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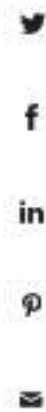
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Kahn's Finding Sanctuary candles crafted by disabled artisans



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An artisan hand-pours a Finding Sanctuary candle.

Designer Lisa Kahn is teaming up with the artists at the STARability Foundation's STARMade Studio for a collection of natural soy wax candles with essential oils.

The studio provides part-time employment and vocational job training in Naples, Fla., for more than 30 people with disabilities who have aged out of the school system.

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"I know what it's like to have a family member with developmental and intellectual disabilities. I wanted to support this innovative organization and provide jobs for their participants," said Kahn, CEO of Lisa Kahn Designers and founder of Finding Sanctuary. "I felt like this was a perfect match for my mission of creating and finding sanctuary—giving back to my community and supporting people who need it."



The process of creating these candles offers the artisans an opportunity to empower themselves creatively, learn individual tasks and work as a team to achieve a vocational goal.



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"The wonderful thing about the Studio projects is that the processes are inclusive of all abilities," said Cayla Childs, director of communications and special initiatives for the STARability Foundation. "There are many different steps, so there's something that any and every individual can contribute. The candle process, for example, ranges from assembling the wicks, to measuring various elements, to melting and pouring the wax, to completing different stages of packaging. Our participants are responsible for the whole process from start to finish."

The candles' custom-blended scents were designed for the purpose of creating sanctuary spaces. The Finding Sanctuary candles, which are hand-poured in recycled glass containers, are available in two scents. Grounding has a combination of lavender, bergamot, sandalwood and white sage. Soothing offers a combination of lavender and vetiver and was inspired by the relaxation of a walk on the beach.

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