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One Man's Trash, Another Man's Treasure

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Case Study – Majid

Majid is a refugee from the Middle East, living in Edinburgh, United Kingdom. Back in his homeland, Majid worked as a musician. He is also good at DIY and has always repaired things at home when they were broken. Majid thinks people in the UK throw away a lot of good stuff but there is still a long life left in them after a bit of repair work or just some cleaning and polishing. Majid has furnished his flat in Edinburgh mostly with furniture and appliances that he has found on streets left by people as rubbish.



Image 9: Majid in his workshop at home

He refurbishes tables and chairs and sofas. He upcycles empty jars and cans, milk and juice cartons, bottles and boxes, bottle tops and can rings, and many other items into useful things. He is so good at this that he has secured some income for himself by leading upcycling craft workshops for some NGOs, including ELREC.

Now that his flat is fully furnished, he upcycles the rubbish that he finds on the streets into pieces of art and sells them on the Facebook marketplace or gifts them to his friends.

As the result, Majid has been feeling happier, more confident, optimistic about his life in his new home, financially better off, and proud of being able to contribute to preserving the environment.

Below are images of some of the upcycling craft projects Majid has done.



Image1: Wall art with can bottoms



Image2: Face masks with scrap fabric



Image3: Wall art with recycled paper and wooden sticks



Image4: multi-purpose case with scrap fabric



Image 5: phone stand with beads and Recycled paper



Image6: Christmas tree decorations with scrap fabric



Image 7: Greeting card with recycled cardboard and paper



Image 8: Picture frame with recycled paper

