

Salaheddin



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Since 2004, Salaheddin's Syrian artisans have been crafting finely wrought, imminently practical glassware and other objects in a manner traditional to the region. Though its artists hail from Damascus, Aleppo, and other Syrian cities, Salaheddin is based in Western Brittany, France. That's because the cooperative was founded by Jean-François Vaillant and Isabelle Jouglard, who fell in love with Syria and its tradition of glass craftsmanship while visiting from France as students.

For Salaheddin's artisans, environmental concerns are paramount, and recycled materials are used whenever possible. Production methods, too, are eco-sensitive and designed to have a minimum impact on the environment. Signature items include glassware like bowls and tumblers imagined in delectable shades of seafoam, pale yellow, and cerulean, among other mesmerizing hues. Vases and lanterns of recycled glass have tiny bubbles trapped within their see-through walls, mimicking the appearance of hard candy or amber.

While mouth-blown glass items are the group's most popular items, in recent years, the cooperative has expanded their output to include copper and wood home decor, soap, and felt rugs. Each piece is made to be used and treasured, with many of the organization's designs passed down from generation to generation—ancient motifs that have been fixtures of Syrian households for hundreds of years.