access through networking and marketing strategies; providing a network that not only improves the quality of products but also develops marketing so that the products will reach a large consumer base

6- To enhance the community's well-being through women's employment, taking care of the environment, and educational programs

7- Increase women's self-esteem, community participation, and children's well-being; Toys for Peace is an extension of women's roles as frontiers in educating the next generation as well as sustaining the environment

8- Preserve the environment and Palestinian cultural heritage; Through the use of environmentally friendly materials and employing the traditional Palestinian Activities, both the environment and the Palestinian cultural heritage are preserved.

The plan for the project is to market and sell these items in order to generate sustainable income for the women artisans as well as to fund educational programs within the West Bank.



Not To Forget Women Society:

The Not-to-Forget Women Organization was first established after the events of April 2002 in Jenin camp to response to the tragic situation with the mission to strengthen and give support to the women of Jenin Refugee Camp; in order for them to develop skills and abilities to be able to participate in the social, political and economic life in their community.

Not-to-Forget aims to improve women's psychological and social conditions and raise their awareness to how important their role is in society. In addition, the organization tends to enhance the educational level of Jenin Camp's women on both the academic and vocational level.

Not-to-Forget places interest on children's social, psychosocial and educational lives and tries to provide them a safe and a healthy environment to live in.

One major goal of Not to Forget is to empower refugee women. It is through creating jobs women have the opportunity to change their social and economic circumstances, as well as improve their families' and local community's well being. This is achieved by developing women's skills in specific areas such as Palestinian embroidery and tailoring, providing economic units that allow women to create sellable products utilizing these skills, assisting with the provision of materials and supplies to create the products, and providing a network that not only improves the quality of products but also develops marketing so that the products will reach a large consumer base.



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